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SEE THE LIGHTS, FEEL THE FORCE: JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS CELEBRATES STAR WARS DURING ZOOLIGHTS

December 25, 2015 - Jacksonville, FL – On Sunday, December 27, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) will celebrate a night of Star Wars at the 4th annual ZOOLights. Local members of the 501st Legion will come dressed in their movie-quality costumes as characters from the box office hit to roam around the Zoo.

Guests are encouraged to don their favorite costumes, snap selfies with the costumed characters and celebrate the release of the new Star Wars film.

The event runs from 6-10 p.m. and is free with ZOOLights admission. Additional activities include pictures with Santa, warm weather ice skating, roasting s'mores over an open fire and tens of thousands of lights illuminating the Zoo.

Photo Credit: 501st Legion

About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org.

About the 501st Legion

The Legion is an all-volunteer organization formed for the express purpose of bringing together costume enthusiasts under a collective identity within which to operate. The Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars through the building and wearing of quality costumes, and to facilitate the use of these costumes for

Star Wars-related events as well as contributions to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work.