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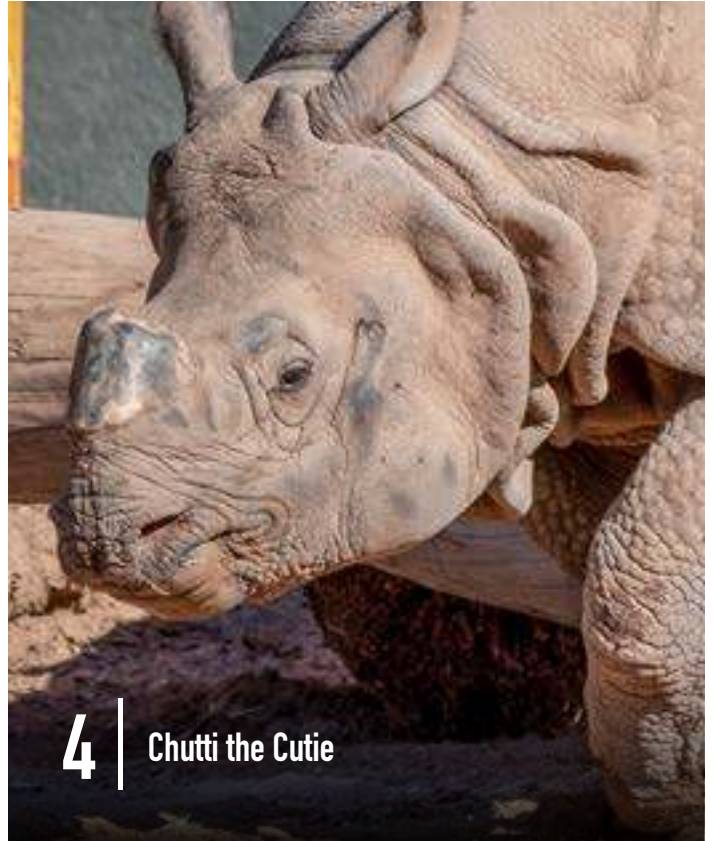
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Dear Zoo Friends,

Welcome to 2022! As I write this, we are on pace to have a record-setting ZooLights season. Thanks to the fantastic people at the City of Phoenix, our good friend, Steve Betts, and many other generous donors and volunteers, our renovated and expanded parking lots have provided much-needed additional parking and allowed many more guests to visit the Zoo for the Valley's brightest holiday tradition. Our ZooLights 30th anniversary year has been fantastic!

The new year is bringing many exciting things to the Phoenix Zoo. We are making progress on the new Africa Trail (the Zoo's biggest single expansion ever), and our fundraising efforts for Big Cats of the Sonoran Desert – an expanded habitat in the Arizona Trail for jaguars and mountain lions – are off to a great start.

But one of the things I'm most excited about in 2022 is hosting The Lost Bird Project. Todd McGrain, the sculptor and force behind The Lost Bird Project, believes, "art can touch each of us in a way that ideas and intellect alone cannot." I believe that, too. The Zoo actually has quite a few beautiful pieces of art located throughout Zoo grounds. A few years ago, a small group of volunteers formed the Arts Committee to inventory these permanent art pieces. After a short time, the work of the committee expanded to include art exhibits in the Zoo's Savanna Grill. These exhibits have added so much to the dining experience inside the Grill and the beautiful works of art have helped advance the Zoo's mission to inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world.

This spring, the Zoo and the Arts Committee have worked together to bring the traveling exhibit of The Lost Bird Project to the Zoo. These large bronze sculptures represent five species of North American birds that have been lost to extinction and will be located along the walkway between the Savanna Grill and otters. The Lost Bird Project has been



on traveling display for the past several years at museums and nature centers all over the country, including the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. and the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming. We are so excited to bring this moving and thought-provoking exhibit to Phoenix.

Because we are first and foremost a conservation organization, the Arts Committee thought it appropriate to combine the works of The Lost Bird Project with two southern Arizona artists for the Spring 2022 exhibit: Lost Birds and the Art of Conservation. Artists, Katherine Cudney and Charles Thomas, will exhibit works featuring conservation successes for species like the bald eagle and California condor, as well as the landscapes and habitats that are vital for every conservation success story. The Lost Bird sculptures, and the prints and photographs documenting the Project, will be here for an entire year, but the Lost Birds and the Art of Conservation exhibit will be featured in the Savanna Grill from February 4 through May 30. A portion of the sales from the works of Cudney and Thomas will benefit the non-profit Phoenix Zoo. Please stop into the Savanna Grill to see both the exhibit and the incredible Lost Bird Project sculptures on your next visit.

