

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Woodland Park Zoo 2014 Calendar of Events

(All events are free with zoo admission or membership unless noted otherwise.
Information is subject to change.)



February 8

Valentine's Day Celebration, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Otters, red pandas, snow leopards, gorillas and other animals at Woodland Park Zoo celebrate Cupid's holiday the wild way with heart-shaped ice pops made of fruit juice, honey, strawberries and cranberries, herbal bouquets, heart-shaped steaks and more animal favorites. The romantic treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

March 1

Rose Pruning Demonstration at Woodland Park Rose Garden, noon-3:00 p.m.

Need tips on pruning roses, using proper tools and more? Come to the Woodland Park Rose Garden for the annual rose pruning demonstration hosted by the Seattle Rose Society. Learn about roses and how to care for them, get answers to your questions by rosarians, and hear a discussion about Woodland Park Zoo's organic management and IPM techniques used in the Rose Garden. Admission to demonstration and Rose Garden: Free. Zoo parking fee applies.

March 19

Thrive, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Sheraton Downtown Seattle Hotel

Join Thrive Co-Chairs, Maryanne Tagney-Jones and Margaret Wetherald, and Woodland Park Zoo President and CEO, Dr. Deborah Jensen, for breakfast to learn how Woodland Park Zoo is helping to protect animals and their habitats right here in our own backyard. Special guest speaker is Chris Morgan, TV host and founder of Western Wildlife Outreach. For more than 20 years, Chris has worked as a wildlife researcher, guide and educator on every continent where bears exist. Under his leadership, Western Wildlife Outreach (formerly known as Grizzly Bear Outreach Project) has garnered much acclaim as a model of effective carnivore education in the North Cascades and Selkirk Mountains. Chris has also hosted numerous television specials, including PBS NATURE's *Siberian Tiger Quest* and *Bears of the Last Frontier*, BBC / Discovery's *Great Bear Stakeout*, and Wildlife Media's *BEARTREK*. For information, contact Katie Klump at 206.548.2421 or katie.klump@zoo.org.

April 19

Bunny Bounce and Easter Baskets for the Animals, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Hop, skip and jump to Woodland Park Zoo for the 13th annual Bunny Bounce, featuring amazing egg hunts for children ages 1-8, crafts, bunny encounters, and eggs-citing zoo programs throughout the day. Space may be limited. Each egg hunt is open on a first-come, first-served basis. Gorillas, elephants, grizzlies and more nibble on specially made Easter baskets lined with flowers, berries and other favorite treats. The special treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

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- May 1 **Summer Hours: 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily through September 30**
- May 1 **Debut of New Animals: Cheetahs**
Think fast! Woodland Park Zoo introduces a pair of the fastest land mammals in the animal kingdom. Two cheetahs will serve as SSP (Species Survival Plan) ambassadors to the zoo in a new, exciting exhibit coming this summer. Join Woodland Park Zoo in welcoming the cheetahs to their new home and learn about the zoo's role in helping endangered animals from all over the world.
- May 10 **Early Morning Bird Walk, 6:45-9:00 a.m.**
In celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, take a guided tour on zoo grounds with a keeper and learn firsthand about the wild birds that call Woodland Park Zoo home, and those that make it a temporary home during their annual migration. Zookeepers and expert staff will be your guides, giving natural history and birding tips to participants of all ages and levels of experience. The walk will last approximately two hours. Please bring binoculars and weather-appropriate clothing. A light breakfast of pastries and coffee will be served. Cost: \$20 per adult non-zoo member; \$10 per adult zoo member. Children 12 and under are free. Reservations are required. RSVP by emailing Eric.Kowalczyk@zoo.org. Space is limited.
- May 10 **Mom & Me at the Zoo, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
Celebrate Mother's Day with the 24th annual Mom & Me at the Zoo. Moms and families enjoy lots of fun activities on the North Meadow. Moms receive half-price admission to the zoo on the day of the event.
- June-August **BECU ZooTunes presented by Carter Subaru Concert Series**
The ever-popular summer concert series is back for its 31st year, still offering the best concert bargain in the Pacific Northwest. Top artists and singer-songwriters perform outdoors in the zoo's North Meadow with festival seating. Blankets, low-backed chairs and picnic baskets are welcome. ZooTunes concert tickets go on sale at zoo.org/zootunes in April.
- June 7 **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
What does it mean to live in the Pacific Northwest with wildlife in our own backyard? What happens when you don't store food properly or haphazardly leave garbage around while camping in bear country? Get a glimpse of the results as Woodland Park Zoo's popular grizzly bear brothers tear into a campsite, and learn what steps you can take to properly bear-proof your surroundings. Hear keeper talks with special enrichment treats for bears, wolves, raptors and more, and learn what these Pacific Northwest animals need in order to survive in the wild and peacefully co-exist with humans.
- July 2-3 **Red, White & Zoo, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**
It's a Fourth of July picnic as Woodland Park Zoo's animals – orangutans, jaguars, hippos, elephants and more – are treated to star-shaped popsicles, watermelons or corn on the cob in celebration of Red, White & Zoo. Hear zookeepers talk about how treats and other activities are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally stimulated and engage visitors.

