

Preview: Media invited to experience the magic of WildLanterns at the zoo

Tour the enchanting brand-new lanterns before opening day

WHAT: It's back and better than ever: **WildLanterns presented by BECU** is returning with brand-new lanterns and themed zones that will "wow" anyone, no matter their age!

Media are invited to a special press preview on November 9 from 5:00 — 7:00 p.m., a day before WildLanterns opens to the public. *This invitation includes on-duty and off-duty members of the media.*

Begin your breathtaking journey through a world of themed lanterns at the Land of Winter Wonders. Here, witness a magical snow world with glistening ice and picture yourself in one of the world's polar regions. Continue to the family-favorite Interactive Zone where illusions and games galore are sure to cause excitement. Journey on to the Fine Feathered Friends where birds are the theme; giant illuminated species include parrots and toucans! Giant spiders and a corridor of vibrant flowers are two highlights of the next display, Bugs and Blooms. Linger in the Giant Panda Parkway where you'll observe numerous lanterns of the iconic Chinese species in a display of stunning cherry. Finally marvel at the mythical animals of Fantastic Folklore Realm, where you can find the White Dragon or Pegasus.

As if it could get any better, each and every ticket sold directly will support excellent care for the hundreds of animals who call the zoo home, as well as more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

WHEN: **Press Preview: Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Press may stay on grounds until it closes at 8:00.

WildLanterns runs November 10, 2023 through January 14, 2024
Closed Mondays (except 12/11/2023, 12/18/2023 and 1/1/2024), Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Beginning in **January**, WildLanterns will change to a **Thursday – Sunday weekly opening** and will be closed Mondays through Wednesdays.

WildLanterns hours: 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Enter the WildLanterns press preview through Woodland Park Zoo's West Entrance and check in with PR staff at the Membership Office.

West Entrance: 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103
Cross streets: Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th and N. 56th Sts.

TICKETS: Media will receive complimentary admission to WildLanterns for the press preview.

Tickets for WildLanterns are on sale now at www.zoo.org/wildlanterns.



Members receive 20% off General Admission ticket prices.

WildLanterns will be a rain or shine event and there will be no ticket refunds.

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