

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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**“Hey Boo Boo, let’s go steal some pic-a-nic baskets!”  
Bears raid a “backyard picnic” at  
Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by  
Brown Bear Car Wash**



**WHAT:** Grizzly bear brothers Keema and Denali will do what Yogi Bear and Boo Boo do best: steal pic-a-nic baskets! Watch the bears raid a mock backyard picnic in their exhibit, except without the careless picnic-goers: checkered tablecloths, barbecue grill, coolers, hamburgers, hot dogs, cupcakes and other picnic fare. The grizzlies will remind us what happens when food and garbage aren’t stored properly in territory shared with bears and other native wildlife.

**The press will have access to the roof overlooking the bear exhibit for the picnic demonstration from 11:00 a.m.- noon**

The backyard scenario is a part of Woodland Park Zoo’s **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash**. Get tips on how to bear-proof your yard or camp site!

**WHO:** The zoo’s grizzlies are 21-year-old brothers, Keema and Denali. Currently weighing 750 pounds apiece, the bears arrived at the zoo in 1994 from Washington State University, which maintains a small collection to conduct a long-term study on bear nutrition.

**WHEN:** **Backyard picnic demonstration: Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m.-noon**  
**Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash: Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:** The rooftop of the grizzly bear exhibit in Woodland Park Zoo’s award-winning Northern Trail. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. or proceed to the exhibit’s viewing shelter. **Traffic cones will mark a few reserved parking spots for the press in the Otter Lot, first come, first serve.**

**INFO:** In commemoration of Bear Awareness Week, proclaimed by Governor Jay Inslee to be May 31-June 6, 2015, Bear Affair puts the spotlight on bears, wolves, raptors and other Pacific Northwest wildlife. Practice carnivore awareness by learning what these animals need to survive in the wild, how to help keep them safe and what humans can do to peacefully co-exist. Meet zoo staff and volunteers, and conservation and community partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest and National Park Service. Karelian bear dogs will be back to demonstrate how the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife partner dogs play an essential role in training nuisance bears and cougars to avoid human contact.

A complete schedule of activities can be found at  
<http://www.zoo.org/bearaffair>.

**COST:** **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash** is free with zoo admission or membership. For information, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) for information or call 206.548.2500.

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