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**SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO HOST NEW WINTERLAND HOLIDAY ZOO LIGHTS AT THE HENSON ROBINSON ZOO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**[Springfield, IL]** The Springfield Park District will host its annual Holiday Light event at the Henson Robinson Zoo – but once again we have a **NEW** twist! We have partnered with a National holiday decor company called Winterland, Inc. to bring the community an improved spectacular light-show at the Zoo!

The event hosted it's opening weekend December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be spread throughout the Zoo grounds, consisting of a walking tour set to **Cool 93.9** Holiday Music, thousands of twinkling lights and animated LED light displays! Plan to check out the full light schedule for all the dates we will be open on our Website – click on What's New at [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).

Times are 5pm – 9pm with the last admission sold at 8:30pm. Admission is \$7 for Adults; \$5 for Kids (ages 3-12); Children 2 and under FREE.

**LIGHTS SCHEDULE:**

**FRI-SUNDAY**

**Dec 7-9**

**Dec 14-16**

**Dec 28-30**

***Week before Christmas***

**Dec 19-23**

You'll want to stroll down "candy cane lane" and purchase gourmet hot cocoa and sweet holiday treats from the **Another Day Another Donut** food truck. Don't forget to pick up a pair of our **SUPER COOL 3-D Glasses** while you are there! They make all the twinkling lights come to life!





Grab the family and gather at our **TWO** photo booth opportunities for all your holiday pics | “Zoo-Choo” in the lobby and our outdoor Sleigh!

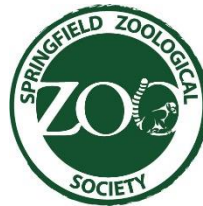
Come see the Zoo critters as they enjoy the lights too; red wolves, eagles, barnyard animals, cougars, African Painted Dogs, birds of prey and many others are all out on the grounds still this time of year!

There will be bonus features scheduled for certain dates over the weekends, so you will want to keep an eye on our schedule for all the extras!

- Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> a spectacular **Ice Sculptor** 6p – 8p
- Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – **Visit with Santa!**
- Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> **Red Gate Farm Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** from 5p – 8p, just \$2 with Zoo Lights admission.
- Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> a visit from the **Grinch!**

**Winterland Holiday Zoo Lights** is weather permitting should we get any freezing rain or deep snow, so check out our Facebook page or call if we have inclement weather. The Springfield Park District’s Henson Robinson Zoo is located at 1100 East Lake Drive, Springfield and may be contacted at (217) 585-1821.

*The Park District is excited to be able to host this event, but it would not be possible without the generous support of the following media partner and corporate sponsors:*



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