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### **Binder Park Zoo**

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### ***Corks for Conservation: Binder Park Zoo's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival***

**BATTLE CREEK MI, July 3, 2018** – Friday, July 13 is the date for Corks for Conservation, Binder Park Zoo's 10<sup>th</sup> annual wine tasting festival. From 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, guests will have the evening to sip and savor some of Michigan's finest wines and tantalizing appetizers. Vendor stations are strategically placed near animal exhibits amidst the beautiful grounds of the zoo. This engaging event is a strolling experience that combines zoo fun, wine and food, friends, music, and entertainment rolled into one perfect summer evening. Admission includes tasting tickets, a souvenir wine glass, a menu of creatively prepared small plates and live musical entertainment. Additionally, guests will enjoy a zoo and wine themed auction featuring unique items to bid on, a wine pull, animal encounters, and much more. Singer/songwriter Matt Gabriel and musical artist Phillip-Michael Scales will be the musical entertainment for the evening. Admission is \$40 for individuals, \$75 for couples, and \$25 for designated drivers. For an additional \$25 per person, a limited number of guests can gain access to the VIP tent for a more exclusive experience including artisan wines, specialty ciders, meads, beer and food. Guests must be 21 or older and present valid ID at the entrance. Tickets to Corks for Conservation are available for purchase at [www.binderparkzoo.org](http://www.binderparkzoo.org).

Corks for Conservation is presented by Binder Park Zoo and premier sponsors Plante Moran and Superior Automotive and will showcase a thoughtfully selected menu of beverages to taste from producers like Bonobo Winery, Fenn Valley, Black Star Farms Arcadia Ales, St. Ambrose and many more! A complete list of vendors can be viewed at [www.binderparkzoo.org](http://www.binderparkzoo.org) A presentation of palate pleasing small plates from Taste of Binder Park Zoo, Firekeepers Casino & Hotel culinary team, 600 Kitchen & Bar and the beef geeks from Pre will complete the wine and food experience.

Corks for Conservation is an important fundraising event for Binder Park Zoo and is made possible by the support of these generous sponsors: Firekeepers Casino & Hotel, Michigan Tile & Carpet Co., Cornerstone Technologies, Hilliard Lyons-Simonds Team, Mega-Bev, Sandy Woods – State Farm Agent and Southern Michigan Bank & Trust. Additional support is provided by Atlas Sales, Schupan & Sons, WKFR 103.3, Service Systems Associates, BC Sound & Stage, Rons Beans, Painting with a Twist, 600 Kitchen & Bar and Pre.

Admission to Corks for Conservation is \$40 for individuals, \$75 for couples and \$25 for designated drivers. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available for \$25 per person.

Advanced purchase is strongly recommended. Buy your tickets online at [www.binderparkzoo.org](http://www.binderparkzoo.org) or call the zoo office at (269) 979-1351.

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