I hope to see you all at the Zoo!

Sincerely,

Norberto (Bert) J. Castro

President / CEO

Arizona Center for Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo

Chutti the Cutie

Greater One-horned Rhino Takes Zoo by Storm

You know him.

You love him.

He's Chutti the Cutie.

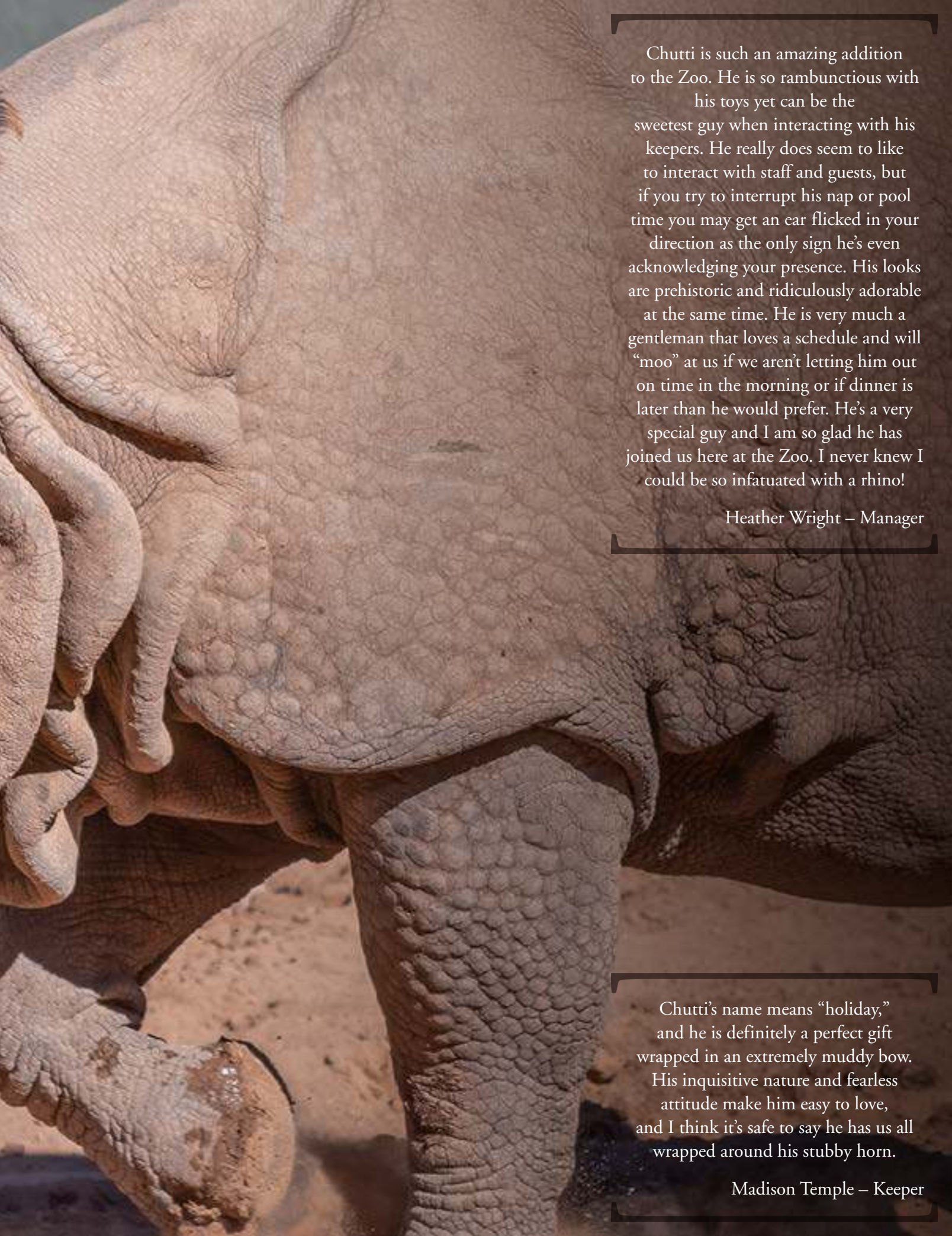
Chutti, the Zoo's new greater one-horned rhinoceros made his habitat debut in early November of 2021.

