

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day **presented by Brown Bear Car Wash raises backyard carnivore awareness** ***Grizzlies crash a wedding reception!***

WHAT: This is the season for bear sightings as black bears ransack garbage cans, backyards and bird feeders in search of food in urbanized areas, particularly across the eastside region. What do you do to keep bears away and be “bear safe?” You become “*bear smart*” at Woodland Park Zoo’s **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash on Saturday, June 3.**



The annual conservation event 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.

Learn bear-proof tips at make-believe demonstrations in the grizzly exhibit where the zoo’s curious—and hungry—grizzly bear brothers offer an up-close look at what happens when food and garbage aren’t stored properly. One scenario: a backyard wedding reception (with no human guests, of course) complete with wedding décor, an arbor adorned with grapevines, leftover wedding cake and fruit baskets, floatable swans and wedding gifts.

Stop by the Living Northwest conservation tent for chats with experts, up-close visits with western pond turtles and free seed packets and pollinator-friendly planting guides. Hear talks on river otters, wolves and other animals. Visit with conservation partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, Defenders of Wildlife, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park and King Conservation District. Watch Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and their partner Karelian bear dogs demonstrate how they train nuisance bears and cougars to avoid human contact. Join artist and storyteller Roger Fernandes as he shares Native American stories about animals and their connection with the other “people” who inhabit the world. Do kids crafts and enjoy videos on bears and western pond turtles.

Enter a free drawing to win a prize: a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo’s grizzly bears, Woodland Park Zoo’s new history book “WOODLAND: The Story of the Animals and People of Woodland Park Zoo” or a Living Northwest gift bag. Stop by the Rain Forest Food Pavilion to purchase special fry bread by Lancer Hospitality.

WHEN: **Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Visit www.zoo.org/bearaffair for a complete schedule of activities

WHERE: Bear Affair takes place at Woodland Park Zoo’s Northern Trail exhibit, the North Meadow and along the pathway between the North Meadow and Northern Trail. 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.

INFO:

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) \$20.95; Child (3–12) \$12.95. 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 or call 206.548.2500.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the zoo for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco.

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.

Gifts/Food: Explore the ZooStores for unique gifts and souvenirs and the Rain Forest Food Pavilion to quench your thirst and appetite.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

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