

TOUCAN TALK



The Newsletter of the Zoological Society of Florida, a non-profit organization supporting Metrozoo

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'BARIDI'

In Swahili, "Baridi" means cold, and one of our newest zoo residents carries that name as a reminder of the low 40 degree temperatures on the morning he was born. Baridi, a male reticulated giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*), was born at about 6 A.M. on December 23rd. Although Metrozoo staff always prefers to have an animal's mother raise it, the very cold weather and the fact that the animal had a rather low birth weight (around 120 lbs.) led to the decision to bring the animal into the clinic where it could receive extra care.

Huddled into a shower stall, with warm water spraying down, Dr. Citino, our zoo veterinarian, worked to bring the giraffe's temperature up from 80 degrees to the normal temperature of 100.5. Baridi was given cow colostrum, necessary to build up his antibodies, and placed on an I.V. to replace fluids. After 5 days, a formula of part canned milk and part Esbilac, a dog milk substitute, was introduced.

Newborn giraffes, like most newborn mammals, require frequent feedings. Humans are not alone in needing a meal at 2 A.M. The task of feeding any of the hand raised animals at Metrozoo falls upon the keepers, who usually pitch in by taking the little ones home at night. With a six foot infant, this presents a problem. For Baridi, zookeepers visited the clinic round the clock to monitor his condition and feed him.

"Baridi" is just one of many examples of the interaction between our zookeepers and our veterinary staff. They work together on a daily basis, but in emergency situations, everyone works countless extra hours for the benefit of the animals.

*Special thanks to Jerrold & Jane Goodman
for their sponsorship of the giraffe exhibit.*



Koala Update

The koala is coming!

Metrozoo will be exhibiting a koala for one month, from March 15 to April 14. In addition to the excitement created by the display itself, there will be several special events available to members. Join us in welcoming our furry guest, and in celebrating the month of the koala!

Koala Breakfast

A very special Breakfast with the Beasts program will be held on two Sundays during the koala's one month visit to Metrozoo. The program will allow participants an exclusive early morning viewing of the koala. A continental breakfast will be followed by a discussion of this fascinating marsupial.

Large crowds are expected during the koala's stay, so take this opportunity to avoid the crowds and observe this intriguing animal "up close". Participation is limited, so register soon.

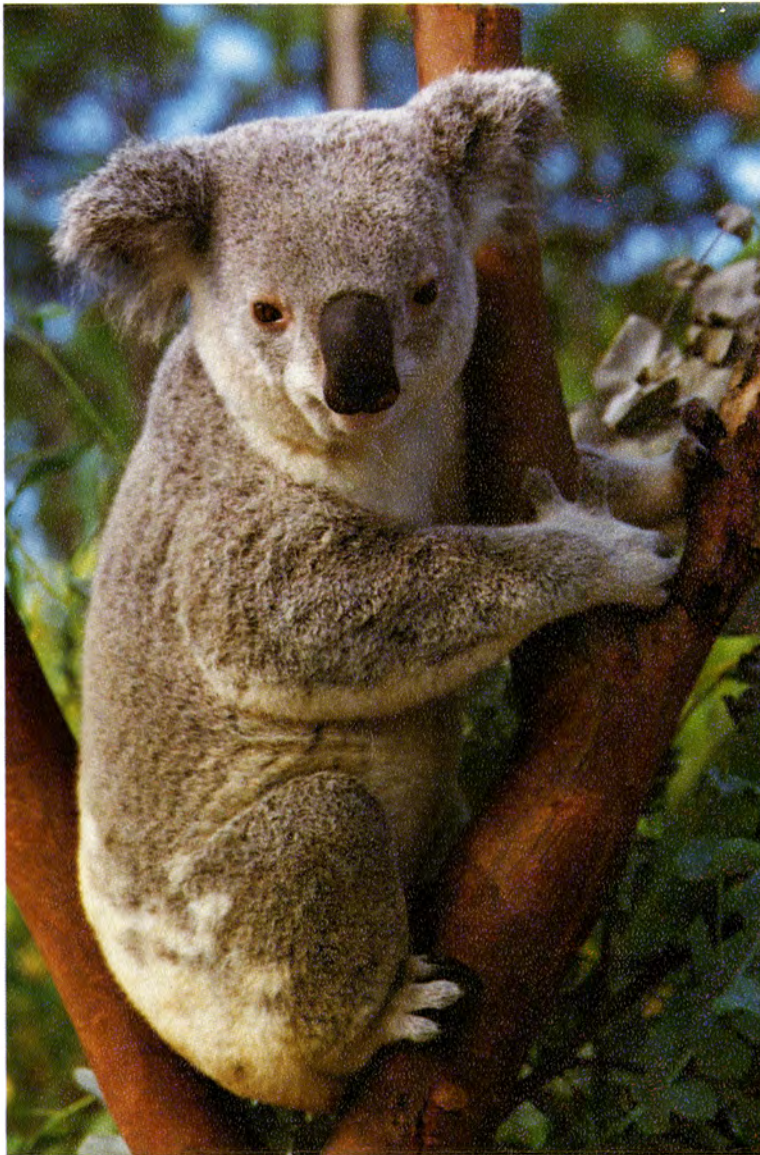
Sundays, March 23, April 6
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

