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**BANYAN WILDS**

**MEET THE TIGERS:** LIEM, EKO & OLAN!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you for supporting our historic **More Wonder More Wild** campaign!

Dear Friends,

When I think about the plight of wildlife, I recall the great writer and world peace advocate Norman Cousins, who once said: “The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter.”

After years of research, design and construction, we’re proud to bring you the best, new way to nourish your compassion – and act on it -- to save one of the world’s most endangered animals.

Tigers are back! Banyan Wilds is the most ambitious, naturalistic exhibit we’ve created since 1996, thanks to a whole lot of help from you – our members, donors, sponsors – indeed, the entire community. You’ll be proud of this state-of-the-art wildlife experience with amazing, up-close animal experiences, sweeping rock and water features, custom designed to species-specific needs.

Banyan Wilds is a place of hope for wildlife, and for people, too. It has transformed the heart of our zoo into a ground zero for saving tigers. Our timing is key. Scientists estimate that we could lose this venerable feline from the planet in less than 20 years. Our conservation partnership with Panthera and Malaysian colleagues already has a talented, dedicated team of boots on the ground, working with local communities to protect tigers from poachers and habitat loss and bring the Malayan tiger back from the brink.

It takes a big team to save this big cat. I invite you to Show Your Stripes of support by joining our tiger conservation action campaign. Enjoy colorful tiger art tours in Seattle and the Eastside. Enter our #IHEARTTIGERS social media contest. Come to our wildest, big-cat themed Jungle Party ever on July 10. And get the young ones involved in our Wild Science! Summer of Learning partnership with Seattle Public Library.

From all of us at the zoo, a roaring thank you.

*Deborah B. Jensen*

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SUMMER IS HERE

And with it comes later hours (we’re open from 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. until October 1); a brand new exhibit featuring Malayan tigers and sloth bears which will join your favorite Asian small-clawed otter family in Banyan Wilds; and a host of summer activities including daily giraffe feedings, keeper talks across the zoo and special events like our rockin’ BECU ZooTunes presented by Carter Subaru concerts and wildly popular Bear Affair. Thank you for making Woodland Park Zoo a big part of your summer adventures—we can’t wait to see you!



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WOODLAND PARK ZOO SAVES ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS THROUGH CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGING EXPERIENCES, INSPIRING PEOPLE TO LEARN, CARE AND ACT.

ZOO HOURS

SPRING/SUMMER  
May 1 – September 30  
9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

FALL/WINTER  
October 1 – April 30  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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ON THE COVER

A Malayan tiger graces our cover in celebration of the grand opening of our newest exhibit, Banyan Wilds. The most ambitious project in over a decade, this new exhibit brings Malayan tigers to Seattle for the first time; joining sloth bears, Asian small-clawed otters and the great argus in an immersive Asian tropical landscape.



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# MALAYAN TIGER



Dennis Dow, WPZ

With the opening of our newest exhibit, **Banyan Wilds**, we've welcomed three young Malayan tigers to Woodland Park Zoo. It's difficult to put into words how precious these individual creatures are, not only in our care, but precious in their very existence. When we began this immense project just a few years ago—the exhibit design, the Tigers Forever: Kenyir-Taman Negara, Malaysia Project and our Show Your Stripes advocacy campaign—we were under the impression that only 500 Malayan tigers were left in the wild. A daunting statistic. Since then, researchers and camera traps have revealed that number is less; instead, there may only be around 350 individuals that remain.

By Kirsten Pisto, Editor

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

We can work with 27 other Association of Zoos and Aquariums zoos within the Malayan tiger Species Survival Plan to assure genetic diversity in a captive population of 59 animals and growing. We can build strong partnerships with organizations like Panthera, the Malayan government as well as local police and conservation rangers (see pages 10-11). We can support sustainable agriculture in tiger territory through the products in our homes. We can promise to never purchase illegal animal products. We can appreciate the tiger for the majestic and awe-inspiring beast that it is. We can teach our children to love and respect them. As a community, we can fall in love with tigers.

Almost as important as the tangible boots on the ground are our reverence for and awareness of these highly endangered cats that are—by the way—completely within the realm of saving if we act together, and act quickly. As an umbrella species and ambassador for countless animals and plants that share their habitat, these fierce creatures are quite capable of coming back from the brink of extinction. Given a chance, the Malayan tiger will rebound—ferocious, kingly, majestic, and precious indeed.

## KEY FACTS

**SPECIES:** *Panthera tigris jacksoni*

**SIZE:** One of the smallest subspecies; 7-8 feet long; avg. female weighs 220 lb., avg. male weighs 260 lb.

**DIET:** Sambar and barking deer and wild boar are the main prey species. Occasionally a sun bear, elephant calf or domestic livestock will be taken.

**POPULATION:** 350 or fewer remain in the wild.

**LIFE EXPECTANCY:** 15 years in the wild; 18 to 20 or more in zoos.

**HABITAT:** Tropical rain forests of Southern and central Malay Peninsula.



## THE GREATEST THREAT: HUMANS

**Poaching** – the greatest threat to tigers is the demand for illegal products bought and sold in the black market. Used in folk medicine in China and other East Asian countries, tiger body parts remain an alluring and lucrative market for poachers. Bolstered by organized crime, poachers are increasingly zealous. Although most countries have cracked down on the illegal trade, the demand for paws, skin, fur, whiskers, bones, tails, claws and blood could very well be the end of tigers in the wild—unless we work together to stop the poaching and curb the demand for these illegal animal products.

**Deforestation** – while about 45% of the Malay Peninsula forest cover remains and provides suitable tiger habitat, there is increasing agricultural growth near the forests and thoroughfares that connect tiger territory in the region. Ultimately, the clear-cut practice of big farming—most notably palm oil plantations—poses the largest threat to tiger habitat. Fragmentation of habitat leads to a lack of genetic diversity, breeding difficulty and loss of prey resources. The impact of slash and burn agriculture not only destroys habitat for tigers and prey species, it also assails local human health with respiratory symptoms caused by smog and pollution.

## ALL TIGERS ARE ENDANGERED

At the turn of the 20th century there were around 100,000 tigers in the wild. Today, we estimate there are only 3,200 individual tigers remaining in the wild. 40% of tiger habitat has disappeared in the last 15 years.



Of the nine subspecies, three became extinct in the 20th century.



**Bali** (*P.t. balica*)  
**Caspian** (*P.t. virgata*)  
**Javan** (*P.t. sondaica*)



One subspecies is “functionally extinct” with only a few dozen left in the wild.



**The South China tiger**  
(*P.t. amoyensis*)



Only five highly endangered subspecies remain.



**Amur/Siberian** (*P.t. altaica*)  
**Bengal/Indian** (*P.t. tigris*)  
**Indochinese** (*P.t. corbetti*)  
**Sumatran** (*P.t. sumatrae*)  
**Malayan** (*P.t. jacksoni*)



Dennis Dow, WPZ

### WATER CATS

Malayan tigers are powerful swimmers and often spend the heat of the day resting in cool streams or pools.



Dennis Dow, WPZ

### SOLITARY, BUT SOCIAL

Tigers are solitary creatures by nature, but that doesn't mean they aren't social.



