

Zoo for All: Honoring Those Who Serve

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo is hosting **Honoring Those Who Serve**, a celebration of U.S. military personnel and their families to come and enjoy the zoo. Free admission will be given to veterans, reservists, retired and active U.S. military personnel *plus* one family member with valid service identification.



In addition to all of the zoo's engaging animal exhibits and extraordinary experiences, there will be special activities for Honoring Those Who Serve guests, including a resource fair, guest speakers, workshops, and a pop-up storytelling booth to capture all of the memories from the day. Honoring Those Who Serve guests will also receive a 10% discount at food concessions in the zoo.

Acclimating to civilian life is a constant struggle for many veterans and military members, requiring support and resources, regardless of identity and inner strength. That's why Woodland Park Zoo is partnering with several organizations that will be on zoo grounds for Honoring Those Who Serve offering services and resources, including Wounded Warriors, Outdoors for All, VA Puget Sound Health Care, Seattle Vet Center, Red Cross, WAServes, Edmonds Community College Veterans Affairs, Minority Veterans of America, WA Department of Veterans Affairs, Heroes Café and OARS for Women Veterans.

Honoring Those Who Serve is part of Zoo for All, a series of events and engagements the zoo is undertaking to reach communities that are often underserved or overlooked in society.

The event is held during Evening Zoo with extended hours until 8:30 p.m. Evening Zoo features ambassador animal presentations, animal keeper talks, music and games, a beer and wine garden for guests 21 and over, and Zoomazium nature play space for kids.

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Workshops and guest speakers: 12:30-6:00 p.m.

- American Red Cross wellbeing workshop, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Wounded Warriors Project workshop featuring combat stress recovery specialist Michael Verdonk, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wildlife trafficking in Afghanistan and other conflict areas with speaker Peter Zahler, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Experiences as a woman in the military, featuring award-winning writer, volunteer and U.S. Marine Julia Sheriden, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Guest speakers and workshops will be in the Center for Wildlife Conservation.

COST: Free admission for active, reserve, retired, and veteran U.S. military personnel *plus* one family member with valid service identification. General admission through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$20.95; Child (3-12) \$12.95; Toddler (0-2) Free. Zoo members receive free admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes.

INFO: Summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. Evening Zoo: after hours until 8:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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

Gifts/food: Explore the ZooStores for extraordinary gifts and zoo souvenirs. Stop by the Rain Forest Food Pavilion or other concessionaire locations to quench your thirst or appetite. On your way out of the zoo for the evening, consider visiting one of many dining options in the neighborhood.

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 30 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](#).