Since that time, he's gone viral (a video of him playing in his pond received over 3 million views on Facebook), made a fan of Indu and won over the hearts of his caretakers.

Chutti came to us from the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and was initially kept inside the elephant barn and holding yards to get used to his new surroundings... and new neighbors (Asian elephant Indu and the Sumatran tigers).

Overall, Chutti is a pretty relaxed guy (for a rhino) and has been taking everything in stride. He is very personable and is very food motivated. He puts on quite the show for our guests as he plays with his behavioral enrichment toys in his habitat. Chances are you'll find him either napping, eating or running around playing.

We caught up with a few of his caretakers to get their thoughts on the Zoo's newest star.



Chutti is such an amazing addition to the Zoo. He is so rambunctious with his toys yet can be the sweetest guy when interacting with his keepers. He really does seem to like to interact with staff and guests, but if you try to interrupt his nap or pool time you may get an ear flicked in your direction as the only sign he's even acknowledging your presence. His looks are prehistoric and ridiculously adorable at the same time. He is very much a gentleman that loves a schedule and will "moo" at us if we aren't letting him out on time in the morning or if dinner is later than he would prefer. He's a very special guy and I am so glad he has joined us here at the Zoo. I never knew I could be so infatuated with a rhino!

Heather Wright – Manager

Chutti's name means "holiday," and he is definitely a perfect gift wrapped in an extremely muddy bow. His inquisitive nature and fearless attitude make him easy to love, and I think it's safe to say he has us all wrapped around his stubby horn.

Madison Temple – Keeper

Just saying the name Chutti
inevitably brings a smile to my face.
He's absolutely infectious! It's very rare
to have the opportunity to work with
such a positive and giving animal.

He's eager to please with a dash
of oblivion. Words can't describe the
pure joy he has brought to my life.

Stevie Merner – Keeper





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THE REAL NARWHAL:

Conservation Through Representation

By **William Hart**

Manager of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
& Organizational Training

A few months ago, my husband and two sons (ages 3 and 7) were watching a cartoon about animal conservation while I was cleaning up after dinner. This episode was about ocean animals and the creature they were working with was a narwhal. A narwhal is a medium-sized whale that has an enlarged tooth that looks like a long, spiraled tusk jutting from its head.

About halfway through the show, my husband said, "I like this show but why did they choose an animal that isn't real to teach about conservation?" This is a man with a PhD, an MD, and who has been to Antarctica twice to do research. I paused for a second questioning my own knowledge before offering, "You know that narwhals are real animals, right?" He did not. His reason for not knowing they were real was because he had never seen one in real life.

Part of what makes our Zoo successful is our ability to provide experiences and share space with a diverse collection of animals. The sharing of this space makes these animals real and creates tangible connections with our guests. These connections can create actions that help change the way humanity views and cares for our planet.

Representation matters and is critical to meaningful connection. I can tell you about how amazing greater one-horned rhinos are and how vital it is that we continue to take steps now so that these animals can continue to thrive. However, seeing Chutti and safely sharing a space with him helps create the opportunity to connect with just how real and incredible he is.

