

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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**Bear sighting at backyard birthday party...nom nom!**  
***Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day***  
***presented by Brown Bear Car Wash on June 4 spotlights native wildlife***

**WHAT:** Piñatas have been ransacked by kids. Leftover hot dogs, burgers, birthday cake and other party fare are scattered about. While all the party guests have gone their separate ways, a pair of grizzlies stumble upon the after party and dig in. Uh-oh, nom nom! See what happens at Woodland Park Zoo's annual **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash.**



The annual conservation event kicks off *Bear Awareness Week*, proclaimed by Governor Jay Inslee to be the week of June 4–12, 2016. Bear Affair focuses on the survival of bears, wolves, turtles, raptors and other wildlife in the Pacific Northwest. 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 coexist.

Get an up-close look at the havoc bears can wreak when food and garbage aren't stored properly—whether you're throwing a party in your backyard or camping in bear country—and learn bear-proof tips at mock birthday party and camp site demonstrations in the grizzly exhibit. Meet staff and volunteers, and conservation and community partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, Defenders of Wildlife, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest and National Park Service. Hear special talks at animal exhibits, watch the impressive flying skills of raptors in flight, talk to horticulture experts for tips on creating a garden for pollinators, see how western pond turtles are surviving in the wild through the zoo's recovery project and more. Crafts are on hand for kids and special videos on bears and western pond turtles are featured.

Enter a free drawing to win: (1) first prize: a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo's grizzly bears, and (2) second prize: a reusable bag stocked with Northwest goodies from the ZooStore including Save Our Wolves coffee, a plush wolf and t-shirt, an American Indian carved bowl, and a couple of small turtle and bear marble figures.

Stop by the Living Northwest tent, take a conservation action and receive a copy of the book, "We Are the Arctic," while supplies last.

Biologists believe there may be only a handful or fewer individual grizzly bears remaining in the North Cascades, making these bears the most at-risk population in the U.S., and 50 to 70 in the Selkirk Ecosystem of northeast Washington. Help restore a healthy population of grizzly bears to the North Cascades by [signing a statement of support](#).

**WHEN:** **Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Bear Affair takes place at Woodland Park Zoo's Northern Trail exhibit, North Meadow and Mesa Bronze. Enter through the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.

**INFO:**

A complete schedule of activities can be found at [www.zoo.org/bearaffair](http://www.zoo.org/bearaffair).

**Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash** is free with zoo admission or membership. Summer zoo hours, May 1–September 30: 9:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission April 1–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 receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6. For more information, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

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