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**Registration opens for Brevard Zoo race**

MELBOURNE, Fla., January 2, 2020 — Runners and walkers of all skill levels are encouraged to race through Brevard Zoo for a “Bear Bustle” on Saturday, February 8.

Organized by the Running Zone Foundation, the Bear Bustle 3k will be the 14<sup>th</sup> annual race held at the Zoo. Proceeds from the events have thus far raised more than \$95,000 for the Zoo’s animal wellness, conservation and education programs.

“Since we started with Buzzard’s Bait in 2007, these races have become a beloved family tradition,” said Michelle Smurl, director of animal programs at the Zoo and a co-organizer of the 3k. “They’re great fun whether you’re running, walking or just cheering someone on.”

Participants who can finish in under 20 minutes should opt for the 7 a.m. race, while those who need more time can begin at 7:35 a.m. A free “kiddie run” follows.

All participants receive a race shirt, breakfast, beer (for ages 21 and up), 50% off Zoo admission on the day of the event (race number required) and the chance to win a \$500 Disney gift card.

Registration is available online at [www.brevardzoo.org/bear-bustle](http://www.brevardzoo.org/bear-bustle) or in person at the Zoo from 6 to 6:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

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*Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at [www.brevardzoo.org](http://www.brevardzoo.org).*

*Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at [www.treetoptrek.com](http://www.treetoptrek.com).*

*The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at [www.theaquariumproject.org](http://www.theaquariumproject.org).*