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San Antonio Zoo Celebrates the Holiday Season with Whataburger Zoo Lights
Stroll through Nature Connects by Sean Kenney in holiday lights for the first time ever.

San Antonio, Tx: San Antonio Zoo® invites you to join in the excitement. When the animals tuck in at night, the zoo is transformed into a WILD winter wonderland filled with a jaw-dropping array of twinkling lights and holiday cheer during Whataburger Zoo Lights. Guests are sure to be in the spirit of the season while strolling under a unique display of lights beginning Friday, November 20, and lasting through January 3, 2021. The holiday festivities are even bigger this year with the world premiere of **Sean Kenney's Nature Connects Trail**, made with over 3million LEGO bricks, joins this year's Whataburger Zoo Lights with an illuminated twist! Can you find them all?

Enjoy different holiday realms while sipping hot cocoa; you will be amazed at the rare display of lights, roast s'mores, decorate cookies, and visit Santa for a socially distanced photo. Plus, you can even ride a camel!

Even BIGGER than before will be the **FAO Schwarz Tony Parker Animal Collection**. Retired Spurs point guard, Zoo Board Member, and long-time supporter of the zoo, Tony Parker, generously donated his collection of unique plush animals from the famed toy store for Whataburger Zoo Lights. These lovable animals are located in the Beastro Restaurant and available for fun, unforgettable selfies!

San Antonio's holiday vibe is represented in the refreshed high-energy **Lakeside Light Show!** Featuring pixel technology combined with a custom soundtrack, this energetic show will get guests dancing to their favorite Christmas tunes along with Latin inspired songs.

Reindeer Row - Stop by and view these life-size reindeer beautifully lit to capture the season's essence and spirit.

Holiday Plaza - As you enter the zoo, take a family photo in front of our iconic Lion's Pride statue, complete with festive Christmas lights and large ornaments with some zoo-nique décor!

Starry Safari - Enjoy life-sized illuminated animals from the savanna, including a 15-foot tall illuminated giraffe. Stroll through our **NEW Tree Trail** located in Starry Safari (Great Lawn),

enjoy a sea of bright lights and Christmas trees! It's the perfect place to have a winter-themed photo shoot for your family and friends. You might even recognize some of the zoo's iconic themes like Kiddie Park, Will Smith Zoo School, and Cowboy, the zoo's mascot. Stop by **NEW** Tinsel Tots, this new kid-friendly shop designed for little ones to pick out a present for their loved ones is located in Discovery House. Hey kids, want to give your parents the perfect present? For \$10, little ones can receive "Elf Bucks" to go shopping in an age-appropriate shop designed to pick out and wrap the perfect gift for their loved ones with help from our elves!

Camel Holiday Trek - Take an unforgettable journey to experience this unique animal adventure complete with camel rides. Stroll among twinkling light displays that have transformed Kronkosky's Tiny Tot Nature Spot.

Polar Point - Covered with twinkling blue lights and giant snowmen, Polar Point will make you feel like you're in the Arctic. Plus, families can visit Santa's Workshop and hop in Santa's sleigh to take a socially distanced photo. Don't forget to share your Christmas wish list with him too!

Fa La La Flamingo - Deck the halls with smiles and laughter while in Fa La La Flamingo! These lights will have you tickled pink as you walk under illuminated flying flamingos.

Lights of Africa - Take a journey through Africa in San Antonio decorated with red and yellow lights along Big Cat Valley.

NEW this year is the C&C Impact Youth Theater LIVE performances taking place select Fridays and Saturdays during the hours of 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy stories of the season told through youth performances.

Always striving to secure a future for wildlife, the zoo is decked with environmentally friendly Christmas lights. More than 95 percent of the lights are LED, making them energy efficient. By using LED lights, the zoo uses a fraction of the electricity required for conventional incandescent lights. LEDs use about 75 to 90 percent less power than traditional lights, and each bulb has a longer life. The zoo encourages people to switch to LED lights to save energy, which positively impacts the environment.

There's so much to see and do! Whataburger Zoo Lights is included with standard zoo admission and FREE for Annual Passholders and Members. Operating hours Fridays: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m., Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sundays: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays 11/22 - 11/27: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m., 11/30 - 12/17: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., 12/21 - 12/31: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m., 1/1 – 1/3: 11am – 7pm

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About San Antonio Zoological Society

San Antonio Zoological Society was established in 1929 and is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. The society operates San Antonio Zoo, Will Smith Zoo School, Edutainment, Center for Conservation and Research at San Antonio Zoo, and Kiddie Park.

Website www.sazoo.org

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