\$15-Members & Nonmembers
(fee supports koala project at Metrozoo; commemorative poster included)

Koala Korner

To celebrate the koala visit, the Zoological Society has opened a booth near the zoo exit called "Koala Korner". Volunteers will staff the booth which will be open seven days a week. Commemorative merchandise will be available for a donation with proceeds going to support the koala project at Metrozoo.

Be sure to stop by Koala Korner... we will have t-shirts, posters, silver coins, Villeroy and Boch koala plates, bumper stickers, lapel pins and our beautiful koala sculptures.





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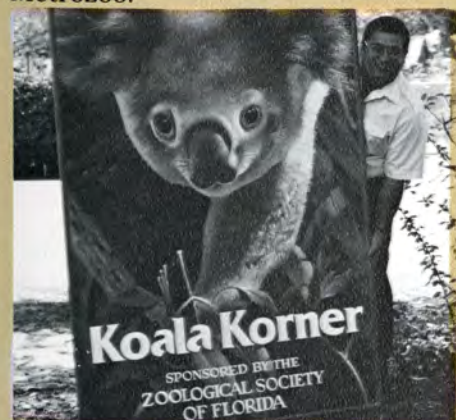
Plate/Reception

During the koala's visit to Metrozoo March 15 - April 14, there will be several opportunities to experience a "close-up" view.

In conjunction with the koala's visit and the expected permanent koala exhibit at Metrozoo, a beautiful commemorative plate is being produced for the Zoological Society of Florida by Villeroy & Boch.

For those of you interested in purchasing the commemorative plate, it will be available in the Koala Korner souvenir shop located on the exit path at Metrozoo.

In cooperation with the Zoological Society of Florida and Villeroy & Boch, L. Luria & Son, Inc. will be distributing the plate for a limited time. Contact the Society by phone or mail to order a plate (\$40). Upon receipt of your check or charge request, a coupon will be sent to you which can be redeemed at any Dade County Luria's store. Proceeds from the sale of the plates will be allocated to the koala project at Metrozoo.



Joe Ferrer, Executive Director admires the Koala Korner sign hand-painted by Ackerly Communications.



Michael Pavloff, Vice President/Financial Consultant for Shearson Lehman Brothers presents their corporate contribution to Board Member, Howard Tendrich.

Thank You

Over a quarter million dollars has been raised in the first three months of our development campaign. We would like to thank and recognize the following corporations that have been in the forefront of this year's fundraising drive. They have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to the community.

