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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual WaZoo Fundraiser Brewing at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo Saturday, August 1

### ***Beastly Beverage Club (VIP Level) Returns to New Safari Lodge***

**TAMPA, Fla. (July 21, 2009)** – Recognized as one of the “10 Great Beer Festivals in the Country” by *USA Today*, **WaZoo at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo**, presented by J.J. Taylor Distributing Florida, Inc., returns for its 14<sup>th</sup> year from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, August 1. On tap this year, WaZoo will feature more than 250 beers from nearly 60 breweries, wines on the wild side, food sampling from 20 local restaurants and live music throughout the event. The “Beastly Beverage Club” (VIP-level ticket) returns with a new home -- the Safari Lodge, the Zoo's new 17,000 square-foot events facility in the heart of the Safari Africa exhibit area.

For one ticket price, guests can sample brews from some of the nation's best breweries while grazing on finger foods and savory snacks from great local eateries including BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, Courtside Grille, Five Guys, Johnsonville Sausage, Papa John's and Tampa Bay Brewing Company.

For musical entertainment, the zoo welcomes local artists *Velvet Jones* on the main stage, *The Paper Stanleys* on the Safari Africa stage, and *Impulse* in Wallaroo Station.

Indulge your instincts with several thousand of your closest friends who attend this important fundraiser for the Zoo. Event proceeds benefit animal care and education programs at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, a private nonprofit organization.

General admission tickets are \$50 in advance online at [LowryParkZoo.com](http://LowryParkZoo.com) or by phone 813-935-8552 ext. 296 (until 12 p.m. Fri., July 31), or \$65 at the door the night of the event. Beastly Beverage Club tickets are \$75 per person in advance, online or by phone. Wines on the Wild Side (wine garden tickets) can be purchased for an additional \$10, and designated driver tickets are \$20. Group packages available.

The zoo gratefully acknowledges sponsors of the event, including presenting sponsor J.J. Taylor Distributing Florida, Inc., as well as JP MorganChase, Pepsi, and Cintas.

WaZoo takes place rain or shine. Animals are not on exhibit during the event. Due to the nature of the event and number of guests in attendance, strollers are not permitted.

### **About Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo**

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is operated by the Lowry Park Zoological Society, an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to excellence in education, conservation and research. Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and has been named the No. 1 zoo in America by both *Parents* magazine (2009) and *Child* magazine (2004). The Zoo is located at 1101 W. Sligh Avenue in Tampa, one mile west of I-275 (exit 48) and is open seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with extended hours on select nights during the summer. Parking is free. Visit [LowryParkZoo.com](http://LowryParkZoo.com) or call (813) 935-8552 for information. Also find the Zoo on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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