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See animals and save wildlife at Summer Safari

Summer Safari: African Wildlife Conservation Day is September 7

WHAT:

Celebrate Africa's breathtaking wildlife and learn how to help protect it at Woodland Park Zoo's Summer Safari: African Wildlife Conservation Day. It's a full day of special activities focusing on African animals, including keeper talks, games, a live African music performance and more.

Guests will get to meet real wildlife enforcement officers from US Fish and Wildlife Service and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with K9 officer Benny! They're raising awareness about illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking – one of the most critical threats facing African wildlife. Meet them at the USFWS table in the African Savanna, and at the WDFW Tip Trailer in the zoo's North Meadow from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Have electronic devices that need to be thrown out? Bring them to Summer Safari to be recycled through **ECO-CELL**! Every time a handheld electronic device is recycled through ECO-CELL, the demand for minerals like Coltan is reduced, helping protect the habitats of endangered species like the western lowland gorilla. All zoo guests are encouraged to bring used handheld electronics (cell phones, MP3 players, handheld games, e-readers, digital still and video cameras, laptops, GPS, portable hard drives, etc.) to the zoo for recycling. Receptacle boxes are available for collection of items at both the South and West Entrances.

WHEN:

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Locations and times of activities will be posted at the zoo entrances.

| 10:00 - 3:00 | WDFW Tip Trailer with K9 Officer Benny |
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| 10:00 - 3:00 | USFWS Trafficking table |
| 10:00 | Patas monkey enrichment |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Giraffe encounter |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Savanna bird game |
| 11:00 | Gorilla keeper talk |
| 11:30 | "Growing Up Gorilla" reading and book signing with |
| | Clare Meeker |
| 11:30 | Red ruffed lemur talk |
| 11:30 | Hippo keeper talk with enrichment |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | African music by Anzanga Marimba |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Savanna bird game |
| 1:00 | Lion enrichment |
| 1:30 | Ring-tailed lemur talk |
| 2:30 | Warthog keeper talk with enrichment |

WHERE:

Woodland Park Zoo. Enter through West Entrance located at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts., or South Entrance located at N. 50th St. &

Fremont Ave. N.

COST:

Summer Safari 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. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes.

INFO:

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.

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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