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# Event Agenda

ABMA-IAATE 2026 Annual Conference

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## Saturday, March 28, 2026

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**                      **Registration**  
Location: 4th Floor Registration Office

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## Sunday, March 29, 2026

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**                      **Registration**  
Location: 4th Floor Registration Office

**7:45 AM - 8:00 AM**                      **Bus Loading for Pre-Conference Trip**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**                      **Pre-Conference Workshop: The Fine Art of Training Animals and Producing Inspirational Public Programs**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Steve Martin

**9:15 AM - 3:00 PM**                      **Pre-Conference Trip to Louisville Zoo**  
Location: Louisville Zoo

**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**                      **Registration**  
Location: 4th Floor Registration Office

**2:45 PM - 3:00 PM**                      **Bus loading to hotel from Louisville**

**5:45 PM - 6:00 PM**                      **Board bus for Icebreaker**

**6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**                      **Icebreaker**  
Location: Newport Aquarium

**9:00 PM - 10:30 PM**                      **Buses to hotel**

**10:00 PM - 11:59 PM**                      **Hospitality Suite**  
Location: Room TBD

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## Monday, March 30, 2026

**8:00 AM - 8:30 AM**                      **Registration**  
Location: 4th Floor Registration Office

**8:30 AM - 8:45 AM**                      **Welcome**  
Location: Pavillion

**8:45 AM - 9:00 AM**                      **Behavior Training Showcase**  
Location: Pavillion

**9:00 AM - 10:15 AM**                      **Keynote**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Thane Maynard

**10:15 AM - 10:30 AM**                      **Break**

<b>10:15 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Raffle Table Open</b>
<b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Evolution of Ambassador Bird Selection from Wildlife Rehabilitation</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Kit Lacy
<b>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Re-Moo-ving Barriers: Connecting Traditional Cattle Handling and Positive Reinforcement Training</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Addison Morris
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>A tail of two snakes: A case study comparing four training techniques for ambassador black banded trinket snakes (Oreocryptophis porphyraceus)</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Brett Williams
<b>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Raffle Table Open</b>
<b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Poster Session</b>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Mastering Motivation: Partner with Animals for Training Success</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Wouter Stellaard
<b>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Integrative Training Strategy for Bobcats: Leveraging Short-Term Anxiolytic Support for Long-Term Behavioral Success</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Jennifer Ottaway
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Raffle Table Open</b>
<b>3:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Are you not entertained?! Open-source solutions for automated enrichment opportunities.</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Ryan Talbot
<b>4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Zero Days Off and a Thousand Zip Ties: Behind the Scenes of Wild Farm</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Sara Pierobon
<b>4:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Choice, Consent, Confidence: Empowering a Bonded Pair of Fearful Hornbills for Husbandry Training Through Training &amp; Enrichment</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Lara Joseph
<b>5:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Registration</b> Location: 4th Floor Registration Office
<b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b>	<b>ABMA Member Business Meeting</b> Location: Pavillion
<b>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Professional Development Night</b> Location: Caprice
<b>7:00 PM - 11:59 PM</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> Location: Room TBD

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## Tuesday, March 31, 2026

- 7:30 AM - 8:15 PM**      **Registration**  
Location: 4th Floor Registration Office
- 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM**      **Behavior Training Showcase**  
Location: Pavillion
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**      **Voluntary Cognitive Testing Reveals Quantity Discrimination in Domestic Rabbits**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Zoë D'Agostino
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**      **Three Way Communication: Creating Clear Contingencies for Learners in Training Sessions with Multiple Trainers**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Amy Schilz
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM**      **Three's A Crowd? Benefits of Training Social Animals in a Multi-Animal Group with One Trainer**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Sarah ivkovich
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Break**
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Raffle Table Open**
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**      **Flies in my eyes: training a bison to wear a fly mask**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Robin Petersen
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Oh My, What Big Teeth You Have! The Art of Socializing Mature Male Cynomolgus Macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) and How to Apply This Information to Other Species**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Heidi Moomaw
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**      **A Holistic Approach to Managing Aggression and Improving Welfare in a Male Wattled Crane**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Norma Krebs
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM**      **Raffle Table Open**
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**      **Lunch**
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM**      **Poster Session**
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**      **Brain, Body, and Environment: A Deeper Dive into Freeing the Operant**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Rick Hester
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**      **Break**
- 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM**      **Raffle Table Open**
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM**      **BMF Recipient: Training for Trust: Collaborative Training for Voluntary Tethering in Asian Elephants**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speaker: Tzu Ying Lee
- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM**      **Physical Therapy for three pigs, a cheetah, and a tortoise**  
Location: Pavillion  
Speakers: Eunice Frahm, Andie Haugen

