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February 1 – May 31, 2021

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Daily) | 8 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

June 1 – August 31, 2021

7 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Daily) | 6 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

Please note: Encounters, tours and experiences are not open until general public hours. Also, we do our best to have the majority of our animals in their habitats by opening time, but this cannot be guaranteed.

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Greater Flamingo
Photo by Hunter Umaska

Dear Zoo Friends,

Although we're beginning our summer warm-up, May and June are still great months to visit the Phoenix Zoo. The mornings are still relatively cool and the best time to see our animals at their most active. It's also a great opportunity to spend some focused time getting to know parts of the Zoo that are a little off the beaten path when the park is not very crowded.

One of my favorite parts of the Zoo is the Forest of Uco, which is where my favorite habitat is located. I love the barn owl exhibit. It's not an expensive or high-tech area but is instead a very authentic recreation of a barn and corral that you might find in a sleepy little town in South America. Barn owls have adapted well to life among humans, nesting in trees, on cliff ledges and caves, but they also nest in many kinds of human structures, including barns, church steeples, houses, nest boxes, haystacks, and even drive-in movie screens. They eat mostly small mammals, so their presence is a great benefit for the people lucky enough to live or farm near nesting barn owls.

Another area where I like to sit when I have a few extra minutes is the rose garden between otters and the greater flamingos. It's a quiet, restful spot that sits up high. You can see the flamingos and the lake from there and it's beautiful when the roses are blooming. You could head there after a "flamingle" with the flamingos and enjoy them once you've gotten to know them a little better.

Finally, although this area is not accessible to everyone as part of their visit, the Desert Tents area is one of the most amazing places in the Zoo. If you ever want to rent a private area for a small or large party, Desert Tents provides a memorable setting. Located behind Safari Snacks across from rhinos, the winding pathway up to Desert Tents opens to a scene that could easily be found on a photo safari in the Serengeti.



Five permanent canvas tents surround a central gas-fed campfire, perfect for roasting marshmallows and watching the stars. When you hear lions roaring, you might even forget you're at the Zoo and not in Africa!

No matter what hidden gem you want to discover, the Phoenix Zoo offers plenty of opportunities to make incredible memories. I hope to see you all soon at the Zoo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert" with a stylized flourish underneath.

Norberto (Bert) J. Castro

President / CEO

Arizona Center for Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo



HIDDEN GEMS OF THE ZOO

**Don't miss these
one-of-a-kind animals
on your next visit!**

Lions... tigers... bears...

These animals often inspire wonder simply because of their sheer size and majesty. After all, these are animals we typically only see on television.

However, the Phoenix Zoo cares for over 3,000 animals, with nearly 400 species represented, including many threatened or endangered species.

So on your way to visit one of the larger animals like a Southern white rhinoceros, don't miss these hidden gems!



White-faced Saki Monkey

These New World monkeys move on all fours and are occasionally seen running upright on horizontal branches. They are good climbers and can make long downward leaps in trees... sometimes with their offspring in tow! Their young cling to the mother's belly and become independent after six months. White-faced saki monkeys tend to stay in the trees and very rarely come to the ground.

Saharan Horned Viper

Named after a mythical serpent, the Saharan horned viper is a desert-dwelling animal with horn-like protrusions over their eyes. They are generally even-tempered snakes. In fact, during the day, they often hide in holes made by other animals or bury themselves in soft sand to avoid the intense heat.

Two Burrowing Owls are perched on a dark, rocky surface. The owl in the foreground is looking towards the left, while the one behind it is looking slightly downwards. Both have brown and white mottled plumage.

Burrowing Owls

Burrowing owls typically live in grasslands, prairies, or deserts with open areas and sparse vegetation. They spend most of their time on low perches or on the ground, and nest and brood in burrows underground. Depending on the area, they may construct their own burrows or use burrows created by other species, like prairie-dogs, ground squirrels, kangaroo rats or other animals.

Two Blue-spotted Ribbontail Rays are shown on a sandy surface. They have a dark, almost black body covered in numerous bright blue spots. Their wings are spread out, and they appear to be resting or moving slowly across the sand.

Blue-spotted Ribbontail Ray

Named for their gorgeous and vibrant blue spots covering their body, blue-spotted ribbontail rays are often found along the sandy flats and coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific Ocean. Keeping close to the seafloor when they feed, these foragers dig in the sand, hunting shallow sand-dwelling animals like shrimp and crabs.