- American Bankers Insurance Group, sponsors of the Asian Elephant Paddock
- Babcock Company
- Burdines
- Chase Federal Savings & Loan, sponsors of the Himalayan Black Bear
- Citicorp, sponsors of the White Tiger Exhibit
- City National Bank, sponsors of the Dama Gazelle Exhibit
- Coca Cola
- Coral Gables Dry Cleaners
- Coral Reef Hospital, sponsors of the Gorilla Exhibit
- Crest Haven Construction
- Deloitte, Haskins and Sells
- Esso Inter-America, Inc.
- First Nationwide Savings
- Greenberg, Traurig, Askew, Hoffman, Lipoff, Rosen & Quentel
- Johnson and Higgins
- Lord and Taylor, supporters of the Koala Project
- L. Luria and Son, supporters of the Asian Aviary
- Miami Herald
- Miami Jai Ali, supporters of the Asian aviary
- Miami News
- Myers, Kenin, Levinson, Frank and Richards
- NCNB
- Paul, Landy, Beiley and Harper, sponsors of the Orangutan Paddock
- Pet Farms, sponsors of the Brooder/Hatchery Building
- Republic National Bank
- Ryder System, Inc., sponsors of the Bengal Tiger Paddock
- S.C.help, Inc.
- Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc.
- Silver Eagle Distributors
- Southern Bell, sponsors of the African Elephants
- South Motors Group/Esserman Buick, sponsors of the Cape Buffalo
- Sun Bank/Miami, N.A., sponsors of the Malayan Sunbear
- Sunshine Jewelry

For more information on how your company can become a corporate contributor so that you and your employees can enjoy additional benefits at Metrozoo, contact Cynthia Zeigler at the development office.

Special thanks to Robert Paul and Frank Baiamonte, this years Development Committee chairmen.

TOUCAN TIDBITS

Jungle Jog

The 4th Annual Jungle Jog had 1,246 runners cross the finish line. Special thanks are extended to the generous sponsors and friends for their support of the race:

Racal-Milgo
Bud Light
Delmonte Fresh Fruits
Bob Bronson
Able Rents
Awards, Inc.
Bagel Hole
Miami Runners
MediCar
Party Time
Sportservice

A round of applause, a vote of thanks, and sincere appreciation to each of the volunteers who commit and dedicate themselves to the success of this annual event.



JAN YERKES -
Woman's Open Winner



DORYS LANGLOIS - Men's Open Winner, 1985 & 1986!



72 year old MAX RHODES - 2nd Place Wheelchair Division
Racing is for everyone.

Calendar Of Events

March 2nd

3:00 P.M. Greater Miami Aviculture Society Meeting

March 8th

1-4 P.M. "Showcase for Child Wellness"

March 9th

2:00 P.M. concert The Judds & Southern Pacific

March 15 - April 14

Koala visits Metrozoo

March 23rd & April 6th

Breakfast With The Beasts

March 30th

3:00 P.M. concert, Paul Revere & the Raiders, sponsored by Love 94

April 6th

3:00 P.M. Greater Miami Aviculture Society club meeting

April 13th

Disney characters perform at Metrozoo

12:00, 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30

RSVP character Breakfast (\$10 each)

May 11th

Breakfast with the Beasts
Adopt-an-Animal
Mother's Day Breakfast

The Greater Miami Aviculture Society, now major contributors to the Zoological Society, will be holding their monthly meetings at Metrozoo. The public is invited to attend these meetings which are held from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. in the education classrooms.

Every month a program is arranged and a speaker brought in to discuss all areas of bird husbandry.

For more information on the upcoming programs, call the Greater Miami Aviculture Society at 522-8682 or 665-1186.

March 2, 1986

"Baby Birds"

Elaine Spear and Rene Rozalez

April 6, 1986

"Disease and First Aid for Birds"

Doug Folland, D.V.M.