# BANYAN WILDS

## THE NEW HEART OF THE ZOO

Step into Banyan Wilds and discover a forest teeming with life. Luscious bamboo pathways wind towards a large strangler fig which sits at the very heart of the new exhibit; its aerial roots and buttresses reaching overhead. A tiger wades into a pool as children spy its orange stripes from behind a wall of bamboo—seemingly the only barrier between visitor and cat. Sloth bears lounge on monolithic rock formations or feed from termite mounds with real insect feeders. A field house offers audible snippets from the people who live and work in the forest.

Their shoes, carefully placed outside the structure, are a reminder that both wildlife and people share the jungle here.

The blueprint for this ambitious new exhibit reads like a walk through the forest, at each vista the visitor is shown a glimpse of a larger story. Each element—tiger pool, sloth bear den, caretaker’s place, field house, Asian-small clawed otter spring and palm oil plantation—is a sliver of life in the Asian tropical forest. Deliberately composed, these tangible features form what we hope is a lesson in living landscapes. These vignettes of a larger landscape, and our very human way of

categorizing what does and doesn’t belong in the wild is at play. There is a word, “purlieu,” that describes the edge of the forest—the space between wild and tame. Banyan Wilds asks us, what if this space is folded into the heart of the forest itself where resources are shared by animals and people?

From the texture on a single vine to the shadows made by a forest gate, our interpretive team has poured over each and every detail in this immersive new space. Designers have drawn from the rich landscapes of India (where sloth bears reign), the Malay Peninsula (where tigers reign) and 12 South Asian countries in between (Asian small-clawed otters are found throughout South Asia). These regions are also home to Asian elephants, tapirs, civets and numerous wild cat, primate and bird species. Banyan Wilds invites you to witness the diversity of Asia’s tropical forests and contemplate the crossroads we face in learning to coexist with wildlife in an ever-changing landscape.

With features that allow keepers to perform state-of-the-art animal care and enhanced enrichment opportunities, the exhibit is also an occasion to showcase and celebrate our commitment to animal health and excellence in zookeeping. A jostle tree built especially for a curious tiger, hot rocks that makes a tiger’s poolside nap just a bit more relaxing, a termite mound full of grubs for a snacking sloth bear—the new exhibit serves to please our animal residents most of all.

When you visit we hope you’ll be inspired to connect with our animals and their story, leaving with a better knowledge of how truly linked we are to their world.

By Kirsten Pisto, Editor

Gifts from more than 1,250 individuals, families, foundations and corporations made this exhibit possible.



Ryan Hawk, WPZ



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ



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Banyan Wilds marks the return of tigers to Woodland Park Zoo, and the first time the Malayan tiger subspecies has been exhibited here. Tigers will push and scratch trees in search of a treat, or curl up for a nap under the shade of a banyan tree. A training wall will assist keepers with health checks while guests are able to watch the interaction. Hot rocks next to the pool provide a perfect spot for a cat nap. The new exhibit is designed to allow visitors to get closer than ever to these amazing cats.

Lounging on a log or searching for honey and insects, you'll find two female sloth bears and a newly arrived male at home in Banyan Wilds.

The dense jungle landscapes of South Asia inspired our team of exhibit designers and horticulture staff. In the tiger exhibit a stream leads to a tiger pool and becomes a dry river bed across the visitor path with tapir and tiger tracks. This design trick gives the illusion that guests are sharing the space with tigers.



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ



CARE TAKERS ACTION STATION



Ryan Hawk, WPZ



Dennis Dow, WPZ



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AT WOODLAND PARK ZOO

BEAR AFFAIR: LIVING NORTHWEST CONSERVATION  
presented by Brown Bear Car Wash..... **JUNE 6**

\***BECU ZOOTUNES** presented by Carter Subaru  
CONCERT SERIES ..... **JUNE – AUGUST**

**RED, WHITE & ZOO** ..... **JULY 1 – 2**

\***JUNGLE PARTY** ..... **JULY 10**

\***TASTING FLIGHT WINE EVENT**  
presented by Fred Meyer and QFC..... **JULY 24**

**ASIAN WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION DAY** ..... **AUGUST 8**

**ZOOFARI MEMBER  
APPRECIATION NIGHT** ..... **SEPTEMBER 15**

\* Indicates a separately ticketed event. All other events are free  
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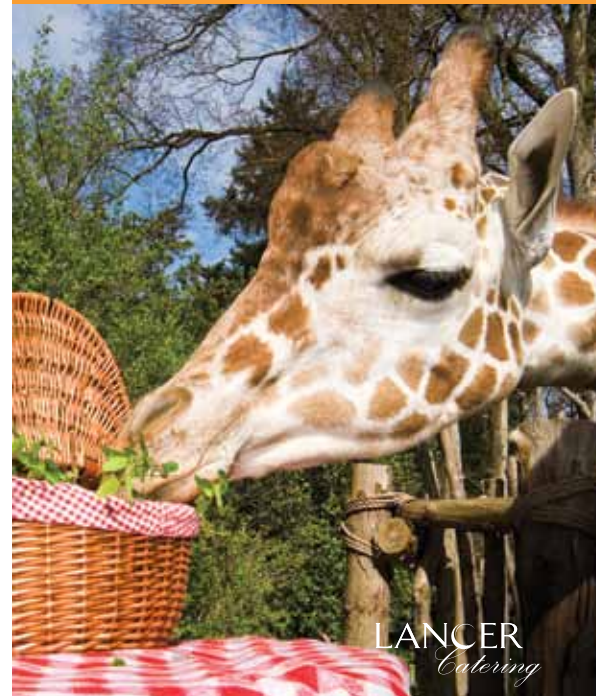
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# BECU ZOOTUNES

presented by Carter Subaru

JUNE 19 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS  
with special guest PAT SIMMONS JR.

JUNE 28 THE B-52s

JULY 12 INDIGO GIRLS

JULY 21 MELISSA ETHERIDGE & BLONDIE

JULY 22 BRUCE HORNSBY &  
THE NOISEMAKERS

JULY 26 "SWEET HARMONY SOUL" featuring  
MAVIS STAPLES, PATTY GRIFFIN & AMY HELM

JULY 29 EMMYLOU HARRIS &  
RODNEY CROWELL

AUGUST 9 ZIGGY MARLEY

AUGUST 16 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES &  
THE DEVIL MAKES THREE

AUGUST 19 KENNY LOGGINS



# TASTING FLIGHT

Wine tasting event presented by Fred Meyer and QFC

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With the arrival of our three endangered Malayan tigers, protecting wildlife in Central Malaysia is top of mind for WPZ Vice President of Field Conservation Dr. Fred Koontz. Public Affairs and Advocacy Manager Kerston Swartz sat down with Dr. Koontz to find out how WPZ is working to save these beautiful and essential animals from extinction.

*Dr. Fred Koontz and Jasdev Sohanpal, Rimba Research Assistant, in the Malaysian forest as they track tiger activity.*

Reuben Clements, WPZ

# AT THE CROSSROADS: TIGER CONSERVATION

**Kerston Swartz:** *Dr. Koontz, many animals are threatened or endangered. Why are tigers so special?*

**Dr. Fred Koontz:** Tiger numbers are declining very rapidly. We have maybe 10 years to save these large cats in many parts of their range. Conservationists think of tigers as “umbrella species,” meaning actions taken to save tigers and their habitats also result in protecting many other lesser known animals and plants. We need to save tigers because top predators are necessary for maintaining healthy ecosystems, and ultimately, functioning ecosystems will allow for a sustainable world for people and all species.