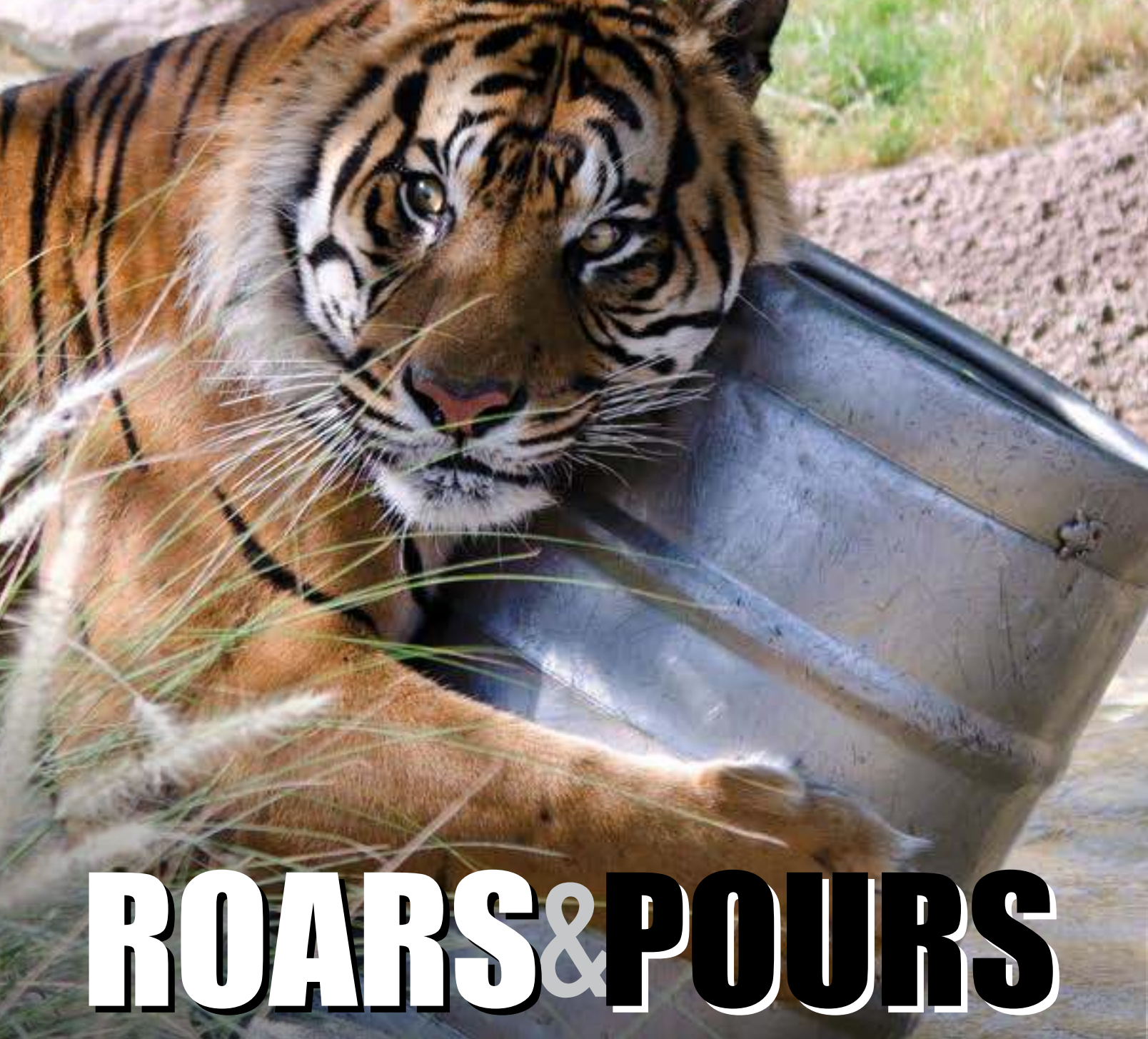
I think this extends to humans, as well. When a guest dreams of one day working in conservation, seeing a member of the team they can relate to makes that possibility seem less like a dream and creates an opportunity for action.

It is vital that we create spaces where our animals can thrive. Equally, we must continue to create spaces where our guests and team members feel that sense of belonging and the freedom to be their complete selves.

If there is something in an animal's habitat that is not beneficial to the animal because it hinders it from moving or exploring freely, we safely remove it. Similarly, we must continue to identify and remove tangible and intangible barriers that may be stopping our guests and team members from safely moving and exploring our organization.

We will never know all there is to know about the complex systems that make up these natural and organizational environments because they are constantly changing and evolving. That does not stop us from learning new information and updating information that is no longer valid. We will continue to approach both environments with the same sense of urgency and responsibility.

In 1577, an explorer described seeing a "sea-unicorn." Advances in conservation and education have allowed us to understand what he was describing; as we continue to share space with the incredible narwhal, they will become real to more people through connection... just like they did for a father of two while watching a kids show one evening after dinner.



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It’s about concentrating charitable contributions and itemizing deductions in one year, then taking the increased standard deduction in other years.

The Phoenix Zoo’s own Planned Giving Advisory Committee recommends this strategy called “bunching” when helping their clients create their annual charitable giving plan.

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By bunching your donations into one year, it’s possible to reduce your combined two-year income tax liability. The bunching strategy is all about maximizing the impact of your itemized deductions combined with the standard deduction over a two-year tax period.

You may worry that if you bunch this year the Zoo will miss out on your gift next year. No need to worry. By bunching your gifts into a DAF account, you can distribute those funds on an annual basis, and keep your Zoo donations consistent year after year.

