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Fall is a busy time at the zoo. The cooler, but not too cold, weather allows for the safe transport of animals that we exchange with other zoological facilities. The school Zoomobile programs begin. In addition, this time of the year is full of fun filled events for everyone. The next three weekends at the zoo will be full of fun activities.

“A Wild Affair: Evening in Rio” is this Saturday, September 9th and tickets are still on sale for \$50 and can be purchased until Saturday at 4 pm. You can purchase the tickets at Lee Richardson Zoo, Blue Fox Boutique, Patrick Dugan’s Coffee House, and Ward’s Garden Center or online at www.folrz.org. Enjoy the sounds of the Mike Benish and Buckner Creek Band while you sample a diversity of cuisine from local restaurants and caterers. This is a 21 and over event, adult beverages will be available for attendees. Of course, how can you forget all the cool things you can acquire from the silent and the live auctions held throughout the evening? From jewelry to events, sports themed items, personal services, home décor, unique meals, and much more, it will be hard to go home empty handed. The doors for the festivities will open at 6 pm. Be sure to get your tickets in advance as they will not be sold at the door. The zoo will be closed all day Saturday to day for prepare for this wild time.

International Red Panda Day is an event organized by the Red Panda Network and held at zoological and conservation facilities around the world to help bring attention to the plight of the endangered red panda. Lee Richardson Zoo will be participating and we invite you to bring the whole family out to learn about red pandas and enjoy a variety of activities for the kids on Sunday September 17th from 1 pm to 3 pm. Recently Ember, the red panda, had some cubs. You will not be able to see the

cubs at this time while mom cares for them in the den, but there might be a chance to see how they are doing using our monitors hooked up to our husbandry cameras by the red panda exhibit.

On Saturday, September 23rd from 2 to 4, we will be holding an event for World Rhino Day. These beautiful giants are having a tough time in the wild, and Lee Richardson Zoo is proud to be embarking on a breeding program to assist in keeping rhinos for our future generations. Come down and learn how you can help rhinos around the world.

Then next month there is “Boo! At the Zoo!” It will be held on October 21st. While “Wild Affair” is for adults, this event is a spooky good time for the entire family. You can go from treat stop to treat stop throughout the zoo enjoying all of the ghouls, superheroes, and monsters strolling through the zoo.

Be sure to stop by the zoo these next couple of weekends to get your dose of wild! You can keep current on zoo happenings at www.leerichardsonzoo.org. You can also “like” the Lee Richardson Zoo and the Friends Of Lee Richardson Zoo on Facebook to keep posted.