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Diving in Headfirst: Using Operant Conditioning to Increase Natural Behavior in Southern Rockhopper Penguins</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Bekira Rabinowitz
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Recovery of Deceased Alligator through Positive Reinforcement Training</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Robin Ryan
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>Raffle Table Open</b>
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>Silent Auction</b> Location: Hall of Mirrors
9:00 PM - 11:59 PM	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> Location: Room TBD

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## Wednesday, April 01, 2026

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Bus Loading</b>
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>Cincinnati Zoo Day</b> Location: Cincinnati Zoo
9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Flying Free Workshop</b> Location: Tree Tops 1
9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Cooperative Care</b> Location: Tree Tops 2
9:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Spread Wing Prep</b> Location: Tree Tops 3
11:30 AM - 11:35 AM	<b>Group Photo</b>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Bird Show</b>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch Provided</b> Location: Picnic Shelters
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Buses to hotel</b>
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Dinner</b>
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Flying Free Workshop</b>
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Cooperative Care</b>
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Spread Wing Prep</b>
9:00 PM - 11:59 PM	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> Location: Room TBD

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## Thursday, April 02, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b> Location: 4th Floor Registration Office
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<b>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Behavior Training Showcase</b>
<b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Buckets To Big Picture: From Keeper Skills To Leadership Thrills</b> Location: Pavillion Speakers: Kaleigh Jablonski-Trujillo, Melanie Kuse
<b>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>"Another Good Day!"</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Becca Wyatt
<b>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>What Are the Limitations? It's Not the Science.</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Bianca Papadopoulos
<b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b> Location: 4th Floor Registration Office
<b>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>The Power of Failure</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Sharon Clay
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>From Grade School to the Pros: A Useful Tool to Evaluate Training Skill</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Steve Martin
<b>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>IAATE Open Board Meeting</b> Location: Caprice 1&2 or 3&4
<b>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>ABMA Committee Meeting</b> Location: Caprice 1&2 or 3&4
<b>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Poster Session</b>
<b>2:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b>	<b>No Bad Days in Training: An evaluation of the relationship between training and behavior of a Malayan tiger (Panthera tigris jacksoni)</b> Location: Pavillion Speakers: Alex Riley, Michelle Kuchle
<b>2:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Minimizing Equipment to Maximize Welfare</b> Location: Pavillion Speakers: Alexandra Goguen, Morgan Bryson
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Raffle Table Open</b>
<b>3:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>"Turning Guests into Partners: Leveraging Guest Interaction for Voluntary Medical Care"</b> Location: Pavillion Speakers: Sydney Amend, Omar Luna
<b>4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Building Resilience in Animals from Anemones to Zebra</b> Location: Pavillion Speaker: Heidi Hellmuth
<b>4:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Is it time yet? Increasing foraging opportunities for Japanese macaques</b> Location: Pavillion Speakers: Mary Schmidt, Rachel Peters
<b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**      **Pre-Dinner Cocktails**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**      **Raffle Table Open**

**6:30 PM - 10:00 PM**      **Banquet**  
Location: Hall of Mirrors

**7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**      **Dinner Service**  
Location: Hall of Mirrors

**10:00 PM - 11:59 PM**      **Hospitality Suite**  
Location: Room TBD

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## **Friday, April 03, 2026**

**8:00 AM - 8:15 AM**      **Bus loading**

**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**      **Post Conference Trip**  
Location: The Wilds

**3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**      **Bus loading**