Another smart strategy, for those who have appreciated stock owned for a year or more, is to donate it directly to the Zoo. If the stock were sold and proceeds given to the Zoo capital gains tax would have to be paid on the appreciation. This year is a great year to make a gift of stock and take advantage of a full fair market value deduction (if you itemize your taxes) and pay no capital gains.

If you’d like to learn more about how you too can go bananas and support the Phoenix Zoo with these special gift strategies, please contact Liz Toth ltoth@phoenixzoo.org or 602.286.3881.

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January 5
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January 20
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February 2
Hedgehog Day

February 13
Love Hornbills Day

February 15
National Hippo Day

February 20
World Pangolin Day

February 27
National Polar Bear Day

Happy "Love Hornbills Day!"

If you've seen one of our daily animal shows you may remember Aja, the unforgettable Southern ground hornbill. This striking feathered phenom has been with the Phoenix Zoo since December 2005 and is now 16 ½ years old. When he's not strutting his stuff in our Zoocademy Awards show, handsome Aja lives in our Animal Ambassador Resources building where he loves vocalizing and showing off his stuffed animal collection to his keepers.

Found throughout southern parts of Africa, the Southern ground hornbill is the largest of the 64 hornbill species and as their name suggests, they spend the majority of their lives on the ground (the only hornbill species to do so). They are formidable predators and use their large, hammer-like beaks to capture and eat prey such as rodents, lizards and snakes. These amazing birds have an impressive four-foot wingspan, and are known for their booming call, which can sometimes be mistaken for a lion's roar.

**Did you know Southern ground hornbills:**

- Can live up to 30+ years in a zoo?
- Can fly up to 18 mph?
- Have wattles, fleshy parts of the throat.
- Males' wattles are bright red and females' are violet-blue.

Want to send love to Aja on "Love Hornbills Day"?

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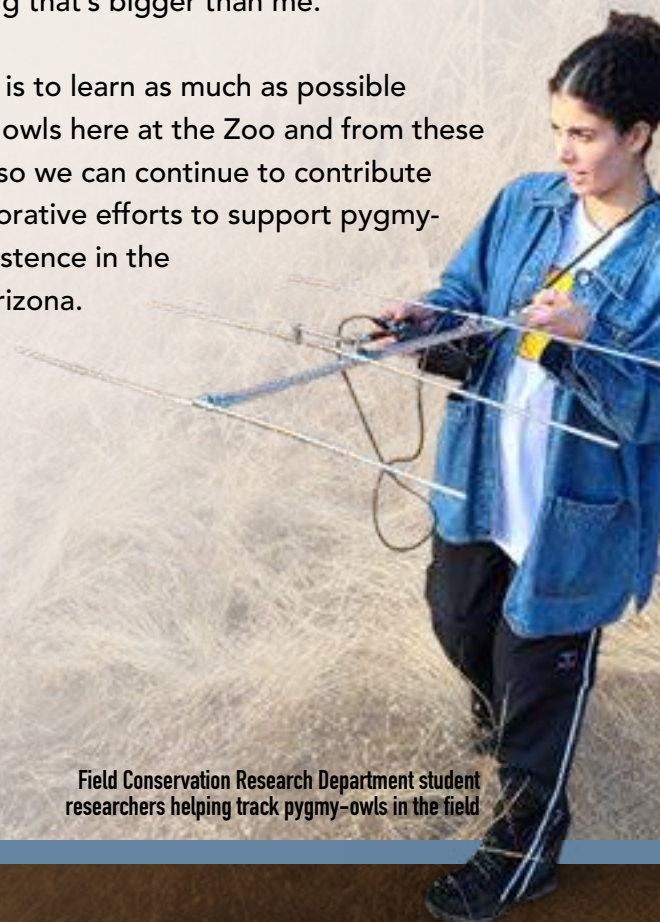
This fall, in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, US Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management and Wild At Heart raptor rescue, we celebrated the first releases to the wild of cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls hatched at the Phoenix Zoo. Owls were released into two sites in southern Arizona. Some of the birds from each release have been tracked using radiotelemetry. Camera-traps set up by Zoo and AZGFD staff at one of the sites are providing additional information about the released birds' movements and behavior in the area.