Prairie Dogs

Prairie dogs are a keystone species, meaning they are very important to their ecosystem. They keep the grasslands from changing to pasture lands and provide homes for other animals, like burrowing owls with their abandoned burrows, and they are an important food source for many animals, like the black-footed ferret.



Rhinoceros Hornbill

With long beaks that enable them to reach fruit on the outer branches of forest trees, rhinoceros hornbills have round wings which make flying difficult. Females will sit in a hollow tree during nesting and the male will close up the hole in the tree to protect the female (and young) from predators. This hole only leaves a tiny slit that a beak can fit through so the male can drop food into the hole. The fledgling will squeeze through the hole at about 6 weeks of age.



HELP US SAVE BFFs!



The Phoenix Zoo has been an active partner in bringing **black-footed ferrets**, or BFFs, back from the brink of extinction – and now **YOU** can help save this incredible species.

Your purchase of a limited-edition t-shirt not only supports **black-footed ferret** conservation but helps care for the thousands of amazing animals that call the non-profit Phoenix Zoo home.



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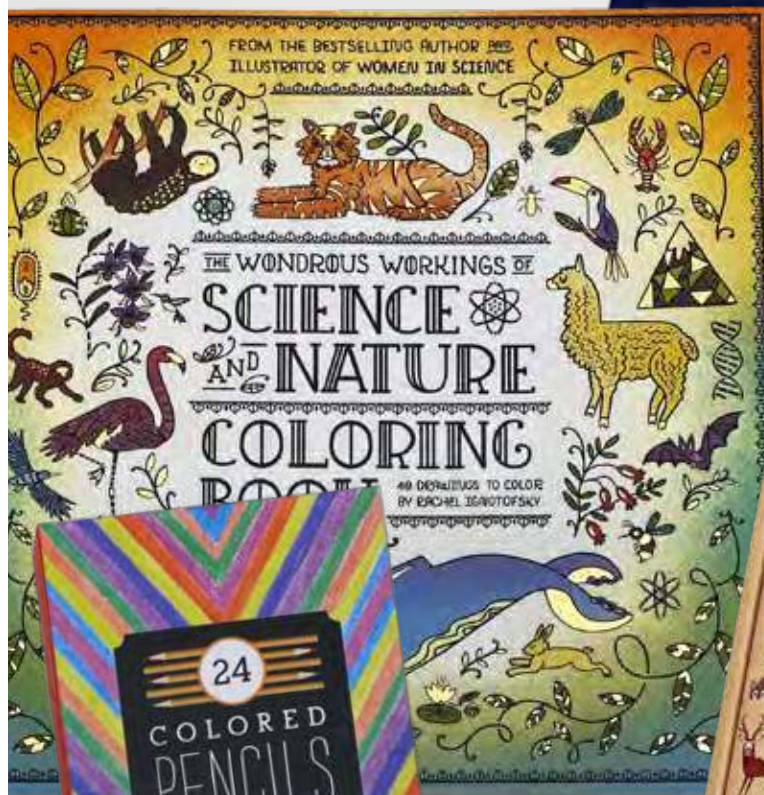
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UNPLUGGED!

Going to visit the Zoo gives new meaning to the word unplugged!

After a visit at the Zoo or even a long day at work, the gift shop can keep you entertained with these great ideas. From coloring books and colored pencils to glow-in-the-dark puzzles, the Phoenix Zoo store has everything you need for more unplugged moments.

Remember when you shop at the store, you are supporting the conservation efforts of the non-profit Phoenix Zoo!





