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Tickets now on sale for Golden Zoobilation

ABILENE, TEXAS – The Abilene Zoological Society will wrap up a year of wild celebration with a party: Golden Zoobilation: Brews & Barbeques.

Set for the evening of Saturday, Sept. 24, Golden Zoobilation will mark the Abilene Zoo's 50th anniversary with dining and dancing among the beasts, as well as a tribute to longtime AZS member Donald McDonald, who has served on the board since 1965.

With that in mind, Zoobilation Chairman Thora Sutton and her committee are going all out to create a memorable evening for a herd of safari chic-clad guests.

“We’ve booked the talented musicians of *Freeride* for entertainment, and we’re cooking up a menu that will be an international culinary experience,” Sutton said. “Our silent auction feature items you can only get from the zoo – art created by animals and even a giraffe sculpture comprised of pieces from the old Highneck Bridge.”

The group hopes to titillate taste buds with a bill of fare featuring barbecue recipes from the Caribbean, Africa, and of course, Texas. They’ll pair these bites with complementary beverages. Guests must be 21 and older to attend, and tickets are now available in the Zoo Store and online at www.abilenezoo.org.

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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Last admittance is 4 p.m. The zoo is open until 9 p.m. each Thursday all summer, with last admittance at 8 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.*