

Kindergarten Kats Show at LI Game Farm

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Kindergarten Kats Show Showtimes

Weekends
12:00 pm,
2:00 pm, and
4:00 pm

Weekdays
12:30 pm and
4:00 pm

The Long Island Game Farm has a new show at its amphitheater. Premiering this summer is the Kindergarten Kats show, featuring three toddler tigers.

Three baby tigers, all under 18 months old and each a different color, will be performing for crowds at the Manorville zoo amphitheater, which seats 500.

Zoo goers will be able to watch the baby tigers "learn how to learn," said renowned tiger-tamer John Campolongo, who has been hired by the zoo to put on the show.

"It's a unique show where the audience can watch the animals actually be trained," said Campolongo.

During the show, Campolongo will teach the three baby tigers all the tricks trained show tigers can do. They will learn commands and stunts, such as how to sit, stay, lick, and play with a ball.

Also part of the show are a pair of two male baby lions who are on view in a cage next to the amphitheater. At the site, zoo visitors will be able to hear lectures on the importance of saving endangered lion and tiger species.

"We are very pleased to have the Kindergarten

Kats at the Game Farm for the first time this year," said Diane Novak, co-owner of the Long Island Game Farm.

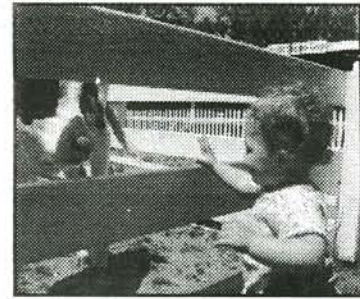
"John Campolongo is a wonderful performer and we are quite excited to watch these tigers and they mature under his training."

Aside from seeing the baby tigers and lions in action, zoo goers can check out the many other park's featured animals, such as its 18-foot giraffe, named Gerry, red kangaroos, Barbadoes sheep, peacocks, and lemurs, which were born and bred on Long Island.

Most animals at the zoo can be pet and fed, including ducklings, baby goats, sheep, and deer.

Aside from visiting the zoo, parents can enroll their children in the zoo's Camp Zoo, which runs in week-long sessions through July and August.

The camp is open to children between the ages of 4 and 14. Throughout their camp experience, the campers will go on zoo tours, get up-close



encounters with animals and go on nature walks. There is also, of course, crafts and sing-alongs.

For more information on the zoo and its camping programs, call 878-6644.

