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Zoo Offers Day for Deaf Community

Nashville Zoo's fourth annual *Deaf Day at the Zoo* is April 4. Presentations and programs designed specifically for the deaf and deaf/blind community will be offered from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sign language specialists will partner with Zoo staff and docents to deliver educational presentations and answer guests' questions about giant anteaters, zebras, tiger cubs, giraffes, cougars and other Zoo animals. The Zoo's animal shows will have interpreters on hand throughout the day, and sign language will also be offered during tours of the Grassmere Historic Home.

Deaf Day at the Zoo is the result of a partnership between Nashville Zoo and Gate Communications to connect with the deaf and deaf/blind community. Gate Communications is a national non-profit organization that serves the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities through accessibility services, events and outreaches both locally and across the United States. Gate Communications has been providing deaf-accessible events in Nashville throughout its 10-year existence.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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