

COSLEY ZOO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & CHRISTMAS TREE SALE 2026 Sponsorship



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- **35,000+** visitors
- **Free** admission for all festival visitors
- **Holiday tradition** for families in DuPage County and beyond
- Tree sales, light displays & more
- **Benefits Cosley Zoo's mission** to create connections between people and animals that will inspire lifelong conservation of the natural world.

Did you know Cosley Zoo...

- Attracts **150,000+** annual visitors
- Is **accredited for excellence** by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums

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COSLEY ZOO

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & TREE SPONSORSHIPS

	Presenting Sponsor	Christmas Tree or Light Sponsor	Santa's Craft Corner Sponsor	Activity Area Sponsor (4 available)	Light Display Sponsor
SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT	SOLD	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Behind the Scenes Experience*	●				
Logo on Roadside Banner	●				
Inclusion on Social Media	Dedicated Post	Dedicated Post	Included in one post		
Logo Inclusion on Posters	●	●	●		
Logo Inclusion on Website	●	●	●		
Logo Inclusion on Eblasts	●	●	●		
Logo Inclusion on Press Release	●	●	●	●	
Outdoor Vendor 10'x10' Booth Space**	3 days	2 days	On Santa's Craft Corner Day	1 day	
Logo on Signage for Selected Area	●	●	●	●	●
Inclusion in the Cosley Tails Newsletter	●	●	●	●	●

Santa's Craft Corner:
November 28, December 5 & 12 | 10A-1P

Activity Area Sponsorship Opportunities

Animal Wish Tree | Christmas Tree Lane | Christmas Tree Carts | Hot Cocoa Station

Light Display Sign Opportunities

\$250 for 1 sign or \$400 for two signs.

Hawk | Otter | Peacock | Coyote | Raccoon | Pig | Dinosaur | Turtles | Butterfly | Horse | Heron | Cardinal | Rabbits | Deer | Fox | Lynx

*Behind the Scenes Experience

Receive a 30-minute behind-the-scenes experience for four people. Subject to availability.

**Vendor Booths: Available 9A-9P

Vendor booths are located outdoors, are based on availability and must be scheduled in advance. Santa's Craft Corner booths will be located upstairs (limited to 3) in the climate controlled barn only during Santa's Craft Corner hours.

Contact Jenny Ackerman | 630.510.4961 | jackerman@wheatonparks.org

COSLEY ZOO 2026 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & TREE SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT & PAYMENT SUMMARY

Sponsorship Commitment	Fee
Presiding Sponsor	\$5,000
Christmas Tree Sales Sponsor or Lighting Sponsor (please circle)	\$2,500
Santa's Craft Corner Sponsor Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and 12 10A-1P	\$1,000
Activity Area Sponsor (Circle Selection) Animal Wish Tree Christmas Tree Lane Christmas Tree Carts Hot Cocoa Station	\$500
Light Display Sponsor (Circle Selection)- \$250 for 1 sign or \$400 for 2 signs. Lynx Hawk Otter Peacock Coyote Raccoon Pig Dinosaur Turtles Butterfly Horse Heron Cardinal Rabbits Deer Fox	\$250 or \$400
TOTAL SPONSOR/VENDOR COMMITMENT	\$

Billing and Contact Information

Company/Organization:

Contact:

Phone:

Day of Event Contact:

Day of Event Phone:

Email:

Website:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Along with commitment form and payment, please submit digital logos* for marketing and signage to:

Jenny Ackerman, Cosley Zoo, 855 W Prairie Ave., Wheaton IL 60187

630.510.4961 | jackerman@wheatonparks.org

***Please see Terms & Conditions of Sponsorship #5 Logo/Mechanical Requirements for logo formatting requirements on page 3.**

Payment & Invoicing

Payment by check or ACH is preferred.

Credit cards are accepted for sponsorship less than \$5,000. Some exceptions may apply.

Payment Type (check one): ☐ Check # _____ Enclosed ☐ Please Send Invoice (Net 30) ☐ Credit Card

Amount Enclosed or To Be Charged: \$ _____

Contact Phone For Payment Questions:

Credit Card Information

Card Number:

Name on Card:

Billing Address:

Billing City, State, Zip:

Expiration Date (MM/YY): ____ / ____

Security Code:

Signature:

By signing below, you are agreeing that you have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of Sponsorship as listed on the following page:

Signature:	Printed Name:	Date:
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TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP

1. **Statement of Purpose:** The Wheaton Park District "WPD" uses funds and promotional activities provided by/associated with special event sponsorships to promote, further, and financially support the mission and good works of the WPD.
2. **Control of Content and Selection:** Sponsor is solely responsible and liable for the content of all promotional materials provided and actions taken by Sponsor in connection with its event sponsorship except to the extent modified by the WPD. WPD reserves the right to contract content and selection of presenters, moderators, entertainers, products, event/program/activity logistics/layout, and/or publication content/logistics/layout/distribution, but the reservation of this right does not impose any obligation or liability on WPD with respect to its exercise or failure to exercise this right. WPD staff shall coordinate Sponsor's planned event sponsorship activities with Sponsor's Contact and Sponsor shall cooperate with WPD staff with respect to same. In the event of disagreement, WPD staff shall have contract and their decision is final.
3. **Disclosures of Financial Relationships:** WPD has the right to publicize to the event audience (a) sponsor funding of the event and (b) any significant relationship between WPD and the Sponsor providing benefit to the community.
4. **Auxiliary Support:** Any other support to be provided by WPD for the Sponsor in regards to the Sponsor's event sponsorship activities (e.g. distributing brochures, preparing slides) must be approved by both parties and included in the Sponsorship Commitment Form.
5. **Logos/Mechanical Requirements:** All logos to be used in event sponsorship materials are to be sent to the WPD in one of the following formats: png, tif, ai, bmp. All artwork must be camera-ready and high-resolution with a transparent background. If your logo requires special specifications please notify the WPD at the time of sending. Art files will be accepted in the following formats: Illustrator, CS6, EPS, high-res PDF. Ads created in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or Publisher will not be accepted. If an ad is sent in an unusable format, advertiser will be charged a minimum of \$150 for design time, or correct artwork may be submitted prior to the deadline.
6. **Cancellation of Event by WPD:** WPD reserves the right to cancel or postpone an event at its discretion. This includes but is not limited to event/program/activity/publication cancellation due to inclement weather or unsafe conditions. Should such postponement or cancellation occur, the sponsorship fee will NOT be refunded to Sponsor, but in the case of event postponement will be applied as a credit to the sponsorship fee for the re-scheduled event, and in the case of cancellation will be applied as a credit to the sponsorship fee for another special event selected by the Sponsor in consultation with the WPD.
7. **Cancellation of Sponsorship by Sponsor:** Cancellation by sponsor of a special event sponsorship must be done in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the printing of sponsorship materials or first publication/public notice of the special event sponsorship. The sponsorship fee is non-refundable, but the fee may be applied as a credit to the sponsorship fee of another special event as long as none of the sponsorship benefits have been received, and the amount of the credit will be reduced by any costs incurred by the WPD with respect to the sponsorship that was cancelled.
8. **Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless:** Sponsor assumes all risk associated with its conduct of its sponsorship activities, and waives and releases WPD and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers (hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as "WPD Parties") from any and all claims of every kind arising out of, related directly or indirectly to, or in connection with Sponsor's sponsorship activities, occurring on or off WPD property, including but not limited to property loss, theft, damage, or destruction and personal injury (including death). Sponsor shall indemnify and hold WPD Parties harmless from and against any and all claims (including but not limited to claims by Sponsor's employees, agents, and volunteers) of loss, cost, expense, or damage arising out of, related directly or indirectly to, or in connection with Sponsor's sponsorship activities, or Sponsor's breach of its financial and other commitments as provided in the attached Sponsorship Commitment & Payment Form and these Terms and Conditions. For purposes of this paragraph, the act or failure to act of Sponsor or officers, directors, employees, agents, or volunteers of Sponsor shall be deemed the act or omission of Sponsor.
9. **Certificate of Insurance:** WPD reserves the right to require insurance appropriate to the nature of Sponsor's activity and special event involvement. WPD may require Sponsor to provide a Certificate of Insurance based on its assessment of Sponsor's intended activities in connection with the sponsored event. Further information regarding a requirement for Certificate of Insurance can be requested from the Wheaton Park District.
10. **Sponsorship Payment Terms:** All Sponsorship payments must be received no later than the first to occur of (a) thirty (30) business days from date of Sponsor's submission of Sponsorship Commitment & Payment Form; or (b) date of sponsored event, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by WPD and Sponsor. Payment MUST be received prior to publication of any marketing materials or sponsorship/advertising benefits.
11. **Exclusivity:** Sponsorship category exclusivity is not guaranteed. Exceptions may be made for Presenting Sponsors. Please see benefits if applicable as provided in Section 14 below: "Other Terms and Conditions" if applicable.
12. **Compliance with Applicable Laws and Protection of WPD Property:** Sponsor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, plus rules and regulations in the conduct of its special event sponsorship activities. If Sponsor will be placing structures, equipment, or signage or be distributing materials or goods on WPD property in connection with or as part of its sponsorship activities, Sponsor will use reasonable efforts and due care to prevent damage, loss, or destruction to or of WPD property and to prevent litter in and from the conduct of its activities. The placement of structures, equipment, and signage is part of Sponsorship activities logistics subject to consultation with and approval by WPD.
13. **Relationship of Sponsor to WPD:** Sponsor is a legally independent entity from WPD and shall not represent itself to the public otherwise.
14. **Other Terms and Conditions:** Not applicable.