Zoo animals celebrate Red, White & Zoo the wild way

WHAT:

It's an animal-style picnic as hippos, otters, grizzlies, and other Woodland Park Zoo animal residents indulge in star-shaped popsicles, watermelon, corn on the cob, and other picnic fare at Red, White & Zoo on Saturday and Sunday, June 30-July 1.

The Fourth of July-themed treats are 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 guests.

Be sure to visit the new Assam Rhino Reserve and meet Taj and Glenn, the zoo's greater one-horned rhinos. The exhibit, which also features Asian brown tortoises and demoiselle cranes, highlights the amazing adaptations of these three species and brings to life the impact of poaching, the illegal wildlife trade and the turtle extinction crisis. Follow #RhinoLookout for information on how to support rhino care at the zoo and fund efforts to protect and defend rhino habitat from poachers.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, June 30-July 1, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Anoa 10:00

Maned Wolves 10:00

Lions 10:00

Snow Leopards 10:30 (Sunday only)

Hippos 11:00 Rhinos 11:00

Grizzlies 11:30 (Saturday only) River Otters Noon (Sunday only) Visayan Warty Pigs 1:00 (Sunday only)

Kunekune Pias 1:30

Ambassador Animals at Alvord Broadleaf Theater 1:30

Red Ruffed Lemurs 2:00 Ring-tailed Lemurs 2:00 Wolves 2:00 (Saturday only)

Meerkats 3:00

WHERE: Enter Woodland Park Zoo through the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N.

between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or the South Entrance at N. 50th St. & Fremont

Ave N.

COST: Red, White & Zoo 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 disabilities receive a discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. For bus service to

the zoo, visit: www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

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

206.548.2500.

Summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Parking is limited. Consider taking the bus, biking, walking or carpooling. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. The zoo offers a \$2 discount to anyone who rides the bus to the zoo. Must show proof—bus transfer or ORCA card—at ticket window. For bus service to the zoo, visit www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

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 more about animals and daily zoo activities, and share the highlights of your visit with friends.

Quarters for Conservation: A portion of your zoo admission and membership is dedicated to funding conservation programs in the wild. Cast your vote for your favorite conservation project at the Quarters for Conservation kiosks located at each entrance.

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

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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