

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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**Become bear smart!**  
**Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day**  
**presented by Brown Bear Car Wash raises awareness about**  
**native carnivores and other wildlife**



**WHAT:** As bears emerge from their winter slumber and forage for food in forests and urban areas, it's time to become *bear smart* and ensure your camp site or backyard is safe from bears—and safe for bears, too! Don't miss Woodland Park Zoo's **Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash on Saturday, June 8.**

Learn about the survival of bears, wolves, turtles, raptors, and other wildlife in the Pacific Northwest and what these animals need to survive in the wild, how to help keep them safe and how to coexist.

The zoo's curious grizzly bear brothers, Keema and Denali, will crash the aftermath of a make-believe backyard birthday party complete with a picnic table, a kiddie pool, a grill with hot dogs, cupcakes, fruit bowls and non-safe garbage cans. Experts will share valuable bear-proof tips as the bears demonstrate what goes wrong when food and garbage aren't stored properly.

Hear talks on wolves, river otters and other animals. See the new raptor program, Flights! Camera! Action! and enjoy special kid-friendly programs in Zoomazium. Stop by the Living Northwest conservation tent for chats with experts and up-close visits with Northwestern pond turtles. Visit Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio for tips on helping pollinators in your own backyard. Visit with conservation partners from Western Wildlife Outreach, Wolf Haven, National Parks Conservation Association, Conservation Northwest, Washington Trails Association, Seattle Audubon, and Seattle Aquarium with its large inflatable orca. Watch Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and their partner Karelian bear dogs demonstrate how they train nuisance bears and cougars to avoid human contact. Visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife table to learn more about Washington species and see a special demonstration by Officer Benny. Listen to Native American stories about animals and their connection with the other "people" who inhabit the world by artist and storyteller Roger Fernandes.

Special opportunity: Guests at Bear Affair will get to vote on a name for one of the zoo's new river otter pups and enter to win a behind-the-scenes visit with the zoo's grizzlies (to be arranged for a future date).

**WHEN:** **Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** Visit [www.zoo.org/events](http://www.zoo.org/events) for a schedule of activities

**WHERE:** Woodland Park Zoo: Enter through West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.

**COST:** Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day presented by Brown Bear Car Wash is free with zoo admission or membership. Admission through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$22.95; Child (3-12) \$13.95; 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:** For more information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

Spring/summer zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 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.

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](http://www.metro.kingcounty.gov).

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

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