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Ijams Nature Center Reenvisions Twilight at Ijams Fundraiser Sept. 8

(KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 8/22/2024)—Ijams Nature Center’s largest annual fundraiser is leveling up, and it promises to be an event like no other.

Twilight at Ijams presented by Clayton on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 6-9 p.m. will feature curated, interactive vignettes and art installations at various locations along the paved Universal Trail and Plaza.

There will be opportunities to listen to and learn about bats, explore aquatic worlds, and more while enjoying a Southern feast of fresh, local bites and signature cocktails.

“Ijams is a special place that offers many ways to connect with nature,” CEO and President Amber Parker said. “Education and community-building are at the heart of everything here, which is why we wanted to include these elements in this year’s program.

“People will enjoy authentic experiences with nature and science, engage with cool art, and build community with other nature-loving folks during activities that will even include a campfire with a gourmet s’mores bar, all while supporting a place people care about,” she said.

This year’s entertainment will be provided by The Tennessee Sheiks, dancing is highly encouraged, and there will be fun surprises. Parker said the event’s online auction will open Aug. 30 to allow anyone to participate, even if they can’t attend the event.

“Ijams is loved by people around the world,” Parker said. “We wanted to offer everyone a way to participate in the festivities and support Ijams.”

Individual tickets for the Twilight Celebration from 6-9 p.m. are \$175. VIP packages are available for four and eight people, and feature reserved seating, early check-in, premium parking, and a VIP Cocktail Party from 5-6 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual event help Ijams Nature Center welcome more than 620,000 visitors annually, offer hundreds of educational programs, and restore and maintain more than 318 acres of protected land in the heart of Knoxville.

The deadline to get tickets is Aug. 31. To reserve tickets or make a donation to support Ijams, visit ijams.org/twilight-at-ijams.

Twilight at Ijams is presented by Clayton and sponsored by Ergon Terminaling Inc., MHM Architects, Regal, The Trust Company of Tennessee, Earthadelic, Harper Auto Square, Hedstrom Landscape and Design, Hope Neurology PLLC, Knoxville Beverage Company, Lowe Yeager & Brown PLLC, Messer Construction Co., Pilot Company, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Robin Easter Design, Ross/Fowler Landscape Architecture, Urban Design & Planning, theoleo, and Wallace Farmstead.

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