



ZooBoo Frequently Asked Questions

What is ZooBoo?

ZooBoo is a fund raiser for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. It is a non-scary Halloween festival for families. For this unique event, Como Zoo is transformed into a world of fairytales and fun. More than 200 live costumed characters mingle and interact with children along an outdoor ZooBoo path. This magical event offers families a safe trick-or-treating alternative plus many Halloween surprises.

When Is ZooBoo?

Saturday Oct. 20, Sunday Oct. 21, Friday Oct. 26, Saturday Oct. 27 and Sunday Oct. 28.
Gates are open from 4:30-7:30 p.m. each evening.

Do I have to buy tickets for one particular night?

No, tickets are good for any night of ZooBoo.

Where do I buy tickets?

Discount tickets are available at Como's Garden Safari Gifts, the Midway Cub Foods store on University Avenue in St. Paul, online at www.comofriends.org or by phone at 651-487-8229. Discount tickets cost \$6 per person.

Can I buy tickets at the gate?

You can purchase tickets at the gate, but they are more expensive...the price goes up to \$7.

Who needs a ticket?

All children wanting to trick-or-treat must have a child's ticket. Children who are under two-years-of-age and not trick-or-treating are free. All adults must have an adult ticket.

What age group is ZooBoo for?

ZooBoo is best suited for children up to age 10.

What kind of treats will the kids get?

Children will get about 10 treats...a variety of items from candy to coloring books to toothbrushes to granola bars.

Should my child wear a costume?

We do encourage kids to wear costumes – but ZooBoo is an outdoor event, so make sure to dress appropriately for the weather.

Does my child need to bring a trick-or-treat bag?

Yes, children are encouraged to bring their own reusable treat bag.

Where do I park?

ZooBoo guests are encouraged to use the FREE park and ride shuttle service during ZooBoo. The park and ride lot is a State Fair parking lot located on the south side of Como Avenue across from the State Fair's Warner Coliseum. The shuttle runs from approximately 4-8:15pm each evening.

When is the best time to attend ZooBoo?

Typically the first weekend of ZooBoo (Oct. 20-21) is less busy than the second weekend (Oct. 26-28). Sundays are also lighter than Friday or Saturdays. Most guests come between 4:30-6:30pm, so the crowds are lighter after 6:00 pm each evening.

Will the animals be out during ZooBoo?

Most animals will not be out. The animals normally go to bed at 4pm in October and ZooBoo begins after bedtime. However, some animals that sleep outside, such as the bison and Dall sheep may be visible during ZooBoo. Also the Polar Bears will have access to their outside exhibit during ZooBoo but we can't guarantee that they'll be visible.

Where does the money go?

ZooBoo is a fund raiser for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. ZooBoo is produced by Como Friends, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote, support, preserve and enhance Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

How can I get more information?

Call Como Friends at 651-487-8229 or email ComoMembership@comofriends.org