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July 11

**Woodland Park Zoo's 38th Annual Jungle Party, 5:00-10:00 p.m.
(Zoo closes early at 3:00 p.m.)**

It's Woodland Park Zoo's 38th Annual Jungle Party! Nearly 1,000 of the Northwest's civic and philanthropic leaders come together on the zoo's North Meadow to indulge in an evening of festivities including fun-filled bidding on several hundred exciting auction items and experiences during the silent and live auctions, a colorful reception, live entertainment, up-close animal experiences for patron guests, a lavish sit-down dinner and open bars. The fundraiser, which raised \$1.65 million in 2013, supports the zoo's animal care, conservation and education programs. For more information, visit zoo.org/jungleparty.

July 25

Tasting Flight Wine Event at the Zoo, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Uncork some of the Northwest's finest boutique wines at Woodland Park Zoo's Tasting Flight after hours, adults only event. Winemakers will be on hand to answer questions and give tips to make the most of your tasting experiences. Additional tastings, full bottles of your favorite selections, and small bites will also be available for purchase at the event. Must be 21 and over to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the zoo. Visit zoo.org/wine for ticket information.

August 9

Asian Wildlife Conservation Day, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Asian Wildlife Conservation Day illustrates how the zoo's partnerships are helping to save the endangered wildlife of Asia and bringing life sustaining commerce to indigenous families. Learn more about issues like logging and palm oil, and how your choices and actions can help to save orangutans, Asian elephants, hornbills, tree kangaroos and other endangered animals. The day is filled with activities including keeper talks, face painting (additional fees), crafts and more.

October 1

Winter Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily through April 30

October 2

Brew at the Zoo, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The fabulous tasting event features micro brews and ciders at this adults-only evening. Held in the zoo's Rain Forest Food Pavilion and Zoomazium, the event also features food and entertainment to "top off" your evening. Must be 21 and over to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the zoo. Visit zoo.org/brew for ticket information.

October 25-26

Pumpkin Bash and Trick-or-Treating, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pumpkins for the animals, trick-or-treating, and more are in store for little goblins and ghosts at Woodland Park Zoo's family-friendly Pumpkin Bash. Discover a repertoire of animal behavior as hippos, bears, elephants, monkeys, and other animals crunch, smash or stomp on pumpkins! The pumpkins are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

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- November 11 **Veterans Day Discount**
They serve, they defend, they protect, they sacrifice, and Woodland Park Zoo salutes them. In honor of those who put themselves at risk in service to their community and country, the zoo extends free admission to all active, retired, and veteran U.S. military personnel and their spouses with valid service identification on Veterans Day. Veterans Day discounts cannot be combined with other offers or zoo discounts.
- November 22 **Turkey Toss, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**
The zoo's carnivores chow down on raw, store-prepared turkeys at the annual Turkey Toss. The turkey treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo visitors.
- November 28 -
January 3 **WildLights, 5:30-8:30 nightly**
See the zoo in a whole new light during Woodland Park Zoo's WildLights. WildLights features wild animals and wild places recreated in thousands of sparkling LED lights inspired by exotic destinations from across the globe, including "Northern Lights," "The Water Hole" and "Jungle Lights." The sparkling, after-hours event will kick off November 29 and continue through January 1, 5:30-8:30 nightly. WildLights will be closed December 24 and 25. Visit zoo.org/wildlights for ticket information.
- December 13-15,
20-22 **Winter Celebration, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**
Some animals hibernate during the winter, but you don't have to! Celebrate winter by taking a wildlife trek at Woodland Park Zoo's Winter Celebration. Discover a repertoire of animal behavior as animals munch on holiday-themed treats such as wreaths with assorted fruit, evergreen trees with ornamental fruit, and boughs and wrapped boxes. Winter Celebration is part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

General information

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily October 1 through April 30, and 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily May 1 through September 30. The zoo is open every day except Christmas Day.

Admission: October 1-April 30: Adult (13-64) \$12.75; Child (3-12) \$8.75. May 1-September 30: Adult (13-64) \$18.75; Child (3-12) \$11.75. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with physical disabilities receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round.

Parking: \$5.25. Parking is limited. Consider taking the bus, biking, walking or carpooling. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. For bus service to the zoo, visit: www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

Location: Enter through the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.

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