May 4, 1986

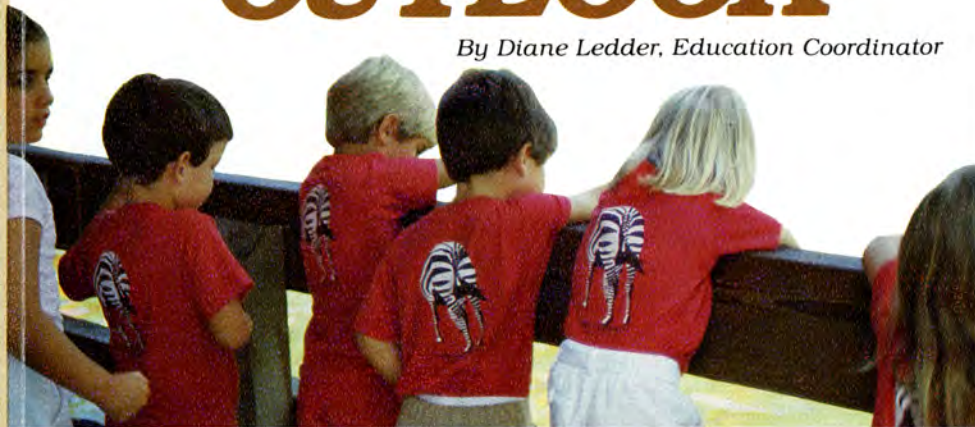
"Caging and Housing for Birds in Inside/Outside Aviaries"

June 1, 1986

"Purchasing Birds"

EDUCATION OUTLOOK

By Diane Ledder, Education Coordinator



Classes For Teens

Toucan Team

Designed for students interested in careers in veterinary medicine, wild-life biology, and zoology, this course provides a unique introduction to the life sciences. Participants will be eligible to join the "Service Team", our teen volunteer organization, upon completion of the course.

Saturdays, April 12 through May 17
9:00 a.m. to noon
\$60-Members / \$70-Nonmembers

Classes For Families

Breakfast With The Beasts

Take advantage of this opportunity to enter the zoo in the early morning hours. Enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by a lesson in animal nutrition. Learn what and how zoo animals are fed, and meet some of Metrozoo's most personable residents up close.

Sunday, April 20
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
\$8-Members / \$10-Nonmembers

Two For The Zoo

Due to the popularity of this new program, we will be offering additional sessions, in April. Parents and preschoolers explore the animal world together. A craft activity and animal demonstration will be featured in each program. Come to one class or several; each program will be unique.

Tuesdays, April 15 and 29
(parent & child)
\$8-Members / \$10-Nonmembers

Classes For Adults

Supper Safari

For adults who would like to experience the zoo at night, we are offering this popular new program: a presentation by a member of Metrozoo's curatorial staff, followed by dinner and a "behind the scenes" tour of the zoo.

Saturdays, March 22 and April 26
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
\$20-Members / \$25-Nonmembers

T.E.C. Workshop

Part of a series of workshops offered through the Teacher Education Center for the spring, this 10 hour program will train teachers to utilize the zoo as a classroom more effectively, and help them interpret the zoo to others.

Two consecutive Saturdays:
April 12 and April 19
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
NO CHARGE - Registration through
T.E.C. only

Silver Safari

This new program provides a memorable day at the zoo for retirees. A classroom presentation will be followed by a narrated tram tour of the grounds. Walking will be minimal. Participants may also elect to have lunch at the Beverly Hills Cafe, directly across the street from Metrozoo, after the program. A luncheon special will be available to participants. Experience the zoo in comfort!

Wednesdays, March 19 and April 23
10:00 a.m. to noon
\$4-Members / \$6-Nonmembers
Luncheon: \$3.95 payable to Beverly
Hills Cafe

Evening Under The Stars

This is a special evening event for adults. Guest astronomer, Robert Longenecker will deliver a lesson in astronomy, and we will take advantage of the zoo's location to view Halley's comet through telescopes.

Saturday, April 19 • 9:00-11:00 p.m.
\$3-Members / \$5-Nonmembers

Registration Policy

Registration for zoo classes is by mail or credit card only. Program information may be obtained over the telephone, however a reservation in the program is contingent upon payment. Fees may be paid by check, money order, cash, or Visa/Mastercharge. A confirmation letter will be issued upon receipt of payment. Fees are refundable up to 1 week before the program date.

Enroll Me In The Following Programs

Programs _____
Session Dates _____
Program Fees \$ _____
Membership \$ _____
(If desired)
Total \$ _____

CLASS REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____
Parent's Name _____ Student's Age _____ Grade _____

Member Nonmember

Membership entitles you to free admission to Metrozoo and 70 other zoos, special events and the Society's publications. Family \$40 / Dual \$30 / Individual \$20. Annual memberships are tax deductible. All registrations must be paid in advance. Refunds will be made up to 1 week prior to class starting date.