This effort has been a true collaboration across the Zoo. Conservation and Science staff have provided for the daily husbandry and management of the pygmy-owls at the Zoo since 2018, with crucial input from the Living Collections Department Birds team and health care oversight by the Animal Care Center staff. Zoo Operations and Facilities staff designed and built release boxes for use in the

field, and Conservation and Science, Birds, and Field Conservation Research Department biologists have all been part of field trips to assess potential release sites and transport birds for eventual introduction to the wild.

Facilities team member Doug Woodall used his carpentry skills to build nest boxes for the owls at the Zoo and release boxes for the owls in the field. "It's been great to be involved from the beginning, building nest boxes, trying different things to see if we can get it right, and then to be involved in what was needed for the releases. That's why I started working here, to do something and be involved in something that's bigger than me."

Our goal is to learn as much as possible from the owls here at the Zoo and from these releases so we can continue to contribute to collaborative efforts to support pygmy-owl persistence in the wild in Arizona.



Field Conservation Research Department student researchers helping track pygmy-owls in the field

Ferrets, Too

ARIZONA-NATIVE SPECIES



As avid Wild Times readers know, 2021 was a banner year for black-footed ferrets at the Zoo. We celebrated the best kit production we've had in the last 20 years of work breeding this endangered species. This fall, 13 of the 27 surviving kits were sent to the US Fish and Wildlife Service National Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center (FCC) in Carr, Colorado as candidates for release to the wild. The kits all passed pre-conditioning at the Center, successfully demonstrating that they could kill prairie dogs (their primary prey) and surviving the 30-day stay in the Center's outdoor pen system before they were released to the wild in Colorado.

The Phoenix Zoo is one of only five zoos in the world that breeds black-footed ferrets. FCC biologist Robyn Bortner noted, "The 5 Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) breeding partners supplied 75 kits, or 37% of our juvenile release candidates this year. The AZA Black-footed Ferret Species Survival Plan® (SSP) program also retained 14 Phoenix kits to bolster

the SSP breeding population for 2022. The Zoo's efforts will contribute valuable genetic variation for next year's breeding population." We're proud to be a long-standing partner in the effort to ensure the survival of this iconic prairie species.

Fall ferret transfer season is a two-part process. We prepare animals from the Zoo to send out to the FCC and beyond, and we also get the Johnson Center ready to welcome in new ferrets to join our breeding group. This year, we received seven "new" ferrets, bringing our total number of ferrets at the Center to 27. They're settling in well and are beginning to show their individual personalities. Lady Mary is chatty, Manchego is inquisitive, and James Baxter is especially energetic. The SSP will send breeding recommendations early in the new year, so we'll know what pairings we should prioritize based on genetic and demographic analysis of the animals in our care. We hope we'll be celebrating another successful year in 2022.





BIG CATS

Featuring the mountain lion and jaguar, Big Cats of the Sonoran Desert is the Zoo's newest \$3.2 million initiative. Located on the Arizona Trail, this 20,000-square-foot installation will provide ample space for these intriguing desert cats and facilitate guest viewing, unlike current habitats.

These animals are rarely seen in the wild, so multiple viewing opportunities will improve visibility. This exhibit space will incorporate educational messaging explaining the big cats' historical native ranges and potentially include a

water feature for behavioral enrichment, which is the act of providing animals with mental and physical stimulation to increase natural and healthy behaviors.

This project will contain a centralized multi-use holding building, allowing flexible use by keepers in providing animal care. In the fall we were thrilled to report that the Zoo was awarded \$768,000 from the Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT). The AOT grant program, entitled Visit Arizona Partnership, was rolled out to assist productions that directly



of the Sonoran Desert

support jobs in the travel and hospitality sectors and increase Arizona tourism.

Planning, fundraising, design and approval process will begin this winter (a 12-month process), with an additional 12-month construction period. Contribute today and help us raise the additional funds of \$2.4 million needed to make this project a reality. For further questions or to donate please contact Christopher Gutierrez at 602.914.4362 or cgutierrez@phoenixzoo.org.



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- Michele Pitzer

(Zoo Member, Antler Society Member,
Wish List Supporter, Wildlife Champion)

The Phoenix Zoo has always been a great fit for us. It is a place of peace and fun and education in a beautiful environment. I never fail to learn at least one new fun fact!

- Gael Parks

(Guardian Conservation Society Member, Antler Society Member,
Zoo Volunteer, The Pride Campaign Donor)



One doesn't need to look very far to see the positive impact the Phoenix Zoo has had, not only in Arizona, but worldwide. The Zoo's involvement in education, conservation, research, and species preservation reaches out to many areas on the globe. I can't think of a better way to help preserve our planet and its life forms than to make regular ongoing contributions to support the Phoenix Zoo and its local and global efforts.

