

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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### Celebrate inclusion at Zoo for All event July 5

**WHAT:** Woodland Park Zoo is hosting **Zoo for All**, a new event to celebrate its commitment to inclusion within the communities it serves. Zoo for All is a day to empower families and individuals with differing physical, cognitive or sensory needs to experience the zoo's newest features for accessibility.

The zoo has implemented several changes to ensure that Zoo for All fits the needs of as many guests as possible: additions to Zoomazium for children with sensory needs, special maps to help guests identify locations that are quieter and a little less heavily trafficked, and additional accessible parking spaces.

At noon, a bring-your-own-lunch will take place on the North Meadow for all guests to join. A variety of programs and activities will take place throughout the zoo including: animal keeper talks about rhinos, tigers, and red pandas; ambassador animals; hands-on encounters in the Family Farm Contact Area; snack time at sloth bears; a training session with tigers; kid-friendly programs in Zoomazium; Molbak's Butterfly Garden; and much more.

Zoo for All also marks a preview of the Seattle Sensory Garden, an interactive addition to the Woodland Park Rose Garden designed for people of all abilities to enjoy.

Free zoo passes have been provided for select partners to remove economic barriers for attendance; and Special Olympics athletes and coaches are eligible for half-price zoo admission. In addition, the zoo has a limited number of free zoo passes for individuals and families with economic barriers.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, July 5, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Woodland Park Zoo: Enter through West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts.

**INFO:** Zoo for All is only one part of Woodland Park Zoo's continuing push for inclusion. The zoo's ZooCorps teen volunteers have been nominated for the Special Olympics Game Changer award in recognition of their efforts to make ZooCorps accessible to members with special needs.

Zoo for All has been made possible through partnerships with local nonprofit organizations. These partners will be volunteering throughout the day and will have booths available to discuss their work.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://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](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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