

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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Editor note: Parking for the press will be reserved with cones at the **north end of the Otter Lot** off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

Grizzly bears find their way to a “backyard picnic” full of goodies
Learn how to be “bear smart” at Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation
Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash



WHAT:

Woodland Park Zoo's curious grizzly bears will follow their nose to a make-believe backyard picnic including a kiddie pool, a grill with hamburgers and hot dogs, cupcakes, fruit, juice and non-safe garbage cans. Watch what goes wrong when people don't store food and garbage properly while camping or at home!

The press is invited to the backyard demonstration and will have access to the roof overlooking the bear exhibit on **Saturday, June 2, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

The mock picnic is a part of Woodland Park Zoo's **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation presented by Brown Bear Car Wash**. The annual conservation event puts the spotlight on the survival of bears, wolves, turtles, raptors, and other wildlife in the Pacific Northwest and what these animals need to survive in the wild, how to help keep them safe and what humans can do to peacefully coexist.

Bear Affair culminates *Bear Awareness Week*, proclaimed by Governor Jay Inslee to be May 27–June 2, 2018.

WHEN:

Backyard picnic demonstration: Saturday, June 2, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation presented by Brown Bear Car Wash: Saturday, June 2, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Grizzly bear exhibit at Woodland Park Zoo. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

WHO:

The zoo's grizzly bear brothers, 24-year-old Keema and Denali. The bears arrived at the zoo in 1994 from Washington State University, which maintains a small collection to conduct a long-term study on bear nutrition.

INFO:

Hear talks on wolves, river otters and other animals, and enjoy raptor flight programs, ambassador animal training sessions and special programs in Zoomazium. Stop by the Living Northwest conservation tent for chats with experts, up-close visits with Western pond turtles and kid-friendly activities. Visit Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio for tips on helping pollinators in your own backyard. Visit with conservation partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, Vital Ground, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington Trails Association, Defenders of Wildlife, Bear Smart Washington, Seattle Every Kid in a Park Collaborative and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Listen to Native American stories about animals and their connection with the other “people”

who inhabit the world by artist and storyteller Roger Fernandes. Enter a free drawing to win a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo's grizzly bears.

Biologists believe there may be only a handful of individual grizzly bears remaining in the North Cascades, making these bears the most at-risk population in the U.S., and 50 to 70 in the Selkirk Ecosystem of northeast Washington. The grizzly bear was listed as a threatened species in the contiguous United States in 1975 and listed as endangered by the state of Washington in 1980.

Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash is free with zoo admission or membership. Admission through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$20.95; Child (3-12) \$12.95; 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 plus applicable state and local taxes.

Summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

Founded in 1899, 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. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and 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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