- Connie Pope

(Guardian Conservation Society Member, Antler Society Member, Wolfpack Member, Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary Member, Zoo Volunteer, Wildlife Champion)

We believe the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC)/Phoenix Zoo is important to conserve and preserve nature for future generations. The Zoo plays a vital role in teaching families about their inherent relationship with nature. In our retirement, we enjoy visiting the Zoo and watching people interact – especially as they learn more about the work the ACNC does to save and protect many species across the world.

- Cindy Eckert-Timm and Damon Timm

(Guardian Conservation Society Member,
Antler Society Member, The Pride Campaign Donor)



Members play a vital role in so many ways. They are committed to animal conservation, education and securing the financial future for the Zoo.

I have been a member of the Phoenix Zoo off and on for over 20 years. It is my most favorite place to go and visit. I support the Phoenix Zoo because it supports conservation and the community. The Phoenix Zoo works diligently to save and care for endangered and threatened animals. They provide education at the zoo and in the community for adults and children. It is a fun place to visit for everyone. I see smiles everywhere when I visit the Zoo. The Zoo goes out of its way to make sure every person has a great experience every time they visit. As future President of the Wildest Club in Town, I look forward to working with the zoo in all areas, including fundraising and education.

- Andrea Stroud

(Zoo Member, Zoo Volunteer, Wildest Club in Town Member)



The Zoo is such a special place, seeing our grandchildren's eyes light up when they see the animals and learn about them is priceless.

- Mike and Kim Able

(Partner Members, Auction Donors)

Our family has been long time visitors and members of the Phoenix Zoo. We also travel around the country where we have visited many zoos. We are always happy to claim the Phoenix Zoo as our home. Nothing has truly compared, which is why we have chosen to further the mission of the Phoenix Zoo by becoming Guardian members.

- The Hoppal Family

(Guardian Conservation Society Member)



We are grateful for our Members and want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and supporting the Zoo's mission in advancing the stewardship and conservation of animals and inspiring people and motivating them to care for the natural world. We truly are the Phoenix Zoo because of you. If you are interested in becoming a Phoenix Zoo Member, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Membership@phoenixzoo.org or visit phoenixzoo.org/membership.

ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES

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

Rydbables

Adorable stuffed animal on the outside, super safe mobility-style electric cart on the inside. Rydbables are a flexible and enjoyable way to experience the Zoo!

Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater

Zoocademy Awards

Presented By 

Animal Presentations

Monday – Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

Additional shows

Friday – Sunday | 12:30 p.m.

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.

Camel Rides

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



WATER PLAY AREAS & PLAYGROUNDS

Water Play Areas closed through February 28, 2022.

Enchanted Forest

Presented By  Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

Discovery Farm

Presented By  ARIZONA MILK PRODUCERS

Yakulla Caverns

Leapin' Lagoon Splash Pad



ZOO TOURS

Safari Cruiser

Presented By  VALLEY TOYOTA DEALERS

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.

