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 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Hosted by the zoo, this full day of activities features the fascinating characteristics of Asia's diverse animal species and the necessary <u>conservation efforts</u> critical to their survival in the wild.

Participate in the zoo's naming poll to help name the new snow leopard cub and be entered to win an opportunity to meet the cub! The contest is part of a week-long naming poll inviting people to pick their favorite name for the male snow leopard cub. The naming poll will be available online between Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 20, and on grounds during Wild Asia. **Only people who vote on zoo grounds during Wild Asia will be eligible to win the prize**. For official rules and terms of participation, visit the zoo's <u>website</u>.

Collect a suite of 12 animal collector cards during scheduled zookeeper talks; each card features an individual animal living at Woodland Park Zoo including Dhirin the snow leopard, Hazel the red panda, Bintang the Malayan tapir, Bagus the siamang and Godek the orangutan. Attend keeper talks and enrichment sessions throughout the day to see some of the zoo's Asian animals and learn how the zoo is working to preserve their counterparts in the wild with the help of the <u>Partners for Wildlife</u> and Wildlife Survival Fund conservation programs. All Wild Asia keeper talks will include special enrichment for the animals such as hidden food or scented items for the animals to find. Enrichment is part of the zookeepers' ongoing efforts to help <u>enrich the lives 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 family activities in the Kids Discovery Zone located at the zoo's Thai Village. Kids will have the opportunity to partake in fun crafts, building a tiger preserve, the cracking of the fruit, jungle rhythms and much more. Visit the zoo's Banyan Wilds exhibit to take a palm pledge to choose consumer products that don't have an adverse impact on tropical rain forests and the animals that live there.

WHEN:Saturday, August 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.Locations and times of activities will be posted at the zoo entrances, or
download the Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for activity times and locations.

Scheduled activities:

Time	Activity/Keeper Talk	Location
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kids Discovery Zone with hands-on activities	Thai Village
10:00 a.m.	Langur zookeeper talk with enrichment	Langur exhibit (Trail of Vines)
10:30 a.m.	Crane zookeeper talk with enrichment	Red-crowned crane exhibit (<i>Temperate Forest</i>)

10:30 a.m.	Snow leopard zookeeper and Snow Leopard Trust talk with enrichment	Snow leopard exhibit (<i>Australasia</i>)
11:00 a.m.	Orangutan zookeeper talk with enrichment	Orangutan exhibit (<i>Trail of Vines</i>)
11:00 a.m.	Tiger gate experience: enrichment feeding	Tiger exhibit (Banyan Wilds)
11:00 a.m.	Ambassador Animal program: Friends By Nature	Alvord Broadleaf Theater
Noon	Cracking of the fruit	Thai Village
1:00 p.m.	Sloth bear snack	Sloth bear exhibit (Ba <i>nyan</i> <i>Wild</i> s)
1:30 p.m.	Asian small-clawed otter enrichment	Asian small-clawed otter exhibit (Banyan Wilds)
1:30 p.m.	Visayan warty pig zookeeper talk with enrichment	Visayan warty pig exhibit (<i>Trail</i> of Vines)
1:30–3:00 p.m.	Asian reptile conservation Q&A featuring turtles	North Meadow
2:30 p.m.	Ambassador Animal program: Friends By Nature	Alvord Broadleaf Theater
3:00 p.m.	Red panda zookeeper talk with enrichment	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 animal enrichment, zookeeper 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 open daily - hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. Admission fees through 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 are eligible to receive a discount and zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6. For more information, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> or call 206.548.2500.

Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified[™] seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 35 field projects 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 ecological health and sustainability. Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco. For more information, visit www.zoo.org.