**KS:** *Even though the zoo is excited about the arrival of the Malayan tigers, they're disappearing from our planet at alarming rates. You spend a lot of time in the tropical forests of Malaysia—what are you seeing?*

**FK:** It's true—we are very concerned about the rapid loss of tigers throughout all of Asia. 100,000 tigers existed just a century ago. Today, fewer than 3,200 roam the planet. This may seem like a sustainable population, but it's deceiving. These remaining tigers are broken into small populations, far apart from one another in highly fragmented areas. Small populations eventually become extinct.

**KS:** *WPZ is committed to educating our visitors and community about the rapid deforestation for palm oil agriculture, occurring in Southeast Asia and increasingly in other parts of the world. What threats face tigers as a result of this habitat loss and forest fragmentation?*

**FK:** Tiger habitat—and remember, the same habitat supports many other animals and plants as well—has declined by 93 percent. 40 percent of that loss has occurred over the last 15 years. An expanding human population and rapid development causes people to move into tiger wild lands, leading to an increase in human/tiger conflict. We are seeing people carrying out more retaliatory killings of tigers because a tiger has attacked livestock, or worse, a human.

**KS:** *I understand illegal wildlife trafficking and poaching significantly contributes to tiger loss. Who is poaching tigers and why?*

**FK:** Tigers are poached for their skins and body parts, which are popular on the black market for ornamentation and traditional Asian medicine. In Malaysia and some other Asian countries we're seeing another type of poacher entering the forest: the agarwood tree poacher. These tree poachers are primarily illegally harvesting agarwood for incense, perfume and other aromatics, but they bring along snares to catch tigers and other animals. I believe our long vision to save tigers must include fully understanding the complexities of the illegal trade of animals and plants to improve law enforcement methods and efficiency.



**KS:** *The road to saving tigers feels daunting; is there any chance we can save them?*

**FK:** Absolutely. Biologists know tigers and other carnivores restore their populations quickly as long as humans do three things: 1) don't kill them, 2) give them space, and 3) don't kill their prey. At the same rate I'm also seeing a decline in tiger numbers I'm seeing an increase in Malaysians who care about saving them. In fact, in 2008 the Malaysian government adopted an ambitious plan for tiger recovery. The Malaysian government, conservation organizations and people are coming together to support tiger conservation. This gives me hope and inspires our work in Malaysia!

**KS:** *And one of those conservation organizations is Woodland Park Zoo! Tell me more about our work.*

**FK:** In 2012, Woodland Park Zoo and Panthera, an international leader in wild cat conservation, established a 10-year, \$1 million partnership to enhance tiger conservation in Peninsular Malaysia as part of Panthera's Tigers Forever Program. Working together with Malaysian government agencies and non-profit organizations, this collaborative project supports the National Tiger Conservation Action Plan, which aims to strengthen tiger survival by identifying breeding populations in core areas and mitigating threats from poaching and habitat fragmentation.

We are working in Peninsular Malaysia's Greater Taman Negara Region. Specifically, we provide financial and technical support to Rimba (“Jungle” in Malay) and Pemantau Hijau (“Green Monitor” in Malay), which are non-profit organizations that coordinate our on-the-ground work with Malaysia's Department of Wildlife and National Parks, state government officials, other conservation organizations and indigenous communities.

**KS:** *How do our partners help wildlife agencies be successful in their anti-poaching efforts? What tools do rangers use to catch poachers?*

**FK:** First, we find the source areas where more than 25 breeding female tigers live. These areas are usually too big for law enforcement agencies to effectively patrol, so within the source areas, we help identify core areas, which are priority hot spots for tigers that must be protected from poachers. We also assist government wildlife agencies by delivering financial support and training resources, as well as providing information we collect on human activity and animal locations. Finally, we help gauge anti-poaching methods in core areas by counting the tigers every two years. We are seeing improved law enforcement in our work areas and I am hopeful for even better results in coming months.

**KS:** *Dr. Koontz, how does it feel to walk through a forest where tigers are watching you?*

**FK:** What a humbling experience! People expect me to talk about the danger, but it is not fear that humbles me. Instead, I have found that walking among wild tigers brings our human experience down to the ground. You realize we are part of a living system with amazing complexity and beauty that is much larger than our more typical human-dominated perspectives of the world. Tigers are symbols of wilderness and wildness. To truly feel human, I believe we need this wilderness experience and living systems understanding, especially in coming years as we seek to build a more sustainable world based in alignment with ecological principles.



Fred Koontz, WPZ



# A FATHER’S LASTING LOVE FOR TIGERS

As a young boy, Greg Enell made many visits to Woodland Park Zoo with parents Gary and Lee. Trips to the zoo always made for a fun day as the family walked the entirety of the grounds, seeking peeks at the diverse mix of animals within the zoo. As they marveled at the animals, Greg and his father were always most drawn to the beauty, power and grace of the big cats.

The family patriarch, Gary imparted his love of cats, big and small, domestic and wild, to his children and grandchildren. There was always a cat or two in the Enell household. Greg recalls that his father Gary would often lift his shirtsleeves to reveal the “affectionate” scratches left by his feline friends. At the zoo, Gary’s great fondness for cats cemented the must-see visits with the lions, cougars and of course—tigers.

As a career civil engineer whose passion for tigers ran to the core, Gary always thought that the tigers deserved a better space here in Seattle, where his children, grandchildren, and every kid, could experience tigers up close. Greg recalls with some amusement that the zoo’s former tiger exhibit held a singular place in Gary’s mind, along with a singular reaction: each time the engineer would enter the old tiger exhibit, he would cringe at the 1950’s-era cement slabs, the outdated space for the large, majestic creatures and the tigers’ proclivity to hide from view in the oldest remaining part of the zoo.

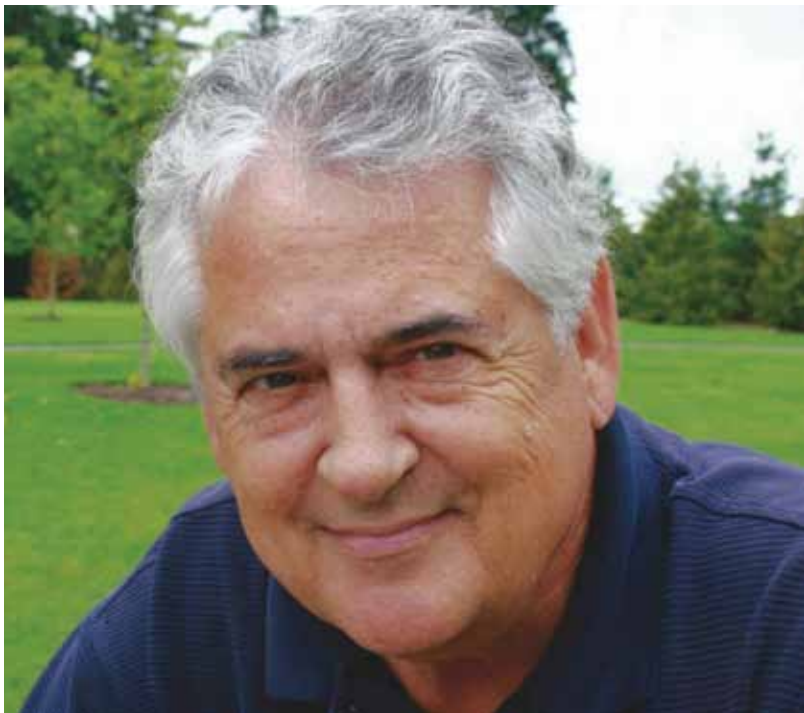
After his father’s passing in 2010, Greg, a successful entrepreneur, contemplated how he could honor Gary’s memory in a meaningful way. “I wanted to do something unique, that would mean something to Dad and make him feel proud to be associated with it,” Greg shares, “I immediately thought of trying to do something that would benefit big cats.”

