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Wreaths, trees, treats and joy for the animals Winter Celebration at Woodland Park Zoo is Dec. 15–17, 20–22

WHAT:

It's the season of joy and giving as Woodland Park Zoo treats its wildlife residents to fish- or fruit-trimmed wreaths, evergreen trees with ornamental fruit, or gift wrapped boxes containing favorite treats for rhinos, sloth bears, wolves, otters, penguins, and more at Winter Celebration, December 15-17 and 20-22.



Winter Celebration is 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 visitors.

WHEN: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 15-17;

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 20-22, times vary

Saturday, Dec. 15

Lions 10:00 Asian small-clawed otters 11:30 Golden lion tamarins 1:30

Warty pigs 1:30 Penguins 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf

Theater) 2:00 Wolves 2:30

Monday, Dec. 17

Warthogs 10:00 Sloth bears 10:00 Maned wolves 11:00 Egyptian tortoises 11:30

Meerkats 1:00 Wallaroos 1:30 Hippos 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf

Theater) 2:00

Friday, Dec. 21

Snow leopards 11:00

Gorillas noon

Steers and donkeys noon Golden lion tamarins 1:30

Penguins 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf

Theater) 2:00 Rhinos 2:30

Sunday, Dec. 16

Tigers 10:00 Orangutans 11:00

Anoa noon

Kunekune pigs 1:30

Jaguar 2:00 Penguins 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf Theater) 2:00

Rhinos 2:30

Thursday, Dec. 20

Siamangs 10:00 Maned wolves 11:00 Grizzlies noon Warthogs 1:30 Goats 1:30

Penguins 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf Theater) 2:00

Rhinos 2:30

Saturday, Dec. 22

Warthogs 10:00 Sloth bears 10:00

Asian small-clawed otters 11:30

Komodo dragon 11:30 River otters noon

Anoa noon

Kunekune pigs 1:30

Hippos 2:00

Ambassador animals (Alvord Broadleaf Theater) 2:00

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

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

Ave. N.

COST: Winter Celebration is free with zoo 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: Fall/winter zoo hours October 1–April 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. For more information and how to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or

call 206.548.2500.

Continue the joy at Woodland Park Zoo's seventh annual **WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union**, November 23, 2018 through Saturday, January 5, 2019, 5:30–8:30 p.m. WildLights will be closed December 12, 24 and 25. Tickets are on sale at zoo.org/wildlights or at zoo gates during zoo hours.

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 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. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 30 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. 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. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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