

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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### **Hippos and sloth bear cubs kick off Pumpkin Bash presented by CLIF Kid** ***Weekend event celebrates Halloween at the zoo***

**WHAT:** Hippos will chomp on pumpkins and sloth bear cubs will play with pumpkins at a press photo op on **Thursday, October 25**.

The pumpkins for the animals kick off Woodland Park Zoo's **Pumpkin Bash presented by CLIF Kid held Saturday–Sunday, October 27–28**. The weekend-long Halloween fun features hippos, grizzlies, meerkats, penguins, tigers, and other animals chomping on or playing with pumpkins and other fall-themed treats while kids trick-or-treat and enjoy pumpkin displays and other spook-tacular activities. Zoomazium, the zoo's indoor nature play space, will be transformed into *Boomazium* featuring a "bone yard," an autumn harvest scene, a bear's den, a backyard scavenger hunt, floating ghosts and costumed witches, costumed puppet shows, games and more that will delightfully spook kids. Halloween-themed treats will be available for purchase in the Rain Forest Food Pavilion, including cupcakes and cookies.

The pumpkins and fall-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 provide extraordinary experiences for zoo guests.

**WHEN:** **Photo op: Thursday, October 25, 1:00 p.m.**

**1:00 Hippos**

**1:25 Sloth bear cubs**

Pumpkin Bash: Saturday–Sunday, October 27–28, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Photo op on Thursday, October 25:** Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

**COST:** Pumpkin Bash is free with zoo admission or membership. During Pumpkin Bash, one child 12 years and under in costume is admitted into the zoo FREE with a paid adult. This promotion cannot be combined with any other discount or promotion.

Admission: Adult (13–64) \$14.95; Child (3–12) \$9.95; 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:** Visit [www.zoo.org/pumpkinbash](http://www.zoo.org/pumpkinbash) for more information.

This Halloween, purchase candy that will delight trick-or-treaters at home, and save forests and wildlife a world away. Many confections include palm oil, the bulk of which is grown in Indonesia and Malaysia. In order to produce palm oil (the most widely used vegetable oil on the planet), tropical rain forest and peat swamps are being converted to agricultural land, confining the animals that live in these areas to much smaller habitat patches and making them susceptible to poaching and hunting, not to mention competition with other animals for limited resources. Visit <https://www.zoo.org/palmoil> and



<https://www.zoo.org/file/candy.pdf> to purchase sweet treats from companies that are committed to sourcing certified sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

Fall/winter zoo hours October 1–April 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily.

Online ticketing: Avoid lines and get your tickets in advance at [www.zoo.org/visit](http://www.zoo.org/visit). Discounts and coupons are not applicable for online ticket purchases.

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.

Refillable water stations: The sale of single-use plastics for beverages has been eliminated at the zoo. Find refillable water stations throughout the zoo and bring your own reusable bottle or purchase a stainless steel bottle at the ZooStores.

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](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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