When Greg learned that Woodland Park Zoo was rebuilding its tiger exhibit, he and his family worked with the zoo to identify a thoughtful space near the Banyan Tree, where Gary and his lifelong affection for big cats will be remembered and celebrated by the next generations of the Enell family, and all among us who share Gary’s love of big cats.

We thank Greg, his wife Allison, his mother Lee, and the entire Enell family, for honoring Woodland Park Zoo as a special place to help carry Gary’s legacy and, in turn, providing the philanthropic support to help transform the heart of the zoo into a new home for tigers that, we hope, Gary would have loved.



Photos courtesy of the Enell family.



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Woodland Park Zoo’s North Meadow  
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THE  
ROOTS OF BANYAN WILDS

With their twisted roots reaching from the shadow-drenched forest floor up to the sun speckled jungle canopy, the ficus trees of tropical Asia are as much figures for biodiversity as they are a home to the innumerable flora and fauna that rely on their looming branches. What better characters to play a central role in our new Banyan Wilds exhibit than these incredible, adaptable and massively awesome species.

Native to India, spread throughout tropical Asia and found all over the world in places like Hawaii and Florida, these gigantic strangler figs are hard to miss. Often referred to as “banyan,” there are over 1,000 species of ficus worldwide and at least 100 species in Peninsular Malaysia alone. Banyans are mostly epiphytic

plants—starting out when their seeds, often times dropped by birds, germinate in protected crevices of a host tree or on structures like buildings and bridges. Young saplings send out string roots that eventually cover or “strangle” their host. When the tree is older, the trunk gains tremendous width by sending out aerial roots that reach the ground and ultimately bond with the main trunk. Because of its aerial root system, a single banyan can cover as much as a few acres by itself.

The leaves of ficus are a glossy dark green and quite leathery, providing shade for many animals and people too. The ficus is a sacred symbol of eternal life in both Hindu and Buddhist cultures, and is often planted near temples. People have found many uses for the banyan tree, from a

rubber produced by its milk sap to paper, medicinal and herbal products as well as shellac, ropes, fiber, hair conditioner and even toothpicks.

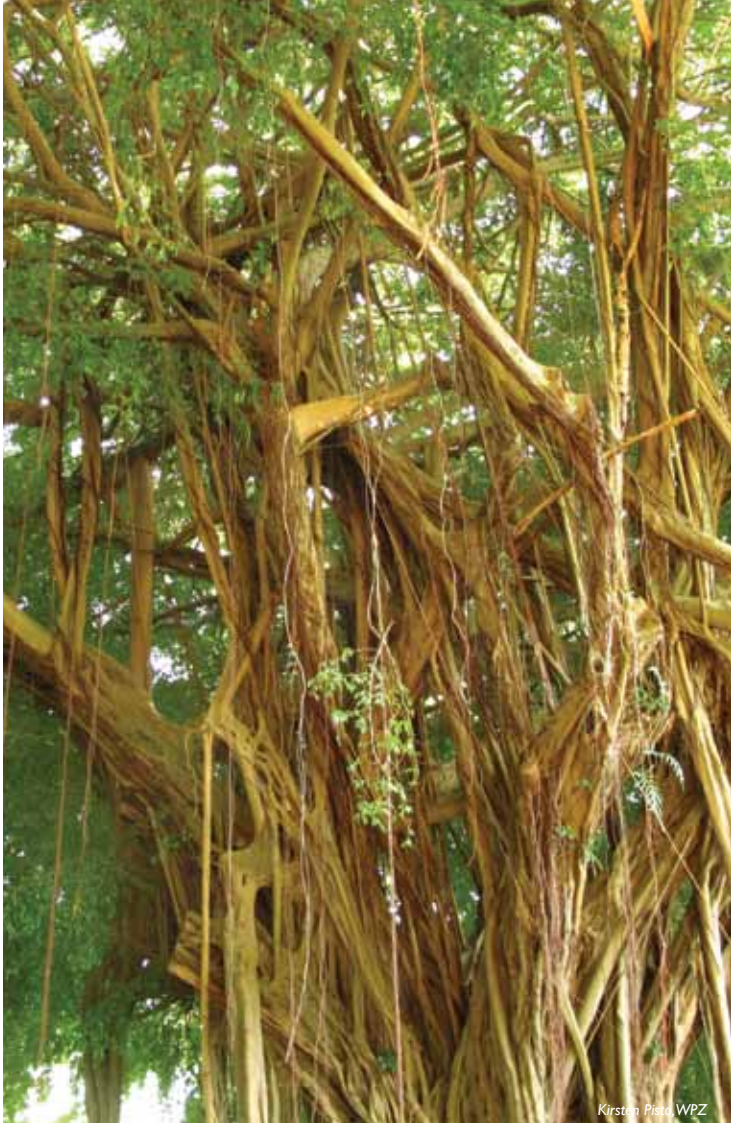
In the tropical jungles, where plants are competing for sunlight and water on the forest floor, the banyan has an advantage by being an aggressive and opportunistic grower. Not affected by the digestive tracks of birds or monkeys, the fig’s tiny seeds are deposited high in other trees by animal droppings. There the seeds germinate, at first slowly gathering nutrients from the sun, rain and leaf litter that share space in the crevices of the host tree. The young saplings then send out snake-like roots that dangle towards the floor. Once they reach the ground, the roots dig in and a growth spurt begins!

A strong root network encircles the host tree and fuses together, often killing the host and leaving behind a hollow center—a favorite hiding place for many jungle dwellers.

Ficus are often considered a keystone species because of the hundreds of animals that rely on its sweet fruits and leaves as a major part of their diet. Banyans bear fruit several times a year, so there is always a food supply. A large variety of herbivores and omnivores rely on the reddish brown fruit, and the number of fruit eaters also determines the number of predators the forest can sustain. The trees also serve as habitat for many insects, birds, bats and others that make their home in the protected nooks between its twisted roots.

