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# Be a Dinosaur Train Nature Tracker at the Akron Zoo!

*Western Reserve PBS and the Akron Zoo team up  
for a fun-filled children's event*

NORTHEAST OHIO — Aug. 20, 2012 — Get up! Get going! Join the fun! Come to the Akron Zoo on Saturday, Sept. 8, for a special nature event featuring Buddy from the popular PBS Kids show **Dinosaur Train**. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Ave., Akron, and is held in cooperation with Western Reserve PBS. Akron Zoo admission fees apply.

Have fun finding animal tracks, collecting items from nature, discovering recyclable materials and learning about conservation. Enjoy meet-and-greet sessions with Buddy and watch **Dinosaur Train** "Nature Trackers" episodes in the zoo's theater.

The first 500 children to complete four Nature Tracker activities will receive a special goodie bag. All children who complete the activities can enjoy a free ride on the zoo's train, the A & K Wilber Express.

Buddy, a curious, funny and intelligent T-Rex, is the star of **Dinosaur Train**, which airs on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1) on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and weekdays at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The half-hour program embraces and celebrates the fascination that preschoolers have with both dinosaurs and trains, while encouraging basic scientific thinking skills.

For more information about the Dinosaur Train Nature Tracker event, call Western Reserve PBS at 1-800-554-4549 or the Akron Zoo at 330-375-2550.

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## **About the Akron Zoo**

The Akron Zoo is open 361 days a year. The Akron Zoo hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and admission is \$10 for adults, \$8.50 for senior citizens, \$7 for children (ages 2-14). Children under two are free and parking is \$2. For more information visit [www.akronzoo.org](http://www.akronzoo.org) or call (330) 375-2550.

Founded in 1953, the Akron Zoo is a non-profit, world conservation Zoo with over 700 animals from around the world. Located just west of Downtown Akron, the Zoo strives to provide a dynamic, financially responsible, guest centered animal experience that is energized by innovation and fun. The Akron Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation, and your link to helping animals in their native habitats.

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