

PRESS ADVISORY

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Zoo's Jungle Party fundraiser goes virtual ***Live auctions begin today, July 6–July 10, 2020***

WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo's 44th annual Jungle Party, chaired by Stacey Campbell, Effie Gleason and Stephanie True, is going virtual this year and coming to you! While the community can't physically gather together this year, participants can celebrate with and support the zoo from the comfort of their homes virtually and in spirit—starting today!



The zoo extends a roaring thanks to Brown Bear Car Wash and Western Towboat Company for their title sponsorship support of virtual Jungle Party.

Jungle Party is the zoo's signature fundraiser, raising more than \$1.7 million each year for the zoo. This year's Jungle Party funds will go directly toward providing the best possible day-to-day care and welfare for the nearly 1,000 animals that call the zoo home, supporting day-to-day operations to keep the zoo running, and continuing important and memorable programs and experiences for guests and the community.

WHEN: Jungle Party, "Always Yours, Always Wild," will begin today throughout the week of July 6–10:

- **Monday, July 6:** Auctions open including silent, super silent, zoo experiences and "live" auctions; online programming begins; pre-order meals for Friday evening from [Ethan Stowell Restaurants](#) and more! Bid on exciting auction items including zoo experiences that can't be experienced anywhere else. Check back daily for newly released content featuring favorite zoo animals and staff!
- **Friday, July 10, 7:00–8:00 p.m.:** Live stream Jungle Party program begins (times below are approximate and may be subject to change):
 - 7:00: Welcome Emcee Matt Lorch and Auctioneer Fred Northup, Jr.
 - 7:10: Mix-it-up with Chef Ethan Stowell and learn how to make the Jungle Bird Cocktail; toast to the animals with Laurie Stewart, Woodland Park Zoo Board Member and CEO of Sound Community Bank
 - 7:30: **Fund-Our-Future** campaign, ***Nurturing Our Core***, will focus on the core, day-to-day operations of Woodland Park Zoo. Due to the coronavirus, the zoo has spent multiple months with its gates closed, devastating its earned revenue. Now, more than ever, the zoo needs community support for its critical operations, from animal keepers, to grounds crews, to horticulture specialists and more
 - 7:35: A sit-down with Director of Animal Health Dr. Darin Collins; Dr. Doo, aka Kaitlyn Welzen; and Ambassador Animal Curator Rachel Salant

HOW: Registration for virtual Jungle Party is free. To register, visit <https://www.zoo.org/jungleparty/register>

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