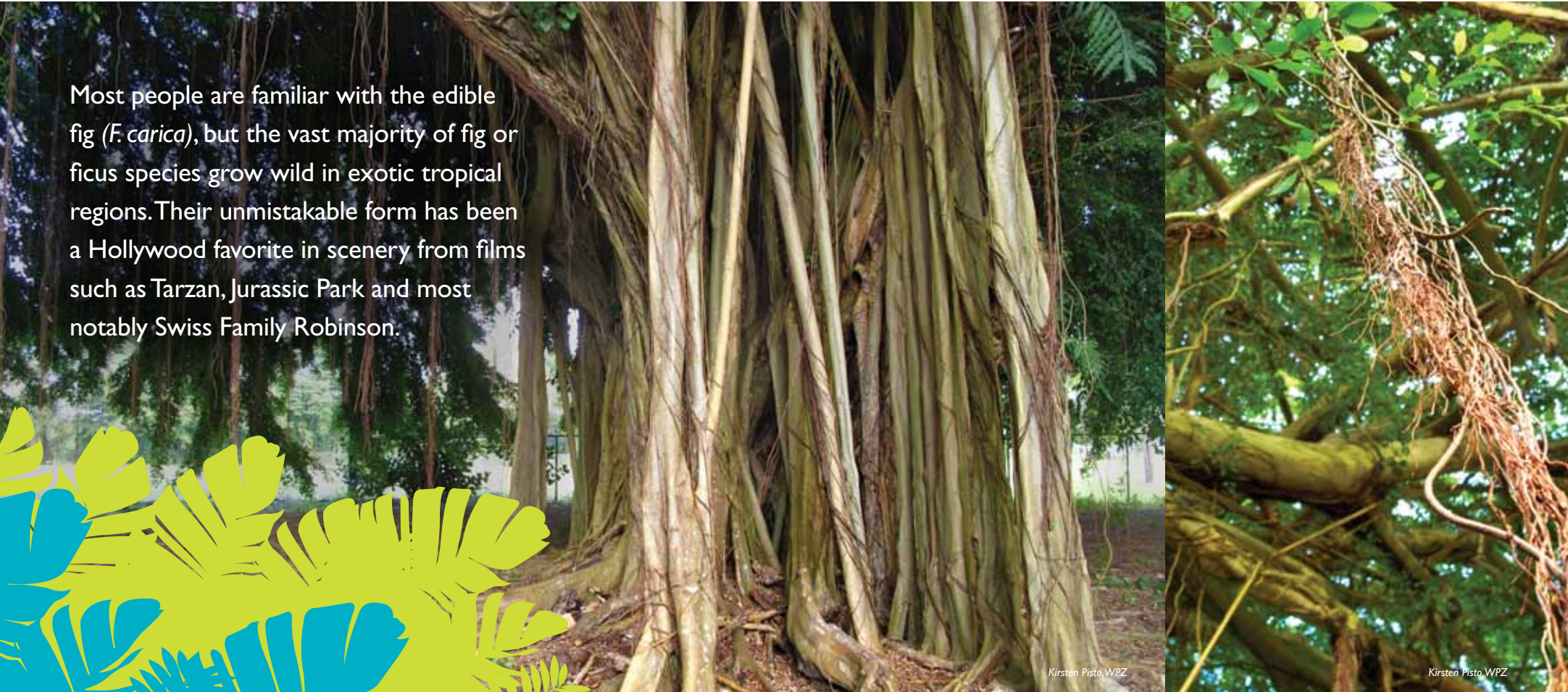
When we imagined the Banyan Wilds exhibit, it was teeming with ficus growth, aerial roots, dangling liana vines, host trees with widespread buttress roots and a tangle of green. Thanks to our creative exhibit designers and our incredible horticulture crew, that vision has become a reality and a luscious habitat for our tigers and sloth bears.

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*By Kirsten Pisto, Editor*



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ

Most people are familiar with the edible fig (*F. carica*), but the vast majority of fig or ficus species grow wild in exotic tropical regions. Their unmistakable form has been a Hollywood favorite in scenery from films such as Tarzan, Jurassic Park and most notably Swiss Family Robinson.



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ



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**A VINE SUPERHIGHWAY:**  
Banyans connect several layers of the forest as they reach for nutrients on the forest floor and to sunlight at the canopy. Many tropical forest animals use strangler figs as highways to travel between different layers of the forest.



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ







# MEET THE TIGER BOYS!

Welcome Liem, Eko and Olan! The three tiger brothers arrived at Woodland Park Zoo in March. Since their arrival from Little Rock Zoo, they have been getting to know their keepers, exploring the new state-of-the-art tiger exhibit and lounging by the pool.

Born November 12, 2013, the 1½-year-old tigers are incredibly important members of the Species Survival Plan for Malayan tigers. There are less than 60 Malayan tigers living in accredited conservation zoos and only about 350 in the wild.

## NAME: Liem

A name of Vietnamese origin meaning “sincere, honest, or genuine.”

**WEIGHT:** 200 lb.

**FAVORITE SNACK:** Hard boiled eggs are this tiger’s favorite!

**FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR PART OF THE EXHIBIT:** Liem loves the water and is most likely to take the plunge this summer.

**DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR BEHAVIORS:** Liem has more solid bars above his eyes. His markings almost look like a  $\pi$  symbol, so if you’re a math nerd he’ll be easy to spot!



Ryan Hawk, WPZ

## NAME: Eko

A name of Indonesian origin meaning “first child.” This name was selected since Eko was part of the first litter of cubs born to parents Suhana and Liku at Little Rock Zoo.

**WEIGHT:** 220 lb.

**FAVORITE SNACK:** Eko is pretty into bones... gnawing, chewing and licking!

**FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR PART OF THE EXHIBIT:** You’ll find this king-of-the-hill up high on rocks or perches; he’s happiest with an extended view of the yard.

**DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR BEHAVIORS:** Eko has light vertical lines between his eyes.



Ryan Hawk, WPZ

## NAME: Olan

A name of Thai origin meaning “great.”

**WEIGHT:** 200 lb.

**FAVORITE SNACK:** Evaporated milk

**FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR PART OF THE EXHIBIT:** You’ll see Olan playing with his brothers; this rough-houser loves a good wrestling match and is sure to stick close to his best buds.

**DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR BEHAVIORS:** Olan is very easy to identify! He has O-shaped markings between his eyes, and an O above each eye.



Ryan Hawk, WPZ



Dennis Dow, WPZ

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We hope you snagged a sneak peek of our new Malayan tigers during the exclusive member-only preview! Don’t worry if you missed it; as members you can visit them for free all summer long. Plus, you can share this new exhibit with two half-price guests every time you visit!

Warm summer sunshine makes zoo-goers flock. But, as a member, you can avoid the lines! Here’s how:

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE VISITING

Renew online at [zoo.org/renew](http://zoo.org/renew) or use our updated app (free for iPhone and Android users). Print your temporary pass and use it as proof of membership at the gate, or show it to us on your phone. You can pick up your new membership cards during a slower time, such as when you exit the zoo or on your next visit.

## HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD READY

Already a current member? Keep your membership card handy and head straight to the gate. This gives you more time to check out your favorite animals!

## GO TO BECU ZOOTUNES PRESENTED BY CARTER SUBARU

Members have special access if they arrive early!

Are you a member attending a ZooTunes concert? Arrive before 5:00 p.m. on concert day and join one of the inner lines by the penguin exhibit and behind the carousel. These lines are allowed into the concert first! Any member arriving after 5:00 p.m. will be asked to join the outer lines.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

For questions, contact us at [membership@zoo.org](mailto:membership@zoo.org) or call 206.548.2400.

# ASIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY

Saturday,  
August 8, 2015  
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Dennis Dow, WPZ

## SHOW YOUR STRIPES

With fewer than 3,200 tigers left in the wild, now is the time for action.



Ten tiger statues painted by prominent local artists will head across the Puget Sound region this summer to celebrate the return of tigers to Woodland Park Zoo and raise awareness for tiger conservation.

Photos by Jeremy Dwyer-Lindgren



## WIN A BREAKFAST WITH TIGERS!

Take the [#ihearttigers](https://www.instagram.com/ihearttigers) challenge and you could win a catered breakfast for you and your friends with our new Malayan tigers! Each artist has hidden a heart somewhere on their tiger. Find it and you could win\*!