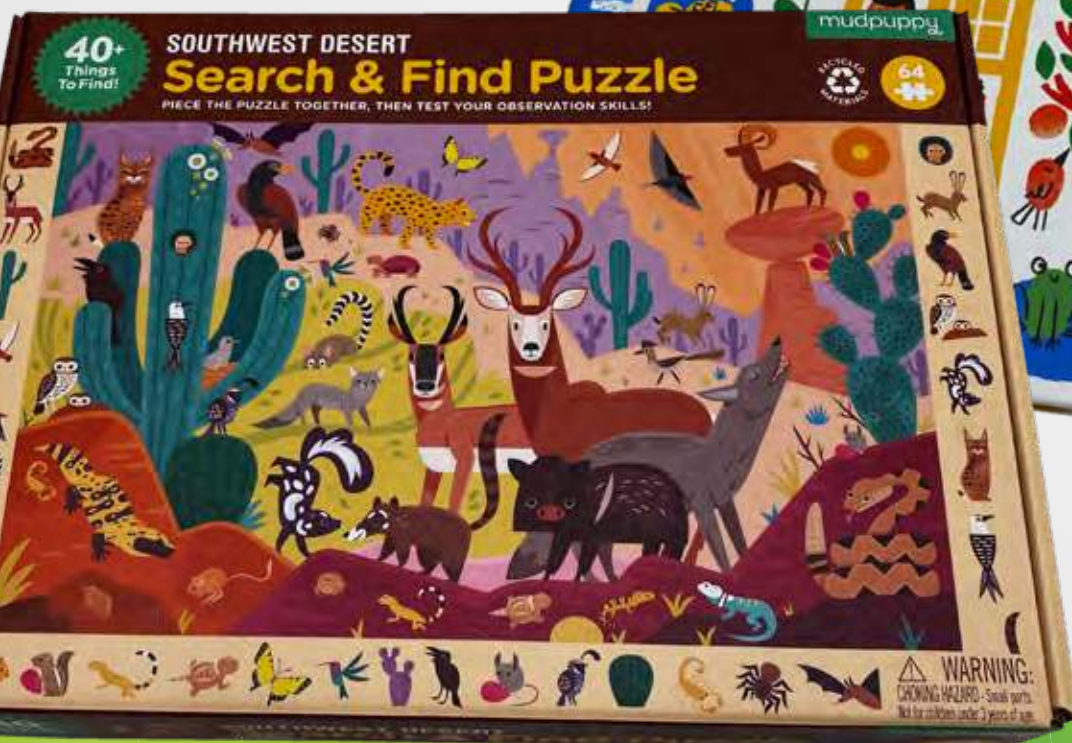
**Southwest Desert
Search & Find Puzzle | \$ 16.99**

**Fingerprint Activities Book
With Paint | \$15.99**

**African Wildlife
Coloring Book | \$18**

**Science & Nature
Coloring Book | \$14.99**

**Colored Pencils
Set of 24 | \$13.99**



The Desert Marketplace Gift Shop, operated by Event Network, is committed to sustainability in honor of the Phoenix Zoo's mission. Items in the store are made with reusable materials, environmentally-friendly ink is used for signs and product packaging is made of 90 percent post-consumer recycled materials.

Giving Stock – It's Easier Than You Think and Now May Be the Perfect Time

It's a simple way to give AND increase your tax deduction.



This year, we are seeing an increase in people giving stock. Here is why:

- Giving stock can save you money on two types of taxes — avoiding all capital gains taxes and getting a full income tax deduction for the value of the stock.
- Many are surprised how easy it is to make a stock gift — it can take just a few minutes.

If you have held stock for more than a year and would like to donate it to support the Phoenix Zoo, we have an extraordinary volunteer group called the Planned Giving Advisory Committee who can answer your questions and provide you with expert guidance.

For more information or to connect with the PGAC, please contact Liz Toth at 602.286.3881 or ltoth@phoenixzoo.org.

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The Phoenix Zoo welcomes all forms of corporate support and recognizes that budgets as well as marketing and philanthropic objectives vary. As a result, we look forward to working with you on customizing an opportunity that meets your organization's needs.

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- Sponsorship
- Matching Gifts
- Corporate Events
- Membership
- Ticket Discounts
- Zoom Animals

Find out what the Phoenix Zoo can do for you.
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Rose and I have been individual supporters and corporate partners of the Phoenix Zoo through our firm, for almost 40 years. We support multiple opportunities each year including the always popular ZooLights. ZooLights tickets make great gifts for friends and clients. Please consider joining in on all the fun at the Phoenix Zoo.

Harry Papp

Managing Partner, L. Roy Papp & Associates LLP

SRP's partnership with the Phoenix Zoo allows us to support their conservation stewardship, while educating guests on the importance of nature and the environment for a sustainable future. We are proud to support The Pride Campaign by providing the final gift for both the Multi-species Conservation Center, and the Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater.

John Hoopes

Vice President, SRP

Zoom Animals – Testimonials

Having Fernando the two-toed sloth lead off our team celebration was exactly what we needed to break up the monotony of Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting! We literally had staff that cried seeing his beautiful face and calm, easy going demeanor. The staff made it engaging and fun, and even the most reticent members of the team learned something. We'd highly recommend Zoom Animals to any business that relies on videoconferences to keep in touch with each other. It is a fun and relatively inexpensive way to liven up your calls.

David Haworth

As a proud supporter of the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC)/the Phoenix Zoo, TB Consulting is investing in vitally important conservation initiatives while also supporting an iconic experience at the heart of our community. We recently invited Lady the Aardvark into our company's quarterly meeting through the Zoo's Zoom Animals program and it was the highlight of the meeting!

