

**Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op  
Returns to Assiniboine Park Zoo December 1 – January 8**

**— Tickets on Sale Now —**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, November 4, 2022 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) is excited to announce that Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op will return to Assiniboine Park Zoo this winter and run over the course of 31 nights from December 1, 2022, to January 8, 2023.

“Zoo Lights is a delightful holiday event that we are thrilled to bring back again this year!” said Sara Wolowich Brown, Communications Coordinator, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We are looking forward to seeing families and friends be awed by the fantastic light displays and enjoy the entertainment.”

Zoo Lights features over 1.5 million lights, creating a visually stunning array of illuminated installations from traditional tree wrapping to the latest technology in outdoor lighting and projection. Displays are spread out along pathways on a two-kilometre loop within the Zoo.

Live music and entertainment will be offered daily in the heated Town Hall tent. Food and beverage service will be available at the Zoo’s Tundra Grill restaurant, Winston’s concession, Bison Snack Shack, and Town Hall. New this year, guests can enjoy a drink at the bar in The Dome, a large inflatable tent located at the McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre. While there will be places for visitors to warm-up and fire pits, guests are encouraged to embrace winter and dress for the weather.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [zoolightswpg.ca](http://zoolightswpg.ca). It is recommended that guests purchase tickets in advance to ensure availability. Tickets may also be purchase in advance in person at the Zoo entrance during daytime hours of operation. Nightly hours of operation are 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, and 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

**Ticket Information:**

- Tickets are date and time specific. Guests must enter the Zoo within the 30-minute time frame indicated on their ticket. Tickets do not have a designated exit time.
- All guests, regardless of age, require a ticket to be counted toward capacity.
- Tickets for children 2 years of age and under are FREE.
- Tickets for all guests 3 years of age and older are \$16.00 + GST.

Zoo Lights is supported by presenting sponsor Red River Co-op, through a multi-year partnership with APC.

“Zoo Lights has become a treasured holiday tradition for so many,” said Doug Wiebe, CEO of Red River Co-op. “Red River Co-op has been the proud presenting sponsor of the event since its first year and we are excited to continue the support so family and friends can enjoy sights, sounds and tastes of the season.”

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APC is currently recruiting volunteers to support Zoo Lights. Volunteers will enjoy a number of benefits including complimentary Zoo Lights merchandise and the opportunity to earn free tickets for daytime Zoo admission and membership. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, commit to at least two shifts, and be able to spend extended periods of time outdoors in all kinds of weather.

For more information about the Zoo Lights experience, dates and hours of operations, and volunteer opportunities please visit our website at [zoolightswpg.ca](http://zoolightswpg.ca).

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