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MILLER PARK ZOO HOSTS ANNUAL WILDLIGHTS EVENT
December 11, 12, 13, 19, and 20 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

BLOOMINGTON, IL – The Miller Park Zoo will host their annual Wild Lights event on December 11, 12, 13, 19, and 20 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Zoo.

The community is invited to come out to this fun, family-friendly event to experience the Zoo decorated for the holidays. The event will feature activities for kids, Santa and Mrs. Claus, local vendors, find concessions for purchase. There will be an opportunity for guests to make their own "s'mores" at the Zoo by purchasing, \$3.00 s'mores kit.

"The Zoo's Wild Lights event is always a community favorite" said Silvia Schuh Events and Volunteer coordinator for the Miller Park Zoo, adding, "Seeing the Zoo at night with all the decorations has become a holiday season tradition for many in the area."

Cost is \$10.00 per person (ages three and up) and \$5.00 per person for Miller Park Zoological Society members. Children aged two and under are free. Tickets are available for advance purchase now on-site at the Zoo or by calling (309) 434-2250.

WildLights Sensory Friendly Night

New this year is the WildLights Sensory-Friendly Night held on Thursday, December 11, from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Zoo. Pre-registration is available online at https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/bloomingtonil/activity/search/detail/5438?onlineSiteId=0&from_origin_cui=true. This event is an opportunity to enjoy the Zoo and all the lights in a quiet setting. There will be no Santa and Mrs. Claus interaction, no activities, music nor any vendors, and the advance capacity will be limited to 100 guests. Families are encouraged to bring their own sensory items, including headphones, fidgets, etc. as the Zoo has a limited number of sensory bags. Hot chocolate and an opportunity to purchase a \$3.00 kit to make your own s'more will be available this evening! This event is for all ages to enjoy! The price for this event is \$8.00 per person.

Miller Park Zoo is located at 1020 S. Morris Avenue, Bloomington, and is open each day from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information about the Zoo, contact Miller Park Zoo at (309) 434-2250, or visit Millerparkzoo.org.

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Event: Miller Park Zoo Wild Lights

Date & Time:

WildLights Sensory Friendly Night - Thursday, December 11th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, December 12th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM & Saturday, December 13th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, December 19th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM & Saturday, December 20th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Cost:

Sensory Friendly Night - \$8.00 per person

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Children aged two and under are free.

Location: Miller Park Zoo, 1020 S. Morris Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701

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