



Cleveland Museum of Natural History Celebrates 10 Years of Perkins Wildlife Center with Perkins10 Events

*Monthlong anniversary celebration honors a decade of connecting visitors
with Ohio's native wildlife*

CLEVELAND, OH—August 28, 2026—This September, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the transformed Ralph Perkins II Wildlife Center & Woods Garden—Presented by KeyBank. Throughout the month, Perkins10 will recognize a decade of connecting visitors with Ohio's native wildlife through special programs, up-close learning opportunities, and a weekend of anniversary events for members and families!

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is grateful to KeyBank—its partner in wildlife for 10 years—for providing exclusive presenting sponsorship of Perkins10 celebrations.

[Member Night: Perkins10 | Friday, September 11](#)

Museum members are invited to experience Perkins after hours with special activities, intimate access, and opportunities to connect with the Wildlife staff who know the animals best.

- **5pm** | Special anniversary presentation with Harvey Webster, Museum Ambassador Emeritus, who served as Chief Wildlife Officer during the Perkins design and construction.
- **5:45pm** | Explore Perkins at your own pace while Wildlife staff share stories and answer questions about the animals and habitats.
- **6:20pm** | Family reading of *Goodnight, Gorilla* with Associate Director of Museum Experience Josh Avsec, followed by a special “goodnight” walk through Perkins.

Tickets: Free for Museum members; registration is required. This is a members-only event.



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Museum Family Day: Perkins10 | Saturday, September 12

Families and community members are invited to celebrate the Perkins Wildlife Center and its animal ambassadors with a full day of hands-on fun! Activities will include face painting, animal encounters, story time, hands-on crafts, interactive activities, and community partners.

Admission: All Family Day activities are included with general Museum admission. Residents of Cleveland, East Cleveland, Brooklyn, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, and Warrensville Heights receive free admission on Saturdays and Sundays through Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Community Days with proof of address. Advance general-admission tickets receive a \$3 discount.

Perkins10 Family Yoga | Sunday, September 13

Celebrate Perkins10 with a 30-minute family yoga session in the Nathan and Fannye Shafran Planetarium. Open to kids and adults of all ages, the program will feature animal poses, fun movement, and a quiet, meditative book reading. Participants will enjoy this special Perkins10 family yoga experience plus admission to the Museum for the day at one ticket price. Doors open at 9am, and the program begins at 9:30am.

Tickets: Museum members are free; general admission rates apply for nonmembers. Tickets include Museum admission after yoga concludes. Advance registration recommended.

Celebrate All Month Long

Throughout September, visitors can discover more about the Museum's animal ambassadors through special daily wildlife talks highlighting their unique personalities, remarkable adaptations, husbandry, training, and enrichment. Guests may even have the opportunity to observe feeding or enrichment in action. Each talk lasts approximately 15 minutes and takes place at rotating locations throughout the Perkins Wildlife Center.

- **Tuesday–Friday:** Noon and 1:30pm
- **Saturday–Sunday:** Noon, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm

About the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History illuminates the world around us and inspires visitors to engage with the natural forces that shape their lives. Since its founding in 1920, the Museum has pioneered scientific research to advance knowledge across diverse fields of study and used its



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outstanding collections, which encompass millions of artifacts and specimens, to deepen the public's understanding of the dynamic connections between humans and nature. Through its Natural Areas Program, the Museum stewards more than 12,500 acres of protected ecosystems across northern Ohio. A community gathering place, educational center, and research institution, the Museum is a vital resource that serves Cleveland and the nation. For more information, visit CMNH.org.

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