Julie Gable

COO, TB Consulting



AFRICA TRAIL – PREDATOR PASSAGE

Despite the uncertainty caused by the pandemic and the Zoo's closure for 161 days, we are committed to moving forward with The Pride Campaign, the new \$7.3 million redesign of the Africa Trail.

The remaining key element is the architectural design. This is nearing completion and construction is anticipated to begin in August with the expansion completed by the fall of 2022.

This new six-acre expansion of the Africa Trail will be the Zoo's largest Capital project to date. Guests will enjoy the new, one-acre African lion and spotted

hyena habitat, as well as habitats for meerkats, warthogs and the endangered Amur leopards.

We invite you to Join the Journey, by making a gift and helping the Zoo during the final phase of fundraising for The Pride Campaign. Naming opportunities begin at \$1,000.

For more information, please contact Lorraine Frias, Vice President of Development at 602.914.4322 or lfrias@phoenixzoo.org.





Continuing Field Conservation Research While Being COVID-cautious



Heading into the new academic year in fall 2020, we were eager to work with ASU's School of Life Sciences (SOLS) and their Undergraduate Research Program (SOLUR) to come up with a strategy that would provide students the chance to develop field conservation research skills without putting anyone at increased risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. As director of the Zoo's Field Conservation Research Department (FCRD) Dr. Jan Schipper put it, "Finding a way to bring students back safely was a win-win, allowing us to participate in the students' training and education while we pursue our research and conservation goals with their help."

SOLUR Co-Director Dr. Shelley Haydel shared her enthusiasm for the opportunities the program provides: "By participating in research, our undergraduate scientists become better thinkers, innovators, and problem solvers. As part of the SOLUR program, students develop their critical thinking and professional skills and join a community of mutually supportive scientists."

Enter Mary Haddad and Seth Wielgus, ASU SOLS juniors, whose work with the Zoo began late in the fall semester and has continued this spring. Initially, the students' work was focused on projects that could be done remotely, allowing them to meet virtually with

Jan and develop skills in camera-trap image sorting from the relative safety of home while participating in other SOLUR program activities through ASU.

As with many things

over the past year, the Zoo's conservation-related internship opportunities were put on pause in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In many ways this was an obvious decision, but it was a difficult one. The Zoo takes pride in helping train the next generation of conservation scientists and stewards, and we worried about a cohort of students missing out on learning experiences that would help prepare them for careers in our field. Through the last 10+ years, we've hosted dozens of students and recent graduates as interns in our Conservation and Science and Field Conservation Research Departments, many of whom have gone on to advanced degrees in science and/or jobs with state and federal wildlife agencies, among other pursuits.

"I loved the connection between ASU's School of Life Sciences and the Phoenix Zoo, two organizations which I already love and respect. It was the best of both worlds, I got the support of my institution and faculty members in my college as well as the support of a well-established conservation program with knowledgeable professionals in my field of interest."

— Mary Haddad
ASU SOLUR/Phoenix Zoo student researcher

Mary has been sifting through images from our Borderlands projects, which are looking at wildlife communities in the region and how they may be impacted by changing conditions there. Seth has been entering past image data into Wildlife Insights, a cloud-based software system that will ultimately allow for greater sharing of scientific data among researchers worldwide. Both have recently joined Jan in the field in the Verde River watershed, where we hope to restart our previous Wild Water project. This effort seeks to describe how wildlife are using the watershed seasonally, and as water availability changes over time.

Seth noted, "What drew me most to this position was that I knew it involved fieldwork and cameras. [I've wanted] to better understand how large projects work and how something like this isn't just a small team of people, but also requires communication with larger organizations like the Forest Service.... I've really enjoyed driving out to remote areas and seeing new sights, as well as learning a lot about what Jan has done throughout his life and career."

Mary's reflections also show us that our goals in continuing the program are being met. "I have loved the experience of being around the conservation program offices and the

Phoenix Zoo. I came into conservation biology just before the pandemic began and as such, have missed out on experiencing being on-ground and actually feeling like a conservation biologist. I've felt so safe with the protocols in place and very thankful that I can finally get this valuable experience in real-life places with impactful projects.... Now I feel I have a good grasp on the skills I need to continue to develop before I graduate, including GIS, occupancy modeling, and surviving long hikes!"

