

Friday: Lemurs at Lee Richardson Zoo

Lee Richardson Zoo is excited to be welcoming lemurs back to our facility! Our red ruffed lemur brothers, Bogie and Frank, have been vacationing at Sedgwick County Zoo since 2018. Their temporary placement at another facility allowed for the construction of a brand-new habitat.

The new primate facility offers benefits for both residents and staff. The new building and yards have plenty of room for lemurs to leap and climb as well as for keepers to work. Best of all, the new habitat offers summer and winter viewing opportunities! When Kansas temperatures drop too low for the lemurs to be outdoors, the old space had no indoor viewing opportunities. Now, visitors will get to enjoy lemur antics all year long!

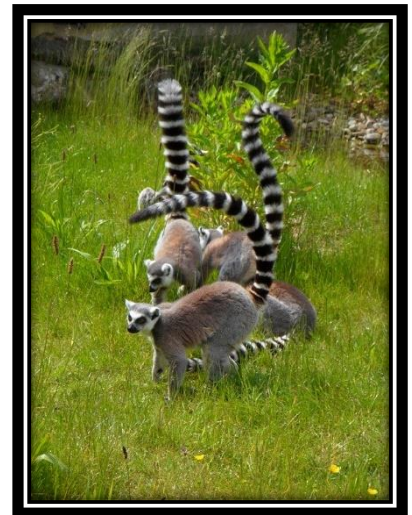


Keeper Carrie, using snacks to encourage lemurs into travel carriers for their vacation.

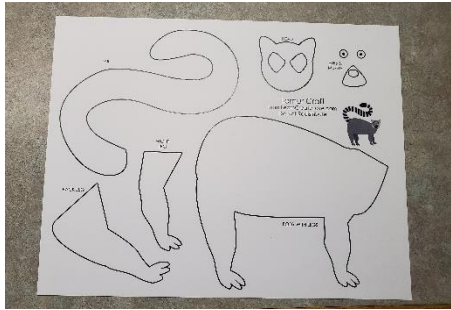


The expanded habitat also allows for lemurs to call Lee Richardson Zoo home. We are welcoming back red ruffed lemurs as well as bringing in two new species. The close cousin of the red ruffed, the black and white ruffed lemur will be moving in as well. Both ruffed species are known for their arboreal nature. Life in the trees has produced lemurs that are acrobatic in their movement. They can be seen hanging from

branches by their feet or jumping from tree-to-tree to get food. The third species, ring-tailed lemurs, are unique as they are the most terrestrial of the lemurs. Ring-tailed lemurs are flexible in their habitat requirements and are known for using alternate habitats outside of the rainforest. This means that they spend more time on the ground.



Ring-Tailed Lemur Craft



Supply List

- Coloring sheet
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue/tape/ or brads

Craft Instructions

- Color your lemur (for reference see the ring-tailed lemur above)
- Cut out the parts of your lemur
- Glue the eyes and muzzle on the head
- Glue the head to the body
- Glue front and back leg in place (for an added movement use brads for the legs)
- Use a brad to attach the tail, now your lemur can move its tail!



Digital Resource (Optional)

Did you know some lemur species can travel 25 feet in one leap?

We're bouncing for joy that lemurs are returning to Lee Richardson Zoo! Try leaping like a lemur around your home. How far can you leap? Mark a starting point on the sidewalk with chalk, take your biggest leap possible, and mark where you landed with chalk. You can then use a ruler and see how you compare to a lemur leap.

If you want to, share a photo or short video of you bouncing for joy that lemurs are returning to Lee Richardson Zoo's Facebook page!