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Zoo closes early on July 12 for Jungle Party fundraiser

WHAT: On Friday, July 12, Woodland Park Zoo will close at 3:00 p.m. instead of its

normal 6:00 p.m. closing time for its 43rd annual **Jungle Party**.

WHEN: The zoo will close at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12. The zoo will open at

its normal starting time at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Ave. N.

INFO: Jungle Party is Woodland Park Zoo's signature fundraiser and is the region's wildest party in town, drawing nearly a thousand of the Puget Sound region's

civic and philanthropic leaders each year.

This year's Jungle Party is themed Our Zoo, Our Oasis-Ensuring a Fierce Future. Held outdoors on the zoo's vast, picturesque North Meadow, the fundraiser features more than 500 silent and live auction items including exclusive face-to-face animal encounters, up-close animal tours, a reception featuring complimentary appetizers and specialty drinks from Seattle's finest chefs, a sit-down dinner and live entertainment, Last year's Jungle Party raised more than \$2.1 million to help support the zoo's exemplary animal care program, wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world, and extraordinary experiences that inspire and empower guests to stand up for wildlife. For more information, visit: www.zoo.org/jungleparty.

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

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.

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.

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 guench your thirst and appetite.



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 35 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.

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