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## NEWS RELEASE

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**ZOO CELEBRATES FUR, FEATHER, FIN FALL FLING SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 5**

*Ribbon cutting for Children's Garden Set for 11 a.m.*

*[Springfield, Illinois]* — Admission is free at Springfield Park District's Henson Robinson Zoo on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Fur, Feather, Fin Fall Fling will be held at the zoo from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Activities will be ongoing throughout the day and will include animal programs, turtle races, kids' carnival games, special animal treats and more!

The zoo is also excited to announce the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Children's Garden to be held at 11:00 a.m. The project was done in conjunction with the University of Illinois Master Gardener program and includes many interactive elements including an ABC edible plant garden, an animal name garden, a sunflower maze, compost bin and pizza garden. Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers with assistance from 4-H volunteers will host activities in the garden throughout the afternoon.

The zoo is located at 1100 East Lake Drive and can be reached at (217)585-1821.

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