

Good evening Distinguished ZSA members,

I RHlknow y'all loved the meeting tonight. Potter park's Pat Fountain came in tonight to answer all the zoo-related questions plaguing our minds (including Harambee and fighting emu's). If you have any more questions or want to know more about potter park zoo feel free to reach out to Pat at pfountain@ingham.org.

Our animal of the week was the pink vent fish (*Thermarces cerberus*) an ugly fish that lives near hydrothermal vents in the deep ocean. They are often called the eelpout due to their face appearing to frown and their elongated body that resembles that of an eel. Because of their uninhabitable habitat (hydrothermal vents can get up to 300 degrees Celcius), very little is known about this sad pink fish. The E-Board rates the pink vent fish a 3/10 in their habitat due to the extreme heat, pressure, and darkness. We would have some difficulty fighting them but nothing a little automated submarine couldn't fix. In our habitat pinky gets a -2/10 as the pressure, light, and chilly temperatures alone might do it in (sorry pinky no automated sub for you) as well as it would be easy for us to punt that sucker without any fight.

Please fill out this service outreach questionnaire so our lovely service coordinator Kyleigh can know a little bit more about what volunteer opportunities everyone is interested in. Click here to access the questionnaire: [outreach questionnaire](#)

October 19th will be the last day you can submit merch designs and merch voting will take place after next Tuesday. So make sure you get any and all merch ideas in!

Just a reminder that we will be touring the bug house next week for our meeting. Our very own treasurer will be showing us all the creepy crawlies the bug house has in store for us and if we're lucky we might get to hold and/or lick some bugs! There will be no zoom meeting next week (but maybe we can convince our web wizard Hunter to vlog it for all our virtual members).

Potter Park zoo is still looking for volunteers for their month-long Halloween events going on every weekend in October. Talk to Christina for more details

Can't wait to bug out with you next week,

ZSA E-Board