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## **COTA and Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Announce New Discounted Zoo Admission Rates for Zoo Bus Riders**

**COLUMBUS, OH**—The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Central Transit Authority (COTA) are offering COTA's Zoo Bus riders special savings on Zoo admission this summer. Riders will receive Columbus Zoo admission for \$3 and Zoombezi Bay admission for \$10 per person. Zoo Bus fares are only \$2 each way.

"We are proud to partner with COTA and offer members of our community more—and greener—options to access the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium through public transportation," said Columbus Zoo and Aquarium President and CEO Tom Staf. "Through the Zoo Bus service, as well as the discounted offers, we hope more people can experience the Columbus Zoo, share in a fun day with friends and family, and establish connections to wildlife."

"COTA is proud to continue our decades-long partnership that provides greater access to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for all members of our community," said COTA President/CEO W. Curtis Stitt.

Weekend and Holiday Zoo Bus service runs Saturday, May 6-Monday, September 4, 2017. The Zoo Bus operates Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Weekday service runs Tuesday, May 30-Friday, September 1.

Zoo Bus riders should ask the bus operator for a transfer/coupon. Discounted admission will be provided when Zoo Bus riders present the transfer/coupon at the Zoo's admission windows. (The discount is not valid with other offers.) Zoo Bus riders can board at the Statehouse Downtown stop (located on High Street between State Street and Broad Street) or leave their cars at the Griggs Dam Park & Ride (located at Riverside Drive & Nottingham Road) to avoid paying for parking downtown.

For more information about COTA Zoo Bus service, visit [COTA.com/ZooBus](http://COTA.com/ZooBus) or call (614) 228-1776. For Zoo and Zoombezi Bay hours, visit [columbuszoo.org](http://columbuszoo.org).

**About the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**

*Home to more than 10,000 animals representing over 600 species from around the globe, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium leads and inspires by connecting people and wildlife. The Zoo complex is a recreational and education destination that includes the 22-acre Zoombezi Bay water park and 18-hole Safari Golf Course. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium also operates The Wilds, a 10,000-acre conservation center and safari park located in southeastern Ohio. The Zoo is a regional attraction with global impact; annually contributing more than \$4 million of privately raised funds to support conservation projects worldwide. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Columbus Zoo has earned Charity Navigator's prestigious 4-star rating.*

**About COTA**

*The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is the regional public transit provider for Greater Columbus and central Ohio. With a service area of 1.2 million residents, COTA provides more than 18 million passenger trips per year, and employs more than 1,000 people. COTA operates throughout Franklin County, and parts of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking and Union counties. For more information about COTA, visit [COTA.com](http://COTA.com) or call (614) 228-1776.*