## TO ENTER:

Share a photo of the heart using [#ihearttigers](https://www.instagram.com/ihearttigers) and tell us why you love tigers.

\*Complete rules at [www.zoo.org/tigers](http://www.zoo.org/tigers)







## THRIVE 2015 THANK YOU!

Photos: Kelly Hampson, WPZ

Woodland Park Zoo's 5th annual fundraising breakfast, Thrive 2015, was a roaring success! Nearly 550 Puget Sound region business and philanthropic leaders joined us to learn more about Woodland Park Zoo and the strides we're taking to help save animals and their habitats right here in our own backyard. Our generous guests also helped get even closer to our goal of \$370,000 which will directly benefit the zoo's mission.

Thrive keynote speakers, Dr. Cheryl Knott and Dr. Tim Laman gave a compelling presentation on the rain forests of Borneo and the wild orangutans that live there. Cheryl, as the co-founder of the Gunung Palung Orangutan Conservation Program and her husband Dr. Tim Laman as a National

Geographic photographer, taught guests about the threats orangutans face from poachers and deforestation using intimately close photos of daily life in Borneo.

As Thrive guests learned, Woodland Park Zoo is a key player in field conservation and conservation education around the world—from supporting field researchers like Dr. Cheryl Knott to engaging thousands of youngsters in hands-on, outdoor nature education, our zoo is working hard to ensure that animals and their wild places have a THRIVING future.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters for joining us for Thrive 2015 and helping us create a more sustainable future for people and animals!

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## SUMMER OF LEARNING PROGRAM: WILD SCIENCE!

Woodland Park Zoo is teaming up with The Seattle Public Library on the Summer of Learning Program. All ages are welcome to dive into Wild Science!, this summer's theme shaping our activities and reading selections.

To learn more about the Summer of Learning, check out [www.spl.org/summeroflearning](http://www.spl.org/summeroflearning)



Ryan Hawk, WPZ

Seattle Public Library recommends these top picks to kick off your summer reading!

AGES 3-5

**ORANGUTAN**, Suzi Eszterhas, 2013

Follow the adventures of a baby orangutan, born in the rain forest of Sumatra, from birth to adulthood, as she swings through the forest, learns to find food, and meets other orangutans.

AGES 6-8

**TIGERS**, Laura Marsh, 2012

This National Geographic reader presents stunning photographs of tigers as well as many facts about how they live, and why they are endangered.



## 96 ELEPHANTS JOIN THE HERD.

Earlier this year in Olympia, Woodland Park Zoo fought for state legislation to ban elephant ivory and rhino horn sales. We explained the critical need for conservation to our state's elected officials, but opposition was strong. The bill was defeated.

***The decision to save endangered species will now be brought to the people of Washington.***

This November, Washingtonians will be asked to vote YES on I-1401 to support our state's efforts to save animals threatened with extinction, including all species of elephants, rhinos and tigers. Join the herd today and help fight for the survival of these magnificent animals.

[zoo.org/96elephants](http://zoo.org/96elephants)

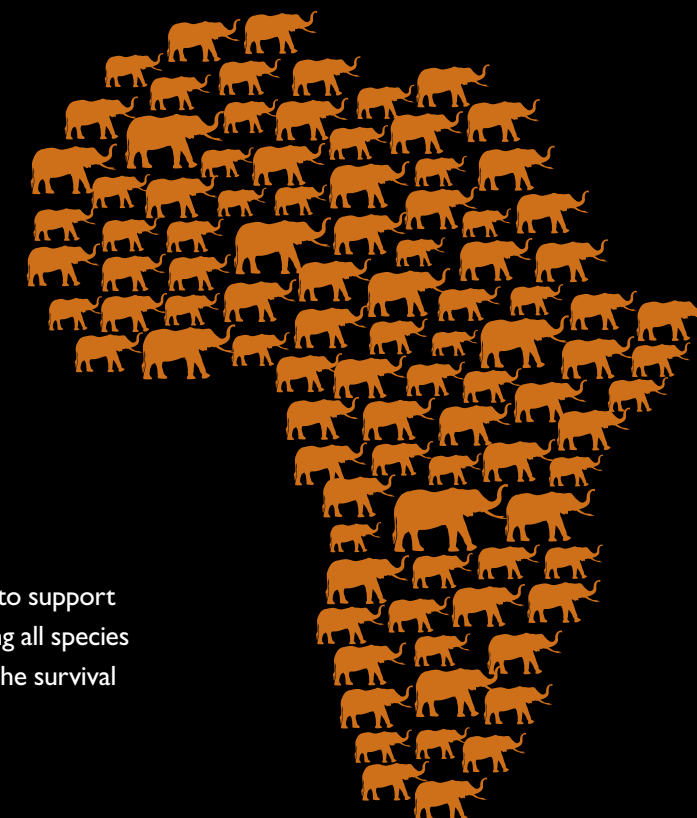






Photo courtesy of Greensboro Science Center

# Meet the MANED WOLVES of South America

Have you seen them yet? The newest residents of the Wildlife Survival Zone are striking. With stilt-like legs, a pointed muzzle, an impressive red coat and dark mane along its back, the maned wolf of South America appears almost folkloric. These lanky creatures are not quite wolf, but certainly larger than any fox. In fact, the species is misnamed. Neither a fox nor a wolf, *Chrysocyon brachyurus* is a species all its own.

At home in the grasslands and scrub forest of central South America, these crepuscular canines roam the marshes and woodlands at dawn and dusk in search of fruit, small mammals, birds, eggs and invertebrates. They are particularly fond of a tomato-like fruit called lobeira (nick-named the wolf apple) as well as bananas, apples and avocados. Incredible adaptations such as superb sense of smell, long legs and keen eyesight assist in hunting and running through tall, thick grasses.

In the wild, maned wolves are shy and primarily solitary, although a breeding pair usually remains monogamous and shares territory. Pups are born in litters of one to five during late summer. The female has help from her mate in grooming and defending the pups, and sometimes the male will help feed them by regurgitation. At about one year, the pups will leave their family to live on their own.

Maned wolves aren't as vocal as other wild dogs; instead they use their pungent urine as a clear form of communication. A maned wolf can tell a lot by sniffing another's scent mark. Often used as a means of marking territory, the strong "perfume" can act as a warning to other maned wolves up to a mile away.

While they don't have many natural predators, maned wolves are vulnerable to domestic dog attacks and diseases that feral dogs might spread. Highways and urban sprawl remain especially dangerous to these animals, since they are often struck by vehicles while hunting at night. In addition, habitat loss and agricultural expansion pose greater threats for the entire species by fragmenting habitat and isolating subpopulations.

Our maned wolves are settling in to their new schedule and sniffing out their new digs. As mother and son, they lived together at the Greensboro Science Center in North Carolina before arriving in Seattle in March. All maned wolves in captivity are owned by the Government of Brazil, so they are technically on loan. Lana, a female born January 9, 2009 weighs 55 lb. and her son Vincent ("Vinny"), a male born February 6, 2011 weighs about 62 lb. The duo will probably be most active in the mornings and afternoons, as mid-day hours will be used for dozing!

By Kirsten Pisto, Editor

## An ant's best friend?

Maned wolves share a symbiotic relationship with an unlikely creature. The wolves often defecate on the nests of leafcutter ants. The ants use this dung to fertilize their gardens, but toss any wolf apple seeds found in the dung just outside their nest. This process significantly boosts germination of the seeds, which in turn yields more fruit for the wolves!



