

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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### **Hippos and otters get pumpkins to kick off Pumpkin Bash** *Weekend event celebrates Halloween at the zoo*

**WHAT:** Hippos will chomp on pumpkins and otters will splash around and play with pumpkins at a press photo op on **Thursday, October 26**.

The pumpkins for animals kicks off Woodland Park Zoo's **Pumpkin Bash, held Saturday–Sunday, October 28–29**. The weekend-long Halloween fun includes hippos, grizzlies, meerkats, penguins, snow leopards, and other animals chomping on or playing with pumpkins and other fall-themed treats while little goblins and ghosts trick-or-treat and enjoy pumpkin displays and other spook-tacular activities. Not-so-scary storytelling, costumed puppet shows, games and more will be held for young guests in the indoor, Halloween-themed Boomazium. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mad Science, a dry ice extravaganza, will be featured in the Rain Forest Food Pavilion where spectators will be fascinated with shivering cold coins, Boo Bubbles, dry ice burps, spooky fog effects and famous bubble showers. Halloween-themed treats, including cupcakes and cookies, will be available for purchase in the Rain Forest Food Pavilion.

**WHEN:** **Photo op: Thursday, October 26, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**  
**10:30 Hippos**  
**10:50 Asian small-clawed otters**

Pumpkin Bash: Saturday–Sunday, October 28–29, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **For photo op on Thursday, October 26**, meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

**COST:** Pumpkin Bash is free with zoo admission or membership. During Pumpkin Bash, one child 12 years and under in costume is admitted FREE with a paid adult. This promotion can't be combined with any other discount or promotion. The admission discount also applies to Halloween day on Tuesday, October 31.

Admission: Adult (13-64) \$14.95; Child (3-12) \$9.95; Toddler (0-2) free. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with physical disabilities receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6.

**INFO:** Visit [www.zoo.org/pumpkinbash](http://www.zoo.org/pumpkinbash) for more information.

For Halloween, purchase candy that also helps save forests and wildlife a world away. Many confections include palm oil, the bulk of which is grown in Indonesia and Malaysia. In order to produce palm oil (the most widely used vegetable oil on the planet), tropical rain forest and peat swamps are being converted to agricultural land, confining the animals that live in these areas to much smaller habitat patches and making them susceptible to poaching and hunting, not to mention competition with other animals for limited resources. Use the zoo's [wildlife-friendly Halloween candy list](#) to purchase sweet treats from companies committed to sourcing certified sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free.



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. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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