

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Otters and penguins cheer on Sounders FC #DefendOurCup *MLS Cup: Fight. And. Win.*

WHAT: As the Seattle Sounders gear up to defend the MLS Cup, Woodland Park Zoo's otters and penguins will show their defensive dominance—
#DefendOurCup—as they kick, tap or dribble Sounders mini-soccer balls.

Four of the youngest Asian small-clawed otters—named Sounder, Nico, Torres and Little Frei—turn a year old on Saturday.

The soccer balls for the animals are a part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage [natural animal behavior](#), keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo visitors.

WHEN: **Friday, December 8**
Asian small-clawed otters: 11:30 a.m.
Penguins: 11:50 a.m.

WHERE: 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.

INFO: Zoo fall/winter hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. For more information and how to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Mobile app: Download the free Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for iPhone, iPad or Android from your app store. Use it to track your location on zoo grounds with GPS, discover daily zoo activities, take a mobile tour and share the highlights of your visit with friends.

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

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 learn, care, and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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