ZooCorps teens host Climate Action for All on July 19

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is proud to host its first **Climate Action for All** on July 19, an event designed by the <u>ZooCorps</u> Climate Action Team. This fun and informative event will help teach guests how they can realistically combat climate change and reduce impacts on wildlife. To promote the use of alternative transportation and reduction of carbon emissions, guests who ride the bus or bicycle to the zoo receive a \$2 discount off zoo admission with proof of ridership.

Several local organizations, including Washington Environmental Council and Conservation Northwest, will participate in Climate Action for All. Guests will be invited to pick up reusable or electronic passports equipped with pictures and icons, as well as translations in English, Mandarin and Spanish, directing guests to visit stations located throughout the zoo. The various stations will teach guests how to positively effect change in inexpensive and family-friendly ways, including reducing dependency on plastics and promoting local and national environmental advocacy. Those who visit all the stations and complete their passport receive an environmentally friendly treat or prize. The stations will also include activities for a wide variety of ages and abilities, including a social media station and whiteboards to encourage conversations through art and different languages.

The youth-led Climate Action Team consists of a small group of high school students who volunteer for Woodland Park Zoo's ZooCorps teen program. In creating this event, the Climate Action Team hopes to model sustainable practices that lead to more environmental and empowered communities.

Climate Action for All will be held during the new <u>Evening Zoo</u> where guests can experience Woodland Park Zoo after hours, including special ambassador animal presentations and animal keeper talks.

- WHEN: Thursday, July 19, 3:00–8:00 p.m.
- WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo. Enter through West Entrance located at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts., or South Entrance located at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.
- **COST:** Climate Action for All and Evening Zoo cost regular zoo admission or are free for zoo members. 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.
- INFO: Climate Action for All aligns with Seattle's climate partnership goals and the zoo's commitment to raise the bar of environmental performance and become the community's most hands-on, living showcase of sustainability. This commitment is demonstrated every day through a number of initiatives including: Zoomazium's building and living roof which became the first project among zoos nationally to receive Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); the zoo's on-site composting program which annually transforms 820 tons of



manure from its herbivore animals and animal bedding into Zoo Doo; and the award-winning Humboldt penguin exhibit, which reuses all of its water on site through a combination of rainwater capture, mechanical filtration, biofiltration and geothermal heating.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> or call 206.548.2500.

Summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Remaining dates for Evening Zoo are July 5, 19 and 26, and August 1 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.

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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