Mail to: **Education Department ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA** 12400 S.W. 152nd St., Miami, FL 33177



Toucan Team

AGE: Grades 9-12

A special 1 week session of this popular program for teens will be offered this summer. Students study biology, animal behavior, and management of exotic animals with teachers from the Education Department and Curatorial staff.

DATES: July 7th through 11th

FEE: \$70-Members / \$80-Nonmembers

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to noon

Kindercamp

AGE: 3, 4, 5 years old

This is a seeing, doing, touching, learning experience for the little ones. They will learn the characteristics of different types of animals through direct observation and contact, as well as through crafts, games, stories and songs.

DATES:

June 23rd through 27th;

July 28th through August 1st; or

August 11th through 15th

FEE:

\$60-Members / \$70-Nonmembers

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Summer Preview

Summer is just around the corner, and it's not too early to begin planning for summer zoo-camp. **Students who are registered by May 1st will receive a \$10 discount on program fees.** This summer promises to be the most memorable yet. Our zoo is growing and getting more exciting each year. Give your child a memorable summer: Zoocamp at Metrozoo!

Zoocamp

AGE: Grades 4-6

Zoocampers will enjoy learning about zoo animals while gaining an appreciation for the function of a modern zoo. They will learn from the education staff, zookeepers, and from the animals themselves. Campers should bring a brown bag lunch Monday through Thursday; Friday we will provide lunch with the zookeepers.

DATES: July 14th through 18th

FEE:

\$90-Members / \$100-Nonmembers

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Jungle Juniors

AGE: Grades 1-3

"Jungle Juniors" will spend their mornings exploring the zoo in many ways. By entering the zoo before regular hours, they will observe zookeepers on the job, and learn how our animals are fed and cared for. They will also have a chance to meet some of our friendly zoo residents "up close".

DATES:

July 21st through 25th or

August 4th through 8th

FEE:

\$70-Members / \$80-Nonmembers

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Summer Safari

AGE: Grades 7-8

For young teens interested in pursuing careers in wildlife biology, zoology, or veterinary medicine, Summer Safari provides a valuable experience. Participants will learn about the management of captive wildlife through behind the scenes tours and contact with the zoo staff.

DATES: August 18th through 22nd

FEE:

\$70-Members / \$80-Nonmembers

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
(As of June 1) (As of Sept. '86)

Street Address _____

City _____

Parent's Name _____ Membership _____
(if desired)

Home Phone _____

Program _____ Program Fees _____

Member Nonmember **Total** _____

Session Dates _____

Mastercard Visa Expiration Date _____

Card # _____

Signature _____

Registration

Director's Message

This month's newsletter and my message to you marks the third year of my association with the Zoological Society of Florida. When I first came on board, our membership stood at approximately 7,000. Today, the membership department boasts 21,000 memberships, representing over 40,000 individuals in our "zoo family".

The addition of the development department in the last three years has generated in excess of one million dollars in support. Our educational programs have touched the lives of over 100,000 people, from graduate classes for Dade County school teachers to our pre-school programs for toddlers. The Special Events department too, has expanded, becoming more than a "P.R." entity, and has helped to generate dollars for capital projects needed by the zoo.

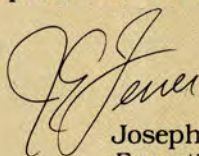
All of these things reflect a mood of excitement and enthusiasm as well as a quest for excellence on the part of both Metrozoo and Zoological Society staffs. Zoo Director Bob Yokel and Zoological Society President Lester Goldstein have both lent outstanding support and leadership to our organizations. Their foresight and dedication, combined with the support of a dynamic Board of Directors, are leading Metrozoo to a bright and prosperous future.

The marriage of the public (Metrozoo) and private (Zoological Society) sectors was demonstrated in 1985 not only with the record breaking crowds, but also with more dollars being generated for zoo support than ever before.