**SPECIES:** Maned wolf, *Chrysocyon brachyurus*

**FAMILY:** Canidae

**HABITAT:** Tall grasslands, low-scrub edges of forests and swampy areas of central South America

**DIET:** Fruit, small mammals and invertebrates

**LOCATION AT THE ZOO:** Wildlife Survival Zone

**STATUS:** Near Threatened



Dennis Dow, WPZ



Dennis Dow, WPZ



# LIFELONG LEARNING

You are never too young or too old to learn something new... especially at the zoo! Here are some tips for maximizing your zoo-education whether you are six or 96.

## 13-17 YEARS

Check in and connect with friends to share your passion for conservation and wild animals! Join the Show Your Stripes campaign at the Banyan Wilds Field House. Tag your zoo photos on Instagram with #WoodlandParkZoo and be sure to like us on Facebook to always be in the loop.

Teen volunteer program, ZooCorps, begins at age 14 and offers teens a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge of animals and habitats, participate in conservation action, and explore careers. Check online in December for 2016 applications!



Kirsten Pisto, WPZ

## 0-18 MONTHS

Zoomazium is the perfect place for you to explore your world and meet others your own age! Zoomazium offers formal and informal programs daily and the Toddler Zone is a great place to learn, see and try.

Introduce your new family to the community of zoo parents at Walking and Rolling, where your parents can engage in learning opportunities while watching you play in Zoomazium's toddler zone.



Dennis Dow, WPZ

## 2-4 YEARS

It's all about finding those secret spots – check out the zip-line corner at the new Banyan Wilds Play Space and get a glimpse of what it is like to care for animals with our early childhood staff.



Dennis Dow, WPZ

Make sure to stop by the Habitat Discovery Loop for some adventure and imaginative play. Climb like a spider, sit on eggs like a bird, wear a shell like a tortoise, or just run around in this beautiful, wooded play space.



## 18+ COLLEGE

College students: You are thinking globally now, and noticing that your actions can change the world! Our adult volunteer program accepts applicants starting at 18 years old and is a great program for young people who are excited to inspire others in conservation action. Zoo volunteers make a difference each day and are an important part of our zoo team. Check [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) in December for 2016 applications and orientation dates!



Ryan Hawk, WPZ

## 5-10 YEARS

You are the perfect age to try new things! Are you a budding arthropod-enthusiast? Check out Bug Club and explore the wild world of insects. Are you an artist? Find a quiet corner and sketch all the things you see. Our favorite quiet spot is the Conservation Aviary. Are you a rock climber? Stretch your arms, legs and brain by scrambling over the large rocks overlooking the African Savanna exhibit. Does one of those rocks feel warmer than the others? Here's a secret—it's heated, like a lot of the rocks the animals sit on in their exhibits!



Dennis Dow, WPZ

## 11-12 YEARS

Tweens, you know what's best, so take the lead with the zoo's mobile app. You'll be in the know and able to lead the way to the coolest spots at the zoo. Woodland Park Zoo's app for iPhone and Android includes an interactive map and animal facts so you'll not only know how to get there, you'll be an expert on what you'll see when you arrive.



## ADULT

You are wise beyond your years, but is there a particular species or conservation program you are especially interested in? Consider signing up with ZooAction ([zoo.org/zooaction](http://zoo.org/zooaction)) to advocate for conservation programs, check out the zoo blog for detailed stories on animal care, or consider going back to school!

Woodland Park Zoo partners with Miami University to offer the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) for graduate students, right here at the zoo! Through a combination of online and zoo-based classes, you'll earn your Master's degree with hands-on experiences like no other! Visit [zoo.org/aip](http://zoo.org/aip) for details.



## SENIOR

Seniors: Get walking with Senior Zoo Walkers! Woodland Park Zoo, Group Health Cooperative and Seattle Parks Department Lifelong Recreation team up to provide this fitness program just for seniors. Start your Tuesday or Thursday morning with stretches led by a fitness pro, then stroll zoo grounds.

Are you a geocacher? There are three geocaches hidden on zoo grounds that are waiting to be found using a handheld GPS unit. Your grandchildren will be mighty impressed with your tech-savvy hobby!

By Jessie Maxwell,  
Supervisor Child and Family Programs





Kirsten Pisto, WPZ



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

Designed for parents/caregivers to attend with their children.

See our website for class descriptions.

### WALKIN' AND ROLLIN'

**Ages:** Birth-18 months

**Time:** 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$100/6-week session each adult/child pair

**9225:** Thursdays, Jun 4-Jul 9

### TINY TYKE TIME

**Ages:** 18-36 months

**Time:** 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$100/6-week session each adult/child pair

**9215:** Wednesdays, Jun 3-Jul 8

### YOUNG EXPLORERS

**Ages:** 2-5 years

**Time:** 9:45-11:00 a.m.

**Fee:** \$20 each adult/child pair, \$7/ additional family member 2-5 years

**2315:** Jul 16, Tracks and Trackers

**2325:** Jul 22, Twirling Tails

**2335:** Jul 30, Backyard Birds

**2345:** Aug 5, Hide and Seek

**2355:** Aug 13, Spectacular Spikes

**2365:** Aug 19, Backyard Bugs

**2375:** Aug 27, Diggin' in the Dirt

**2385:** Sep 2, Spots and Stripes

## ZOO SPROUTS

**Ages:** 3-5 years

**Time:** 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$25 each adult/child pair, \$10 for each additional child 3-5 years

**3315:** Jul 15, Family Farm

**3325:** Jul 23, Terrific Tigers

**3335:** Jul 29, Who's Mouth is This?

**3345:** Aug 6, Poo at the Zoo

**3355:** Aug 12, Lounging Lions

**3365:** Aug 20, Lots O' Legs

**3375:** Aug 26, Terrific Tigers

**3385:** Sep 3, SSSSSlithering Snakes

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Kids will enjoy a fun-filled evening with zoo staff inside Zoomazium while you enjoy a night out on the town. Supervised activities include games, an educational film, a live animal encounter, plus pizza for dinner!

**Ages:** 4-11 years

**Time:** 5:30-10:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$30/child, \$22 each additional sibling

**4225:** Saturday, Jun 13

**4235:** Friday, Jun 26

**4315:** Friday, Jul 25

**4325:** Saturday, Aug 8

## BUG CLUB

**Ages:** 5-12 years

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-noon, generally the fourth Sunday of every month

**Fee:** \$55 per quarter plus a one-time \$12 materials fee for new members

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### NEW SENIOR CLASSES

Each class generally includes an educational presentation and an activity before heading on grounds for a short zoo tour.

Meats and Treats will involve more extensive walking, as this class will be solely a tour format.

See our website for class descriptions at [www.zoo.org/education/adult](http://www.zoo.org/education/adult).

**Time:** 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$20

**5235:** Jun 3, Maned Wolves

**5315:** Jul 1, Animal Diets: Meats and Treats

**5325:** Aug 1, Container Gardening for Health

### SENIOR ZOO WALKERS

For individuals 55 and older, please see our website for information at [www.zoo.org/education/adult](http://www.zoo.org/education/adult).

## ZOO OVERNIGHT AND EVENING ADVENTURES

All Zoo Adventures include a pizza dinner and an exclusive after hours look at the zoo! Overnight Adventures also include a light breakfast. Zoo Adventures are offered March through November. Program runs rain or shine so come prepared for any weather.

