Wild Asia: Asian Wildlife Conservation Day pays tribute to zoo's Asian animals and conservation projects abroad

WHAT:

WOODLAND PARK ZOO Celebrate the incredible wildlife and wild places of Asia and learn how to protect them at Woodland Park Zoo's **Wild Asia: Asian Wildlife Conservation Day, Saturday, August 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This full day of activities features the fascinating characteristics of Asia's diverse animal species and the important conservation efforts underway to save these species in the wild.

Collect a suite of 10 animal collector cards during scheduled keeper talks; each card features an individual animal living at Woodland Park Zoo including Helen the snow leopard, Carson the red panda, Eko the Malayan tiger and Melati the orangutan. During each animal talk, learn how the zoo is working to preserve their counterparts in the wild with the help of the <u>Partners for Wildlife</u> and <u>Wildlife Survival Fund</u> conservation programs. All Wild Asia keeper talks, with the exception of tapirs, will include special enrichment such as hiding food or scented items for the animals to find. Enrichment is part of the zookeepers' ongoing efforts to help <u>enrich the lives</u> <u>of the zoo's animals</u>, promote natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

Enjoy a full day of Wild Asia Family Fun in the Thai Village, take a palm pledge to choose consumer products that don't have an adverse impact on tropical rain forests and orangutans, and join the zoo's Tiger Team to get updates on tiger conservation news from the field. Visit the Conservation table in the West Plaza to enter to win one-of-a- kind zoo prizes including a limited edition tiger print or a handprint of the zoo's new male siamang, Sam.

WHEN: Saturday, August 13, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Locations and times of activities will be posted at the zoo entrances, or download Woodland Park Zoo's free mobile app for activity times and locations.

Scheduled keeper talks and activities (all keeper talks feature animal enrichment unless otherwise noted):

Time	Activity/Keeper Talk	Location
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	ZooCorps Craft	Thai Village
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Build a Tiger Preserve	Thai Village
10:00 a.m.	Langur keeper talk	Langur exhibit (Trail of Vines)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	The "Jungle Book" Tour	Begins at Thai Village, ends at the Banyan Wilds Tiger Gate experience
10:30 a.m.	Snow leopard keeper and Snow Leopard Trust talk	Snow leopard exhibit (Australasia)

11:00 a.m.	Orangutan keeper talk	Orangutan exhibit (<i>Trail of Vines</i>)
11:00 a.m.	Tiger Gate Experience	Tiger exhibit (Banyan Wilds)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Cracking of the Fruit	Thai Village
11:30 a.m.	Asian small-clawed otter talk	Asian small-clawed otter exhibit (<i>Banyan Wilds</i>)
11:30 a.m.	Tree kangaroo Q&A with keeper and Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program member	Tree kangaroo exhibit (<i>Day</i> <i>Exhibit</i>)
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Story time (An hour's worth of Asian folk and cultural stories)	Thai Village
1:00 p.m.	Ambassador Animal Program featuring Blueberry the hornbill	Alvord Broadleaf Theater
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Jungle Rhythms	Thai Village
1:30 p.m.	Malayan tapir keeper talk (no enrichment)	Tapir exhibit (Trail of Vines)
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Asian reptile Q&A featuring turtles	North Meadow
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Tiger Batik'ing (Batik is an Indonesian technique of dying and creating patterns or designs on fabric. Families will be batik'ing a life-size scene of a tiger in its habitat)	Thai Village
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Adaptation Celebration	Thai Village
2:00 p.m.	Sloth bear snack	Sloth bear exhibit (<i>Banyan Wilds</i>)
2:30 p.m.	Red panda keeper talk	Red panda exhibit (<i>Temperate Forest</i>)

INFO: Woodland Park Zoo's Wild Asia: Asian Wildlife Conservation Day illustrates how the zoo's conservation partnerships are helping to save the endangered wildlife of Asia and bringing life-sustaining commerce to indigenous families. The full day of activities focuses on how sound ecological practices, sustainable living and taking action can help save Asian wildlife in their natural habitats. Visitors will enjoy a day filled with keeper talks, crafts, activities, and more as they learn about issues such as poaching and palm oil, and how our choices and actions can help to save orangutans, snow leopards, tree kangaroos, Malayan tigers and other endangered animals.

Zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission fees 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. Parking: \$6. For more information, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, award-winning Woodland Park Zoo is famed for pioneering naturalistic exhibits and setting international standards for zoos in animal care, conservation and education programs. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's future. For more information, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u>.

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