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Boo at the Zoo draws record crowd

ABILENE, TEXAS – The largest crowd in recent memory attended Boo at the Zoo Saturday, October 25, at the Abilene Zoo.

More than 9350 were at the zoo for the annual Halloween festivities. Past years have had attendance hovering around 5,000. Boo at the Zoo has been an Abilene tradition for more than 20 years.

Thirty-four organizations and businesses provided free treat stops at this year's event. Student groups, zoological society board members, and many others provided manpower – bringing in 500 volunteers who served in various capacities.

“Boo at the Zoo is our way of giving back to the community. We couldn't do it without so many generous organizations and volunteers,” said Claudia Diltz, chairman of the Boo at the Zoo Committee and an Abilene Zoological Society board member. “We keep the ticket price at \$4 to allow everyone to enjoy a special day at the zoo. We're delighted that so many people came out.”

Boo at the Zoo is the zoological society's largest fundraiser of the year, and the good attendance will allow the society to make a generous donation to the animal programs at the zoo.

About the AZA-Accredited Abilene Zoo: The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 species. The Zoo offers many educational programs and kid's activities, including camps, birthday parties and Behind the Scenes Tours. The Abilene Zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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