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Dads get in free on Father's Day

ABILENE, TEXAS – Celebrate fatherhood with free admission for dad this Sunday at the Abilene Zoo.

All fathers will get in free with a paying child, even grown children, on Father's Day, June 19. The first 100 fathers through the gate will receive a coupon for a family value pack at Abilene's Cold Stone Creamery location.

"Dads are doers. They like to get outside and play," said Executive Director Bill Gersonde.

"We're thrilled to see active dads with their children in the park every day."



Visitors will have the opportunity to see expectant giraffe father, Mesi, as well as the zoo's new howler monkey dad, Dante, who lives with his mate and youngsters. Zoo keeper chats scheduled Sunday include a presentation at the Reptile House at 11 a.m. and a chat about the new red river hogs in the Giraffe Safari area at 2 p.m.

About the Abilene Zoo:

Since its founding in 1966, the Abilene Zoo has stood as a place of learning and adventure, where visitors make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife. Situated on 16 acres in the award-winning Grover Nelson Park, the zoo has more than 1000 animals of 270 species from around the globe. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085.

Mission Statement: *The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.*

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