



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**From:** Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo

**Re:** Jungle Run IX: Wild Wheels and a Sundown Soiree

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Join the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo from 8 am – 7pm on July 13, 2024, for an exhilarating day of automotive excitement at the **Jungle Run IX: Wild Wheels and a Sunset Soiree** on the West Green of the picturesque Lee Richardson Zoo. All makes, and models are welcome to participate in the auto show. The Zoo will open at 8 am for pedestrians and drive-through traffic, with no early admittance. Vehicle registration begins at 8 am at the gazebo on the West Green. Voting for the awards will commence at 11 am, followed by an awards presentation at 2 pm. The Sunset Soiree kicks off at 12 pm noon with games, a silent auction and the Safari Suds Oasis!

For just \$25 through 5 pm on July 12 (or \$30 on the day of the show), you can pre-register your vehicle and secure your spot. The first 100 entries will receive exclusive dash plaques and goodie bags. Free prize drawings and giveaways will be held throughout the day.

Get ready for a thrilling showdown of participant-judged awards, including the best car, best truck, best motorcycle, best off-road vehicle, best unrestored vehicle, and the highly coveted best-in-show award. We proudly announce the sponsorships of the "Monster Muscle" category by Monster Energy, the "Classic" vehicle category by Coca-Cola, the Little Cub Kruiser category by KGBL 100.9 the Bull and the best Lowrider category by 102.9 La Raza. The Little Cub Kruiser category encourages our youngest car enthusiasts to take part. All children's vehicles are welcome (hot wheels, push cars, pedal cars, and more) as long as they can sit in the vehicle. **Registration for this category is just \$10. The child must be accompanied by an adult registering a separate vehicle in one of the other categories.** All Little Cub Kruiser entries will receive a special prize. Spectators will have the power to choose the People's Choice award, while our esteemed Zoo staff will decide the King of the Jungle award.

Don't miss the truly immersive and engaging experiences that will make this year's Jungle Run a memorable event for everyone wanting an exciting day at the zoo with family and friends. Just a spectator? No problem! Brace yourself for great music, mouthwatering offerings from food

vendors, and tasty concession snacks at the Wild Dog Stop. But wait, there's more! We've extended our hours to bring you the **Sunset Soiree**! The Safari Suds Oasis, our vibrant beer garden, will open at 12 pm noon on the north end of the west green. Guests 21 and over with a valid ID may purchase and enjoy a variety of cold, adult beverages. Dive into the excitement as you browse and bid on unique items in the silent auction or sign your team up for the cornhole tournament. All are welcome to attend.

The Wild Dog Stop isn't just about food and drinks; it's a hub of entertainment. Purchase tickets to experience the whimsical joy of riding the carousel and train. Feeling adventurous? Grab one of several mining packages available, where you can try your hand at uncovering hidden treasures at the interactive mining adventure, Richardson Riverbed Mining Sluice.

For more details or to obtain auto show registration forms, you can reach us at 620-276-6243, visit the Zoo or our website at [folrz.org](http://folrz.org), [CarShowNationals.com](http://CarShowNationals.com), or find us on Facebook on the Jungle Run event page. You can also contact us via email at [folrz@folrz.com](mailto:folrz@folrz.com). The proceeds from this event will contribute to enhancing the Lee Richardson Zoo. We want to extend our gratitude to our early sponsors Heartland Coca-Cola/Monster Energy, and Steckline Communications for their generous support of the **Jungle Run IX: Wild Wheels and a Sunset Soiree**. Sponsorships are now available!

Also, on that day, remember to explore the 15th Annual Museum Flea Market in the northeast corner of the Zoo from 8 am-2 pm.

For more to see and do in the area and hotel information, visit <https://www.visitgck.com/>