

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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## Summer happenings at Woodland Park Zoo

### Seasonal hours and admission fees

Summer programming and new seasonal hours begin a day early this year! Stop by the zoo on Saturday, April 30 and be one of the first to enjoy the zoo's summer offerings.



Hours begin April 30 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission fees, April 1 through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$19.95; Child (3-12) \$12.25; Free for children 2 and under year round. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with disabilities are eligible to receive a discount and zoo members receive free zoo admission year round.

### The new Molbak's Butterfly Garden exhibit opens this summer *Butterflies return to the zoo*

Take a walk among a variety of Pacific Northwest gardens and experience native North American butterflies in the zoo's new immersive Molbak's Butterfly Garden exhibit, opening this summer. Woodland Park Zoo's new exhibit emphasizes both the fragility and resilience of nature through the display of what many consider to be among the most beautiful of natural expressions: butterflies and flowers.

Visitors will learn about the biology, behavior and threats facing these winged beauties, and be inspired to take local and global conservation action for butterflies and other pollinators. An arching tent structure encloses a landscape of approximately 3,000 square feet, and nearly 500 free-flying butterflies will represent at least 15 species native to North America. The Butterfly Garden is free with zoo admission.

### Summer experience 2016 programs

Programs are offered April 30 through September 30, 2016, and are free with zoo admission, except as noted. Locations of programs are posted at the zoo's South Entrance (N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.) and West Entrance (Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts.), and found at [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org). *All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather or animal availability.*

### New Ambassador Animal Programs at the Alvord Broadleaf Theater! – 1:00 p.m. daily

Join us at our new stage behind Zoomazium and meet some of Woodland Park Zoo's animal ambassadors! Animals and keepers have been working together on trading a tasty treat for a natural behavior. You never know who you might meet-- look for prickly Skyanna the porcupine scampering up a tree, dexterous Lucy the raccoon showing off how clever she is and many more. You won't want to miss this new experience!

**Keeper Talk – 11:30 a.m. daily**

Meet a zookeeper and learn more about animal care at Woodland Park Zoo. When you visit the zoo, stop by the kiosk to learn the location of that day's keeper talk.

**Tropical Rain Forest Primate Talk – 1:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays**

Meet a keeper to learn about lemurs or colobus monkeys! How do zookeepers check a monkey's teeth? Tails? Tummies? How are lemurs adapted to life in the trees? Come and find out! When you visit the zoo, stop by the kiosk to learn the location of that day's Tropical Rain Forest primate talk.

**Penguin Keeper Talk – 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays**

Meet a zookeeper taking care of the zoo's dynamic Humboldt penguins, and learn how these endangered birds live at the zoo—and in the wild.

**Banyan Wilds programs**

Enter the tropical forests of Asia and visit the land of sloth bears and Malayan tigers. Watch keepers engage these rare animals and offer enrichment items such as toys or treats. Programs are offered daily throughout the day. See program board at the entrance to Banyan Wilds for daily schedule.

**Tiger Gate Experience – 11:00 a.m. daily except Tuesdays**

How do keepers safely work with big powerful animals? How do you get tigers to move over? Check their teeth and belly? Training is fun for animals and keepers alike, and keeps them both safe and healthy – come and see how it works!

**Banyan Wilds Tour – 1:30 p.m. daily**

Come to Banyan Wilds and join a zoo staff member to walk through the exhibit. Look for details of how people research and protect tigers in the forests of Malaysia, and how the zoo – and you – can help.

**Sloth Bear Snack – 2:00 p.m. daily except Thursdays**

Sloth bears love to eat insects, and they have a unique way of catching them—they suck the bugs out of their nest! How strong is that suction? Come and find out!

**Raptor programs****Raptors In Flight – 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. daily except Wednesdays**

Here's your chance to learn more about birds of prey. Keepers will introduce you to our resident raptors while demonstrating their impressive flying and hunting skills. A must see!

**Zoomazium programs****Zoomazium – 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily**

Kids 8 and under and their caregivers love Zoomazium! The indoor, nature play space offers play and learning in a fun, safe and stimulating environment all year long. Here, kids can connect with animals, habitats and more through the natural

language of childhood—play! Crawl through a hidden cave. Climb a giant strangler fig tree. Enjoy daily programs for toddlers and older children. Free with zoo admission.

**Creature Feature – 10:30 a.m. daily**

Children can get up close with live, furred, feathered or scaly animals. Meet the star from a puppet story. Practice observation skills to discover who's in the Mystery Box. Design a play space for a curious creature and watch as it explores.