Responsibilities come with the organization's rapid growth. I ask that you carefully read the article regarding your membership privileges. Please understand that our membership program can survive only if we maintain the integrity of the free admission policy. Let me emphasize that this is a privilege granted to our membership by Dade County, and that we need all of you to cooperate with us in making sure that we never lose this most valuable asset to our organization.

In addition, we feel that the Society needs to become more service-oriented to our membership. In that light, we will be extending to you the opportunity to use your Visa or Mastercard to pay for membership renewals, educational programs, and any special events which may be fee assessed. We hope this new policy will facilitate your participation in all the wonderful things the Society has to offer.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you, and I welcome any input you may have on methods to improve our service.



Joseph E. Ferrer
Executive Director

Health Fair

The Health Action Committee of the Greater South Dade Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Zoological Society of Florida is pleased to announce a "Showcase for Child Wellness" to be held at Metrozoo on Saturday, March 8, 1986 between the hours of 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The showcase will be held in the classrooms just inside the main ticket booth at Metrozoo. The program will consist of a wide variety of exhibits covering many aspects of current health issues for children.



Reassurance builds confidence: Sue Bishop, RN with Matthew Moore and his mother, Donna Calso, (also a Coral Reef Hospital RN).

The Judds and Southern Pacific Come To Metrozoo



Budweiser and KISS-FM present a country music fest featuring the Grammy Award winning "Judds" and "Southern Pacific", Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 P.M. in the Metrozoo concert meadow.

Admission to the concert meadow is by ticket only. For nonmembers the ticket price is \$7.00

in advance and \$8.00 on the day of the concert. The price includes zoo admission. For Zoological Society members the advance ticket price is \$2.00 with a valid membership card and proof of I.D., or \$3.00 on the day of the show, also with a valid membership card and proof of I.D.

Members can purchase their advance tickets only at the Metrozoo ticket booth. Nonmembers may purchase tickets at BASS ticket outlets (with a service charge).

Family participation is encouraged. Bring your family to Metrozoo and enjoy a fun day while taking the opportunity to learn more about your child's health.

For more information please contact Dr. Barry Levitt at 233-5700, Howard Mintz at 891-5092 or Pat Superfine at 255-5551.

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Don't Leave Home Without It

If you have visited the zoo lately, you have probably noticed that your card is being checked more carefully for entry into the zoo. If you forget your card, you will be asked to purchase an entrance pass to the zoo which will be refunded by mail if you are a valid member.

In order to avoid problems at the gate, study the sample of a membership card below and compare the information with your card. If you have any questions, please call the membership office before you plan a trip to the zoo.

<i>Friends of Metrozoo</i>		
MEMBERSHIP CARD		
00-000000-0 ¹		
John Doe ² 12400 S.W. 152 Street Miami, Florida 33177 ³		
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1. Membership number. This is our way of identifying your membership in our computer.
2. Name and address of member. Please bring identification with your membership card when you come to the zoo. You could be asked to show additional identification. YOUR CARD IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. Please do not lend your card to anyone; it will be confiscated.
3. Zip Code.

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Disney At Metrozoo

A bit of magic from Disney's "Kingdom" is returning to Metrozoo.

On April 13, there will be 4 performances on the concert field featuring Mickey and the Kids of the Kingdom. A special r.s.v.p. character breakfast will be continental, available (first come first served) for a limited number

of people. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by returning the coupon below with payment, or by phoning and using Visa/Mastercard. Tickets will go on sale March 3.

The other performances (12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30), of course, are free to Zoological Society Members.

Disney Breakfast at Metrozoo

April 13, 1986, 8:30 a.m.

Number of Tickets _____ x \$10 each _____ Total

Name _____ Phone _____
PLEASE PRINT

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Visa Mastercard # _____

Expiration Date _____

NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE

4. Category - the type of membership (individual, dual, family, contributor, supporting, benefactor, life).
5. Total number of children included on a family membership.
6. Month and year your membership expires.

You are a valued member of the Society and we want you to enjoy your visits. Compliance with the simple rules stated above will facilitate entry for you and your family. Failure to comply with the above rules could jeopardize your membership privileges.

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