



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Invites Children to "Go Wild" at FREE Family Zoo Event on August 9th

PATTY RITCHIE August 2, 2018



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State Senator Patty Ritchie is inviting children and families to attend her "Family Zoo Day", a special, free event she is hosting on Thursday, August 9th at the New York State Zoo at Thompson Park in Watertown. The event helps encourage young people to get outside and get active, as well as learn more about New York State animals.

“As a mother and grandmother, I have brought my family to the New York State Zoo at Thompson Park on many occasions. Not only can a day at the zoo be a lot of fun for children, it is educational too,” said Senator Ritchie.

“I would like to thank the New York State Zoo at Thompson Park for partnering with me to make this special event possible and I look forward to welcoming families and providing them an opportunity to learn about animals and the importance of protecting our planet.”

Senator Ritchie’s “Family Zoo Day”—which will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—will feature a “Zoo Animal Search” where children can walk through the zoo and locate selected animals. When each animal is found, children can hand in their sheet to receive a special prize.

Children can also take part in various hands-on activities sponsored by local organizations, view unique animal exhibits—including the newly upgraded farm animal exhibit Senator Ritchie secured funding for—and enjoy free refreshments offered by Senator Ritchie.

Senator Ritchie’s “Family Zoo Day” would not be possible without the participation of local community groups such as the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program, Jefferson County Public Health, the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Historical Society and the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc., among others.

Those interested in attending Senator Ritchie’s “Family Zoo Day” are encouraged to preregister by [clicking here](#) or by calling (315) 782-3418. Please note that children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.