**Ages:** 7 and up

**Time:** Overnight Adventures run 6:30 p.m.-9:30 a.m.

Evening Adventures run 6:30-10:00 p.m.

**Fee:** Prices range from \$38-58/person, depending on program selected.

For more information and to register, visit [www.zoo.org/overnights](http://www.zoo.org/overnights). Questions? Email [group.registration@zoo.org](mailto:group.registration@zoo.org)

### ADVENTURES FOR YOUR GROUP OF 22 OR MORE:

- A Zookeeper's Life for Me!
- Stealthy Science: Research After Dark
- Living Wild!

**NEW** Living Wild! is now offered with the option of sleeping indoors

### ADVENTURES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL GROUPS:

**Aug 7:** Stealthy Science

**Aug 15:** Living Wild!

### SCOUTS FOR ADVENTURE

Multiple dates are available for small scout groups; information is available on our website.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Camp at Woodland Park Zoo is a terrific blend of learning and fun. Each camp program offers two themes to choose from. See the zoo's website at [www.zoo.org/summercamp](http://www.zoo.org/summercamp) for full details and to register.

Spaces are still available in many sessions.

For the safety of the animals and participants, students will not have direct contact with the zoo's animals. Children are assigned to age appropriate groups. **We cannot accommodate all "group with" requests.**

### Extended Day For all summer camps:

Mornings available Tuesday-Friday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Fee per child:** \$28 Tuesday-Friday or \$8/day

Afternoons available Monday-Friday, 4:00-5:30 p.m. **Fee per child:** \$50/week or \$12/day

### Kinder Camp

**NORTH END:** Children will be based in the carousel party rooms and from there explore animals of the Northern Trail, Tropical Asia, Australasia and more! Drop-off and pick-up for these sessions takes place at the zoo's old North Entrance.

**SOUTH END:** Children will discover the wonders of the African Savanna, Tropical Rain Forest and other exhibits on the southern half of the zoo. Drop-off and pick-up for these sessions takes place at the Education Center entrance near the zoo's South Entrance.

### Zooper Day Camp

#### MYSTERY ANIMAL

#### MY ULTIMATE ZOO

### Discoveries Day Camp

#### MAGIZOOLOGY

#### I SPY

### Zoo University (Zoo U)

10 to 14 year olds study more advanced subjects while playing topic-based games and making new friends at the zoo.

**EXHIBIT DESIGN:** Discover the many facets of creating and maintaining zoo exhibits to meet animal needs. Students will learn about exhibit design and work in teams to design their own 3-D exhibits based on the needs of the animals, keepers and visitors.

**WILD ECOSYSTEMS:** Climate change is only one of the many forces affecting our global biomes. Get wild this summer with creative ideas on how to conserve the earth's ecosystems for ourselves and the animals around us.





# ANIMAL CROSSINGS in Wild Malaysia

Each animal did one activity right after having its picture taken by a researcher's camera trap. Use the clues below to fill in the logic puzzle. Make an **X** in each box that is untrue. Make an **O** in each box you find true. Once you find an **O**, you can cross off the other boxes as untrue. **Example:** If the tiger chased prey, then it did not sleep, drink, make a loud call or see a field researcher.

	TAPIR	MALAYAN TIGER	YELLOW THROATED MARTEN	SUN BEAR	GREAT ARGUS
DRANK WATER					
CHASED PREY					
SLEPT NEAR BANYAN TREE					
SPOTTED BY A FIELD RESEARCHER					
MADE A LOUD CALL THROUGH THE FOREST					

- The animal that chased and caught a sambar deer is also the largest animal and has fierce stripes. There are only about 500 of these endangered animals left in the wild.
- The animal spotted by a field researcher was described as having an unusual snout. This animal is a great swimmer.
- This bear is nicknamed the "honey bear" for its voracious appetite for honeycomb. The bear did not sleep or chase prey.
- The animal that made a loud call has spectacular blue feathers and uses them to put on a dramatic dance for its mate.
- The animal with the yellow throat was very tired after following a tiger to share some of its kill. This fearless animal hunts for eggs, reptiles and small mammals, but also eats fruit and nectar it finds in the jungle.

ANSWERS: The tiger chased prey, the marten slept near a banyan tree, the tapir was spotted by a field researcher, the sun bear drank water and the great argus made a loud call.

## Why are we talking about **UMBRELLAS**... in the **SUMMER**?

An **umbrella species** is an animal that has such a big presence in its ecosystem that without it other plants and animals might not exist.

Sometimes umbrella species are known as **keystone species**; without them the landscape would be dramatically different. All species rely on each other, but some have big impacts.

Oftentimes, umbrella species are **apex predators** at the top of the food chain. These animals control where numerous prey animals live.



If an umbrella species disappears a **domino effect** can begin, jeopardizing all of the flora and fauna in the area.

**Scavengers**, such as birds and martens, also depend on the umbrella species.

The behavior of the **prey animals**, such as feeding and nesting, is all connected to the umbrella species.

For example, a single Malayan tiger might **roam** hundreds of miles in the jungle. The birds, deer and pigs in that area are partly controlled by the tiger's presence.

## MYZOO KIDS SUMMER ART CONTEST

### THANK A TIGER HERO!

Conservationists and forest rangers are real heroes working to protect tigers and their habitat. Create your own thank you poster and we'll send it straight to our colleagues in the Malaysian tropical forest. You could win a special ZooParent tiger adoption or an overnight zoo sleepover!

To enter visit [www.zoo.org/magazine](http://www.zoo.org/magazine) and follow the directions!

### PRIZES

**Two runners up:** Woodland Park Zoo t-shirt and 2 giraffe feeding tickets.

**Grand prize winner (ages 3-6):** ZooParent tiger plush and animal adoption kit.

**Grand prize winner (ages 7-10):** Overnight at the zoo for yourself and your favorite adult on August 15.

**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15, 2015.**



Calling all junior artists  
ages 3-6 & 7-10





## TIGER, TIGER, TIGER?

How can you tell three tigers apart?  
Match each set of stripes to the tiger they belong to.



This tiger likes to eat mice from the wobble tree.



This tiger likes to nap under the banyan tree.



This tiger likes to swim in the pool.



### HEY PARENTS!

**Need an idea for 30 minutes of creative play time?**

Ask your little ones to build a den for a tiger in your own house or backyard. Supply them with blocks, pillows and blankets or recycled boxes and markers and let the tiger fort-making commence!

**Ask them:** Would a tiger bother your other pets? What would you feed it?

Would it keep the neighbors up at night? Talk about why it's important for tigers to have their own space in the jungle. What makes your house safe for kids? What makes a forest safe for tigers?

Tigers have soft pads on their feet to walk quietly through the forest. Can you tiptoe like a tiger?



Can you use all the words on this page to tell a story?



## Let's Explore BANYAN WILDS!

On my first visit to **BANYAN WILDS** I saw...

#### MAMMALS

- ☐ Asian small-clawed otter
- ☐ Malayan tiger
- ☐ Sloth bear

#### BIRDS

- ☐ Great argus

#### EXHIBIT FEATURES

- ☐ A zippy rope
- ☐ Twisty banyan tree branch
- ☐ A cool swimming hole
- ☐ A hiding place
- ☐ Bamboo leaves
- ☐ A pink flower

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