



Fun Facts About Zoolights from Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

- This year marks the 20th anniversary of Zoolights at Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.
- It takes 7 MILES of extension cords to light for Zoolights.
- There are 27 MILES of lights.
- Total number of lights at 2007 Zoolights is 525,000:
 - 65,000 to make figurines
 - 350,000 for ground cover and bushes
 - 110,000 on buildings and pathways
- The famous Flame Tree has been part of Zoolights for 19 years. It alone uses 30,000 lights – 20,000 purple and 10,000 green.
- 50 percent of the lights are now LED (light emitting diode), which use less electricity, last longer and are brighter.
- When the Flame Tree switched to LEDs, it went from drawing 90 amps to just 10 amps and from 9 extension cords to 1.
- It takes 8 people to operate the lights every afternoon including checking all the displays, turning on the lights at 5 p.m and checking again.
- Although the Zoo has a large switch to symbolically turn on Zoolights, it actually takes approximately 144 switches to turn on all the displays.
- Set-up for Zoolights begins the 1st week of October and is finished by the day after Thanksgiving. The goal is to put up 10,600 lights per day!
- In 2007, Zoolights will be open Christmas evening for the first time ever.