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with ASU and others who support student research opportunities at the Zoo. Keep an eye out if you're in the back country – you just might see folks from our teams working and learning together in the field, putting our mission into action.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

May 1

Save the Rhino Day

May 26

World Otter Day

May 8

World Migratory Bird Day

May 31

World Parrot Day

June 5

World Environment Day

June 20

American Eagle Day

June 17

World Croc Day

June 21

World Giraffe Day

June 18

Veterinary Appreciation Day

June 22

World Camel Day

Happy World Camel Day!

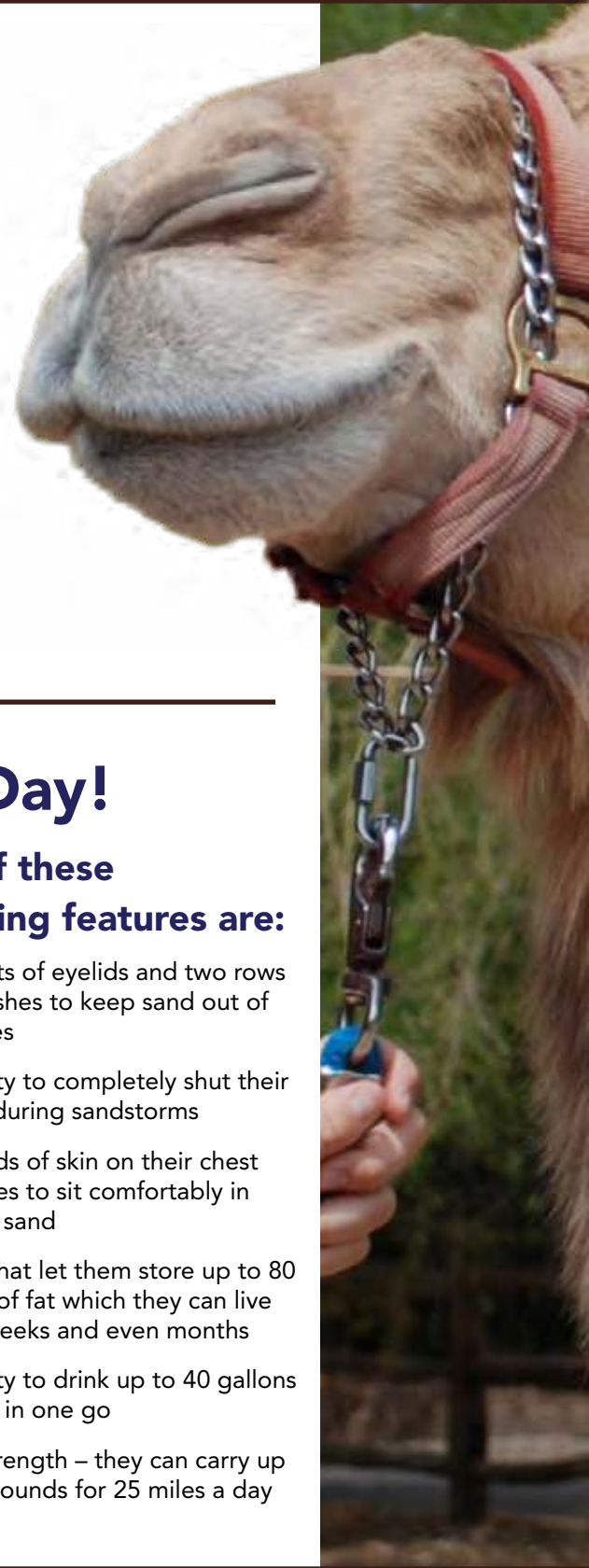
Most people think there are only two types of camels, yet there are actually three species of these long-lashed ungulates. Native to the Middle East and North Africa, the one-humped Dromedary makes up 94% of the world's camel population. They have been domesticated for over 4,000 years and are integral to the livelihood of humans. The two-humped Bactrian camel is found in Asia, along with the critically endangered Wild Bactrian camel, with less than 400 surviving in herds across the Gobi Desert of Mongolia and China.

Known as the "ships of the desert," these resilient herbivores have developed incredible adaptations to survive the most inhospitable of arid climates.

