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## **HENSON ROBINSON ZOO ANNOUNCES ENDANGERED SPECIES YOUTH ART CONTEST**

*[Springfield, Illinois]* — The Henson Robinson Zoo invites area youth to help celebrate Endangered Species Day by submitting original art that depicts endangered animals. The zoo's Endangered Species Youth Art Contest is open to children in grades K-12 and should depict animals that are listed as threatened or endangered according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service or vulnerable or endangered by the ICUN Red List of Endangered Species.

Winners will be chosen in four categories: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Artwork must be submitted by May, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the top three in each of the age categories will be displayed at the zoo at Dr. Dolittle Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Zoo visitors will then be asked to vote and the winners will be announced at the end of the day at Dr. Dolittle Day. Complete contest guidelines and entry form can be found at the zoo's website [www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org](http://www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org).

Endangered Species Day was created in 2006 by the US Congress to celebrate and educate the community on endangered wildlife and the habitats in which they live. The event is being celebrated at Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facilities across the country. The Henson Robinson Zoo will commemorate Endangered Species Day at Dr. Dolittle Day, May 10, 2014.

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