



**Saint Louis Zoo**  
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**Date:** May 27, 2009

**MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN AND SAINT LOUIS ZOO PARTNER  
TO OFFER SUMMER DISCOUNTS ON FAMILY ATTRACTIONS**

- WHAT:** **Children's Garden and Children's Zoo Summer Offer**  
Receive one free child's admission to the Doris I Schnuck Children's Garden or the Emerson Children's Zoo with a receipt for a paid child's admission at the other. (Not valid with any other discount or offer. Limit one free per one paid admission.)
- WHEN:** Valid through August 31, 2009
- WHERE:** Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.;  
Saint Louis Zoo, One Government Drive in Forest Park
- COST:** Children's Garden, \$3 ages three to 12; Children's Zoo, \$4 ages two and up
- INFO:** [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org); [www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org)

(ST. LOUIS): Two of St. Louis's largest tourist attractions, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saint Louis Zoo, have partnered to offer a discount for families this summer in honor of their historic heritage. Now through August 31, use your paid admission receipt for one child's admission at either the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden or the Emerson Children's Zoo to receive one free child's admission at the other!

Now in its fourth year of operation, the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden invites children to climb, slide, splash, play and learn as they embark on an outdoor "Missouri Adventure." Pilot a steamboat through a river ecosystem, or use a series of locks and dams to move tiny boats along their way. Explore the subterranean environment that exists inside a Missouri cave, or climb to the treetops through a series of rope bridges and swings. Meander over to the village general store to browse for items made from plants, see invasive species

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“locked up” inside the town jail, and stop by Stump Station to glimpse a tree’s life behind the bark.

The Emerson Children’s Zoo at the Saint Louis Zoo is the place to meet friendly animals, enjoy animal shows and discover play activities. Watch a family of tree kangaroos, a colony of naked mole rats or a colony of busy meerkats.

Gently touch the skin or feathers of a snake, owl or other animal which Zoo docents introduce. Pet a group of goats and give them a brushing.

Participate in shows that feature a leaping squirrel, flying kestrel, mimicking macaws, pot-bellied pigs, alpacas and more! Shows begin May 23 (except Wednesdays).

Zoom down a slide through the river otter pool. Imitate your animal friends at the “Just Like Me” play area. Hop through water geysers as jets of water spurt randomly, cross a “river” on a rope bridge, climb on a giant spider web or dig like an aardvark in a sandbox.

### **Hours and Admission Fees**

The Doris I. Schnuck Children’s Garden is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, April through October. Admission is \$3 for children ages three to 12; adults are included with regular Garden admission (\$3-\$8). St. Louis City and County residents also receive free Garden and Children’s Garden admission on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd., easily accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit. Free parking is available on site. For more information, visit [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or call the recorded event hotline at (314) 577-9400.

Admission to the Saint Louis Zoo is free. Admission to the Emerson Children’s Zoo is free the first hour of the day and \$4 thereafter; children under two are free. The Children’s Zoo is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during summer months, the Zoo is open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Zoo will close at noon on Friday, June 19, for ZOOFARI fundraiser.

The Saint Louis Zoo is located in Forest Park. For more information, visit [www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org) or call (314) 781-0900.

### **About the Missouri Botanical Garden**

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest continually-operating botanical garden in the nation, celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. The Garden’s mission is “to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life.” Today,

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150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

**About the Saint Louis Zoo**

The Saint Louis Zoo has been named America's #1 Zoo by Zagat Survey and Parenting Magazine. One of the few free zoos in the U.S., the Zoo is renowned for its natural exhibits, diverse collection of animals and dedication to conserve endangered species and their habitats. The Zoo attracts 3,000,000 visitors each year. In 2010 the Zoo will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, maintaining its mission of conservation, education, recreation and research since its very inception.

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