**Shake, Rattle & Roar – 11:30 a.m. daily**

Join the toddler dance party with fun animal music and shakers of all kinds.

**Animal feeding experiences and contact opportunities**

**Family Farm Contact Area – 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily**

Touch domestic farm animals and learn more about them in supervised areas at the Family Farm. Free with zoo admission.

**Willawong Station – The Bird Feeding Experience – 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily**

This popular walk-through bird feeding experience transports you to the world of the Australian parrot and the Australian grasslands habitat. Willawong Station is a fun opportunity for the whole family to get up close and feed birds in a controlled, safe environment while learning about responsible care for birds both in the wild and at home. The aviary includes approximately 100 free-flying birds, primarily small colorful Australian parrots. Free with zoo admission. Bird sticks: \$1 each, cash only.

**Giraffe Feeding Experience – 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00 -4:00 p.m. daily except Tuesdays**

Get close to giraffes as you feed them on a raised platform in the African Savanna, and learn how you are saving wild giraffes. Due to appetites, giraffes might not feed. Cost: \$5 per person, cash only; children 5 and under free with paying adult.

**Animal Encounters**

Want a close encounter with the animal kind? Here's your chance to meet a lizard, snake or other small zoo animal up-close and personal. Look for the Animal Encounters cart!

**More fun...**

**Historic Carousel – 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily**

Enjoy rides on the classic, hand-carved wooden carousel horses. Cost: \$2 a ride, in addition to zoo admission.

**Discover!**

The call of discovery beckons! Join docents in an exploration of nature's balance and tools of survival. In these hands-on programs featuring exhibits, biofacts and fun-filled games, you'll have an opportunity to pursue questions and passions. Plus, discover how you can help save wildlife by taking some simple steps. Swing by a discovery station and indulge your scientific side!

**Bug Club (fee based) – All About Arthropods**

Did you know that four out of five animal species that exist on earth today are arthropods? The arthropod group of animals includes insects, arachnids, crustaceans and the millipedes and centipedes. This year, Bug Club topics will focus on each group of arthropods, exploring their life cycles and adaptations through buggy crafts, snacks and outdoor explorations. You and your Bug Club friends will also connect and share with Bug Clubs at other zoos. Bug Club meets 10:00 a.m. – noon generally on the fourth Sunday of every month year round.

**Parents' Night Out (fee based)**

Dinner reservation? Check. Verified movie times? Check. Babysitter? Uh oh. Don't fret—let Woodland Park Zoo handle childcare for you. Kids ages 4-11 will enjoy a fun-filled evening with zoo staff while you enjoy a night out on the town. Supervised activities for kids include games, a fun, educational film and a live animal encounter, plus a tasty pizza dinner! For information or to register, go to <http://www.zoo.org/education/childrens-programs> or call 206.548.2424. All children must be fully potty trained.

**Zoo Overnight and Evening Adventures (fee based)**

Grab your gear and head to Woodland Park Zoo for a fun-filled, after-hours adventure. Enjoy a light dinner, themed activities, guided tours and the opportunity to meet one of our smaller animal residents up close! Join us just for the evening, or stay the night! Adventures are available for large groups, small groups and scout groups. For more information and how to register, visit our website at [www.zoo.org/overnights](http://www.zoo.org/overnights) or call 206-548-2424.

Visit [www.zoo.org/rainday](http://www.zoo.org/rainday) to see if a Rainy Day Discount is being offered and sign up to receive Rainy Day Discount coupon text alerts. Discount coupons are good for 50% off on regular admission to the zoo, limit four admissions per coupon. Discounts cannot be combined with other discounts or offers, and are good only for the day indicated on the coupon.

## **General information**

Parking: \$6.00. 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](http://www.metro.kingcounty.gov).

Online ticketing: avoid lines and buy your general admission tickets in advance at [www.zoo.org/visit](http://www.zoo.org/visit). Discounts and coupons are not applicable for online ticket purchases.

Mobile app: search for the free Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for iPhone, iPad or Android in your app store. Use it to track your location on zoo grounds with GPS, discover more about animals and daily zoo activities, and share the highlights of your visit with friends.

Quarters for Conservation: Part of zoo admission and membership has always gone to fund conservation programs in the wild. Cast your vote for your favorite

conservation project at the Quarters for Conservation kiosks located at each entrance.

Gifts/food: Visit the ZooStores for extraordinary gifts and zoo souvenirs. Stop by the Rain Forest Food Pavilion or other concessionaire locations to quench your thirst or appetite. Open daily during regular zoo hours.

For information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

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