

Hello, everyone:

Thanks for those that made it out to our first meeting of the semester! It was great to see returning members and welcome newcomers to the club! We went over the general requirements for membership, talked about some of our upcoming events, and then we did an icebreaker with new and returning ZSA members. Everyone was such a good sport!

This week's animal was African penguins! African penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) are believed to be the first penguin species discovered by humans. They have a pink gland above each eye that gets pinker as the temperature around them gets warmer. They are also capable of eating up to 14% of their body weight a day.

### **General Meetings**

Every Tuesday

7 pm - 8 pm

140 Natural Sciences

Advisor: Dr. Richard Snider

### **Active Member Status**

- Attend 1 Fundraising Event
- Attend 1 Social Event
- Attend 1 Service/Outreach Event
- Pay Dues
- Attend 6 general meetings

Active members get apparel discounts, reduced trip fees, graduation pins (if you are a senior and an active member of a committee), special events, and networking and leadership opportunities.

Dues: \$20 per semester or \$30 annually. They are due by **September 26th**, but if you have a conflict let us know. You can pay after the meetings with cash or anytime with venmo. New members will be active for the fall once their dues are paid (this allows you to start reaping the active member benefits right away :) )

### **Committees!**

Joining a committee is *OPTIONAL*, but we think it's a great way to get more involved and let us know your ideas!

### **Social Committee**

Kaitlyn - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.

Plan trips and events and make friends and have fun!

### Fundraising Committee

Kassidy - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.

Focuses on local charities, the Rock Fundraiser, grants, scholarships, sponsorships, advertising for semester charity/animal, and alumni networking!

### Services/Outreach Committee

Christina and Sarah - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.

Participate in volunteer opportunities, community engagement, public education, professional development, trainings and workshops!

### Opportunities in Zoology!

#### **Join the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)!**

Student Membership is a resume builder, it keeps you up to date with recent news in the zoo world as well as job postings, and gives you access to the Connect Magazine!

<https://www.aza.org/individual-membership>

#### **Go to Brown Bag with the Profs!**

Tuesdays, Room 203c Natural Sciences from 12 pm - 1 pm.

Come mingle with professors/advisors and chat about anything!

Organized by Dr. Snider

### Upcoming Events!

- Bat Walk with MSU Bat Association!
  - Wednesday, **September 4th** and Thursday, **September 5th** around 8 pm (sunset)
  - Where to meet: Beaumont Tower
- Human Ancestors Program at the MSU Museum: **Meeting/Training Session Tuesday, September 10th at 5PM**
  - Volunteer at hour-long programs for students at Mid-Michigan schools about bones, anatomy, and evolution
  - Contact Nick VanAcker ([vanack22@msu.edu](mailto:vanack22@msu.edu)) or Desiree Quinn ([quinndes@msu.edu](mailto:quinndes@msu.edu)) if interested or have questions
- National Fossil Day at the MSU Museum: **Sunday, October 6th, 10AM-4PM**
  - Help man the Dinosaur Dash 5K course, event tables, activities, and more!
  - **Contact Nick VanAcker by September 20** ([vanack22@msu.edu](mailto:vanack22@msu.edu)) if interested or have questions

If you have any questions feel free to email us!

We wish everyone a great semester!

ZSA Eboard

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