Some of these fascinating features are:

- three sets of eyelids and two rows of eyelashes to keep sand out of their eyes
- the ability to completely shut their nostrils during sandstorms
- thick pads of skin on their chest and knees to sit comfortably in very hot sand
- humps that let them store up to 80 pounds of fat which they can live off for weeks and even months
- the ability to drink up to 40 gallons of water in one go
- super strength – they can carry up to 900 pounds for 25 miles a day

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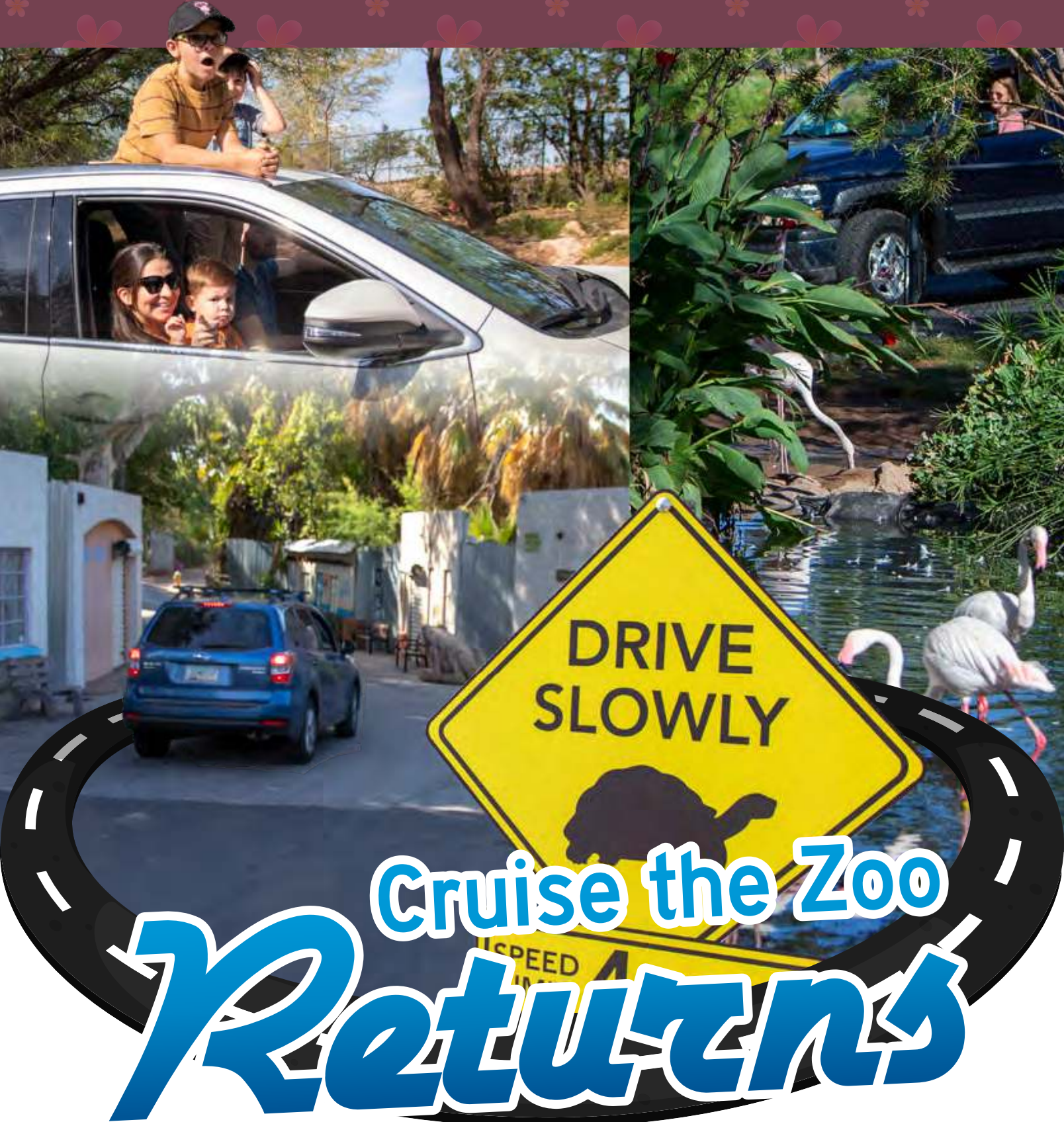
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That's when we launched the very first Cruise the Zoo event.

Since that point, Cruise the Zoo presented by SRP has become one of the Valley's most popular and favorite activities to do during this unique and ever-

changing time. Since that first weekend in May of 2020, we've hosted a total of 43 Cruise the Zoo drive-thru dates with over 21,000 cars visiting!

The best part? It's Back!

Beginning on June 6, every Sunday – Tuesday from 7 a.m. – Noon will be reserved for Cruise the Zoo (we are open the normal hours of 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. from Wednesday – Saturday).

