

Ring in New Year with sleepover at Zoo

Oregon Zoo campers were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of animals danced in their heads... The zoo's New Year's Eve Sleepover, scheduled for Monday, December 31, through Tuesday, January 1, is designed for ages 6 through 13 with an adult.

"We offer ZooSnooze overnight experiences most of the year," said Rex Ettlin, education program coordinator at the



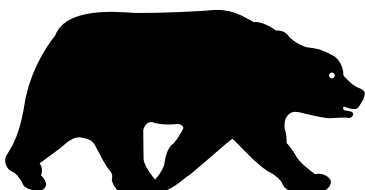
zoo. "But this is a unique way for families to begin the new year together in a fun and safe atmosphere."

The New Year's Eve Sleepover is a fun-filled family (including grandparents, parents and children) adventure where campers can see animals under the glow of moonlight. It's also a great family gift idea or party idea for those whose birthdays are often overshadowed by other winter events.

After a pizza dinner, the group heads out on a nighttime safari tour of the zoo. A Behind

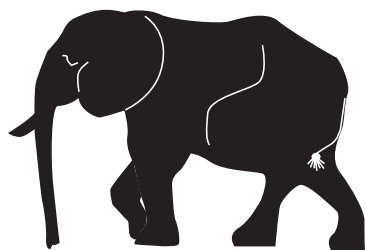


the Scenes tour and live animal presentations lead up to mid-night festivities with noisemakers, hats and special treats to ring in 2008! Movies (G-rated) will be a late-night option, along with crafts and games. Families spend the night in the zoo's classrooms and are expected to bring their own sleeping bags, pillows and other sleep-



ing gear.

The next morning, a continental breakfast is served over-



looking Vollum Aviary, followed by a private birds of prey show. The group can then explore the zoo independently for the remainder of the day.

"By educating families about animal conservation in a fun environment such as the New Year's Eve Sleepover, we empower them to respect and protect the world around them," said Tony Vecchio zoo director.

The cost for the New Year's Eve Sleepover is \$48 per person. Advance registration is re-

quired. For further information or to register, visit www.oregonzoo.org/Education/families/new_years_eve_overnight.htm or call 503-220-2781.



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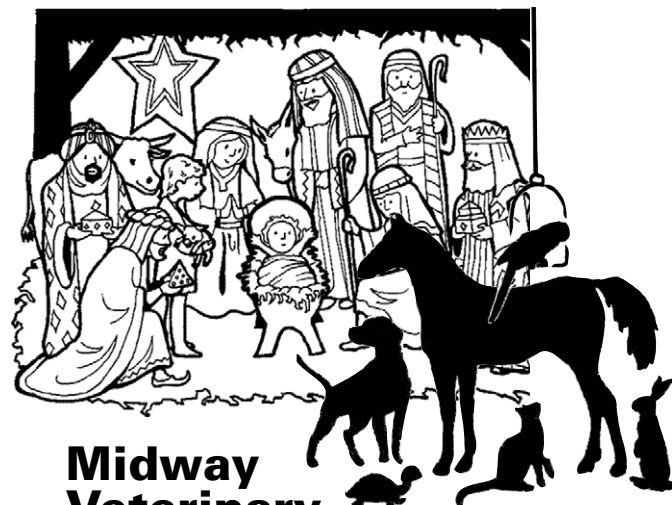
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