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Zoo for All: Celebrating All Abilities

WHAT:

Everyone is invited to Zoo for All: Celebrating All Abilities, a day filled with fun, accessible events and programming to acknowledge and celebrate those with special needs as well as their families.

Among the features of this Zoo for All event:

- Mobile Zoo providing exciting encounters with ambassador animals
- More than 15 nonprofit partners with activities, resources and information
- Animal keeper talks and Creature Feature with ASL interpreters, including a special keeper talk about Hasani, the zoo's baby giraffe
- The Seattle Sensory Garden, an addition to the zoo's Rose Garden designed for those with and without disabilities to enjoy
- Sensory tools available at both entrances
- A new zoo Sensory Map to identify guieter and less heavily trafficked locations
- A social story for the entire zoo
- New additions to the sensory toolbox in Zoomazium
- So much more!

Zoo for All: Celebrating All Abilities is part of a series of events and engagements aiming to deepen connections in communities that are often underserved. Zoo for All events are part of Woodland Park Zoo's greater commitment to making the zoo a place of inclusion where people of all cultures, income levels, and abilities can connect with each other and be inspired to make conservation a priority in their lives

For more information on accessibility features at the zoo, visit zoo.org/access.

Tuesday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. WHEN:

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

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

Fremont Ave N.

TICKETS: Zoo for All: Celebrating All Cultures 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 disabilities receive a discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable

state and local taxes.

INFO: Spring/summer hours through September 2: 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily.

September 3 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information or

to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

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.

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.

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 wildlife conservation 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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