The Cruise the Zoo route is a one-way circuit that passes by some of the Phoenix Zoo's most popular animals such as flamingos, giraffes, cheetahs, elephants and rhinoceros.

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Sunday – Tuesday
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ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES

Enhance your day at the Phoenix Zoo with a variety of fun experiences to make your visit even more memorable!

Camel Rides

Saddle up for a ride on one of the most amazing animals in the world and even get your picture taken!

Endangered Species Carousel

Take a spin on the Endangered Species Carousel! Each animal is unique and beautifully handcrafted for an authentic, distinctive look.

Stingray Bay

Our 15,000-gallon interactive pool offers you the chance to come hand to fin with our cownose stingrays and even feed them fish and shrimp.

ZOO TOURS

Safari Cruiser

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Hop aboard for a fun, narrated, 25-minute tour meandering past a large portion of the Zoo's animals, encounters and experiences.

Discovery Tours

A Discovery Tour is a 75-minute guided tour through the Zoo in one of our eco-shuttles. You'll be able to hop on and off the cart for closer viewing and for photo opportunities throughout the tour.

Backstage Adventures

If you're looking for a truly unique experience, join us for a Backstage Adventure and get an insider's glimpse of some of our animal habitats such as flamingo, elephant and Stingray Bay.

Premium Adventures

Looking for the ultimate Zoo tour? Try a Premium Adventure – a fully customized experience for you and your special guests.

* Discovery Tours, Backstage and Premium Adventures are limited to same party groups only and all tour participants are required to wear a face covering during the tour.



Phoenix Zoo members receive a discount!

Making Deeper Memories with Zoo Tours

Providing experiences for our guests that create lasting memories is an important aspect of our mission and highly motivating for our staff. Though a visit to the Zoo is impactful on its own, education programs and experiences like the Giraffe Encounter and Goat Yard help forge and strengthen much deeper connections with nature. Fortunately, we've been able to safely operate our tour programs throughout the pandemic. In fact, despite having to limit group size and remove some of our usual tour locations, we're on track to provide tours to almost as many people during the pandemic as we did the previous year. Perhaps tours are creating opportunities for connections when many people have needed it most.

We have three main types of tours at the Phoenix Zoo. Discovery Tours are 75-minute customized guided cart tours that take you anywhere you'd like to go on the Zoo's public pathways. Guides share stories and information about our animals and each tour starts with the question, "What would you most like to see today?" Discovery Tours are fun for both first-time visitors and members since the tour can be customized to your interests. For example, if you'd like to hang with a Zoo educator while visiting every lizard on exhibit in the Zoo, we've got you!

Backstage Adventures are just as they sound – opportunities to go behind-the-scenes and learn what happens backstage at the Zoo. Or in some cases, step on the other side of the barrier straight into the animals' habitat. You can meet all of our ambassador animals, help give an elephant a shower,

or hand-feed a flamingo (actually, many flamingos), all while hanging with the zookeepers who know more about the animals than anyone else in the Zoo.

We also offer Premium Adventures which combine a Discovery Tour with a Backstage Adventure and allow you to choose the date and time (with some exceptions) of your tour.

Our guests book tours for a variety of reasons: birthdays, first dates (true story), family outings, vacation experiences and simply to get to know their Zoo even better. Tours are not only amazing experiences for the participants, but they are also rewarding and energizing for the staff. We love sharing our animals with people and helping build connections with them; every tour we do makes that possible!

"Had a tour with Mike and it was absolutely awesome! Very personable tour guide with a ton of knowledge and information you won't find on your own. Our family truly enjoyed it and most of all we learned so much. We are out of town and don't have a local zoo in Vegas, so we visit one every time we go somewhere on vacation and the Phoenix Zoo is by far one of the very best! Definitely recommend a tour (with Mike if you can!) as you will be able to see a lot more than you would on your own."

"One of our favorite Phoenix Zoo memories was when we got to visit with elephants Indu and Sheena! Their keepers, Corey and Elizabeth, and our tour guide Mike were so informative and awesome – an experience we'll always remember! Loved seeing the girls' personalities up close."



"... the granddaughters, parents & I really enjoyed the tour. Our guide was really a delight and went out of her way to ensure we had a wonderful and memorable visit while learning a lot about the zoo and its residents.... This opportunity is particularly special to us because we were celebrating Olivia's (the little blonde on my lap) upcoming three-year-old birthday. She has a fatal and rare genetic brain disease (MLD - Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) along with her baby sister, Keira. Over the past year, Livvy has lost her ability to use her arms, walk, and speak and will eventually succumb from the disease... so the Discovery Tour was a treasured moment for us to capture.... The Discovery Tour made it possible for Livvy to visit the zoo in her own time and view her favorite animals and birds since it is painful for her to sit in a stroller for very long or impossible to sit in a car seat."

