



## News Release

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### **Columbian Park Zoo to host 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Zoo Run Run 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – May 9, 2022**– The Columbian Park Zoo has announced that its annual Zoo Run Run 5K Run/Walk fundraiser will take place on Saturday, July 16, 2022 in Columbian Park. Registration begins today, Monday, May 9, 2022 and runs until midnight on July 14.

“We are so excited to bring Zoo Run Run back in person for its 20<sup>th</sup> year,” said Neil Dale, Zoo Director. “Over the years, Zoo Run Run has really become a favorite community tradition, so we are looking forward to offering the event in person once more.” Dale notes that there is still a virtual option available for those not comfortable with an in-person event, or for those who do not live in the area. “The nice thing about going virtual the last couple of years is that we have had people in different parts of the country participate. We wanted to make sure that those runners could still join us for the event.”

Online registration is now available at [zoorunrun.itsyourrace.com](https://zoorunrun.itsyourrace.com). Registration is \$35 per person. Registration includes a collectible 20th Anniversary Zoo Run Run t-shirt, one free admission ticket to the Columbian Park Zoo, and opportunities to win some fun prizes. Racers must register prior to midnight on July 3 in order to be guaranteed a t-shirt on race day.

“Also back this year is the popular Kids Fun Run,” says Dale, noting that all children under 10 years are eligible to participate. Participants must register online prior to midnight on July 3 in order to receive a t-shirt. Registration for the Kids Fun Run with a t-shirt option is \$15 per child. If a child wants to participate and not receive a t-shirt, there is no need to register beforehand.

Zoo Run Run prizes will be awarded to the top 3 male/female overall runners, top male/female under 18, and top male/female over 65.

All Zoo Run Run proceeds benefit the Lafayette Parks Foundation and are used to fund Columbian Park Zoo capital improvements, various Zoo projects, and educational programs. For more information about Zoo Run Run, please call 765-807-1540 or visit [columbianparkzoo.org](https://columbianparkzoo.org). Stay up to date on Zoo happenings at



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### **About Columbian Park Zoo**

Founded in 1908, Columbian Park Zoo is the second oldest zoo in Indiana. It is approximately 6 acres in size and is located in historic Columbian Park. The Zoo features several "immersion" exhibits and the animal collection consists of nearly 200 animals representing approximately 90 species.

### **Lafayette Parks Foundation**

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Park Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.

### **About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city's trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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