"We were so excited for the kids to have the opportunity to learn so much about the flamingos from the Phoenix Zoo team. Both kids learned so many fun and interesting facts, being up close made the experience very personal. They enjoyed being able to feed the flamingos, learn their names, and their unique history. The experience is another reason why we are zoo members and happily support the zoo where we can, we plan to return for another backstage adventure!"



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Throwing Some SHADE to Survive the Summer

SRP and the Phoenix Zoo
team up to beat the heat

We know it's coming. The summer months in Arizona, when 90 degrees feels chilly and asphalt is in a liquid state. Sure, it is a *dry heat*, but is that really a consolation? Shade is no doubt a desert dweller's favorite reprieve during the hottest time of the year.

Here at the Zoo, the animals cool down by hanging in the shade – a simple trick that can make it feel 10 to 15 degrees cooler. For years, our local, community-based not-for-profit Salt River Project has promoted shade as a “beat the heat” solution and now SRP is helping the Phoenix Zoo become an even cooler place to be!

SRP has launched Shade the Zoo, which features five designated “cool down” areas that provide great shade and information on how SRP customers can make their homes more comfortable and save money on their monthly bills by taking advantage of **SRP's Shade Screen Rebate program**.

“At SRP, we are always looking for ways to help the

community and our customers. We are thrilled to provide shade to both our four-legged friends and our customers,” said Kathleen Mascareñas, SRP media relations representative. “Partnering with the Phoenix Zoo provides us with a mutually beneficial and creative way to let our customers know that windows account for nearly 50 percent of the heat that enters their homes and can lower cooling costs by up to 25 percent.”

Tree canopies, shade sails and umbrellas are all features of Shade the Zoo and prove how shade can block the sun's blistering rays, make you more comfortable and protect your home while conserving energy and lowering utility costs.

Check out these helpful and shady solutions from SRP at srpnet.com/shadescreens.

The next time you visit the Phoenix Zoo, check out our Shade the Zoo areas. Chill out. Relax. Learn a little about staying cool and saving money. Thanks to SRP, you will have it made in the shade!

Score Free Shade:

SRP's Shade Tree Program provides customers with up to two, free desert-adapted trees. Shading your home helps reduce cooling costs, improve air quality and lower the Valley's heat effect without using a lot of water. To score some free shade, check out, srpnet.com/shadetrees.

Shade Your Home

To be more comfortable in your home during the summer, shade screens are a must-have in Arizona. They protect your home's interior from sun damage, add privacy and cut cooling costs. SRP offers discounts on a shade screens. You can cover your windows and uncover savings by visiting srpnet.com/shadescreens.



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SPRING PROGRAMS (Ages Pre-K – Grade 6)

Make the Zoo a part of your child's learning experiences this spring! Each age-appropriate program features live animals, games and activities, and loads of fun. Join us virtually, in-person, or both!

Virtual programs are hosted on Zoom in a password-protected room. For in-person programs, all participants and facilitators will be required to wear masks. Programs will be held almost exclusively outdoors with social distancing. Programs may be canceled based on the amount of community spread of COVID-19 at the time.

[Click here](#) for all program information and registration.

Creature Chronicles

Ages 3 – 5

Virtual: \$10 per household

In-person: \$5 per child/caregiver pair | \$10 per household

Join us virtually or in-person for a fun-filled story time. Each Creature Chronicle includes an interactive reading, a game or activity and a live visit from one of the Zoo's ambassador animals.

May – Three Little Javelina

Camp Zoo |

Grades 1 – 8

Member \$159 | General \$174

Fascinating adventures await at Camp Zoo. This in-person, week-long camp is filled with up-close animal encounters, behind-the-scenes experiences, hands-on activities, games, in-depth investigations and organized free time.

Grades 1 – 3

Virtual Programs

\$10 per household

These 45-minute programs include interactive discussions, games, videos and live animals.

May – It Happened Here: Zoo Stories

Animals at the Phoenix Zoo can get up to some funny, silly things! Join us as we share our favorite crazy stories about things that happen here at the Zoo.



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Coleen, Age 6



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Hanah, Age 10



Gabriela, Age 8



Jennifer, Age 13



Porter, Age 5



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