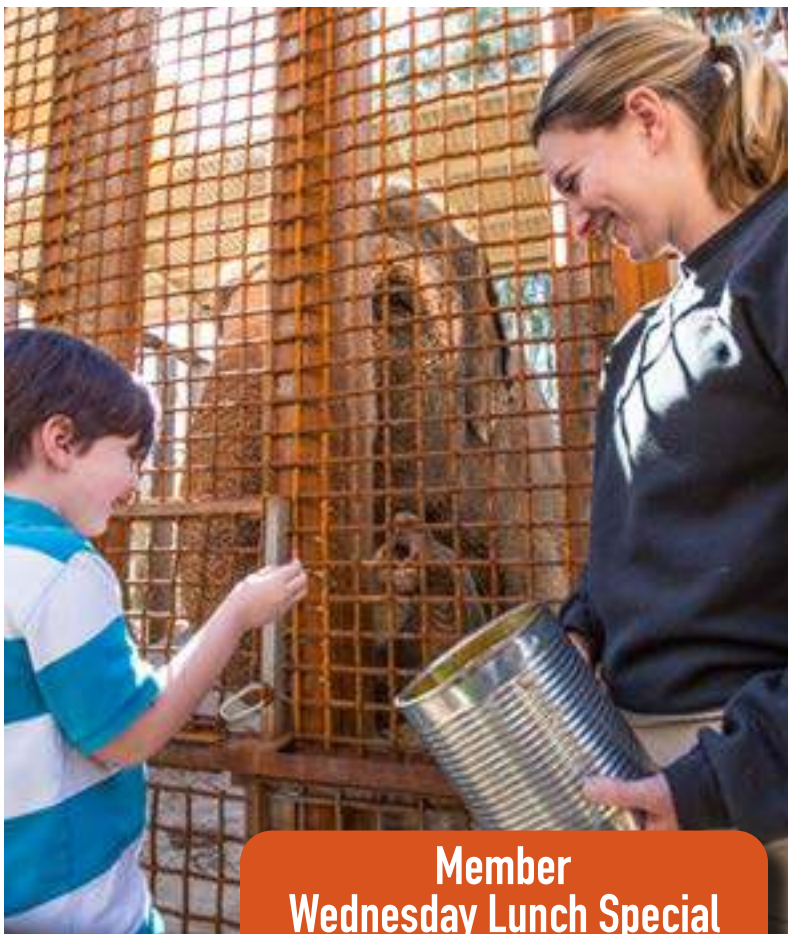
Premium Adventures

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

*Discovery Tours, Backstage Adventures and Premium Adventures are limited to same party groups only and must be booked in advance by calling our Reservations Department at 602.914.4333.

Phoenix Zoo members receive a discount!

*Fees apply | Must show your current Phoenix Zoo membership card and photo ID at each venue to receive discount at time of purchase.



Member Wednesday Lunch Special

Enjoy a \$5 Member Meal every first Wednesday of each month featuring a signature meal and a beverage.*



January Special

Cheeseburger with a Medium Fountain Drink



February Special

Chicken Tenders with a Medium Fountain Drink



A wedding like no other..

Whether dreaming of a quaint ceremony or lavish affair, the Phoenix Zoo provides exotic charm and stunning scenic views. Offering more than 15 unique venues and wild touches only found at the Zoo

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Project Orangutan Zoo Crew

Ages 9 – 12 years

Member: \$75 | General: \$90

Experience a unique, project-based program that incorporates STEAM concepts with the Zoo as your classroom! Join our educators for 3 consecutive morning classes as we learn in-depth about orangutans and design a new enrichment item for them. Project Orangutan is fun, fascinating and promotes hands-on authentic problem-solving. Meets Arizona Academic Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

February 1, 2, 3 | 9 – 10:30 a.m.



Storytime at the Zoo!

Ages 2 – 6 and a caregiver

Member: \$5 per child | General: \$5 per child
(Zoo admission not included)

Join us at the Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater! Follow along on the big screen as we read some of our favorite books and meet ambassador animals!

January 3

Verdi by Janell Cannon

January 15

Time to Sleep by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

January 27

The Tortoise and the Jackrabbit by Susan Lowell

January 30

Steve the Dung Beetle by Susan Stoltz

February 7

Can You Cuddle Like a Koala? by John Butler

February 12

Time to Sleep by Steve Jenkins

February 25

The Seed and the Giant Saguaro by Jennifer Ward

Birding 101

Ages 16 years and up

Member: \$18 | General: \$20
(Zoo admission not included)

Join our resident bird expert for this class designed for beginner birders. Common backyard birds and how to look at birds will be introduced in the classroom and then we will practice our birding in the Zoo.

January 22 | February 5

Bird Walks

Ages 16 years and up

Member: \$8 | General: \$10
(Zoo admission not included)

Enjoy a nice leisurely walk around the Zoo's ponds looking for native and migratory birds with Zoo staff. All levels welcome.

January 20 | February 17

Photography Walkabouts

Adults

Member: \$18 | General: \$18
(Zoo admission not included)

Tips, tricks, and technique guidance abound in this casual walkabout program led by one of the Zoo's expert volunteer photographers.

January 1, 4, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29

February 1, 5, 9, 12, 15, 20, 23

Custom Group Night Camps

Ages 7 years and up

Group Night Camps are perfect for birthdays, family reunions, youth groups and more. The camp consists of guided trail hikes, animal discoveries and educational activities. Visit our website for more details.

ZooToYou – Live On Location

\$260 per Outreach Specialist first hour

\$150 for each additional Outreach Specialist or hour

Did you know the Zoo brings animals to birthday parties, day care centers, churches, corporate and family events, senior care centers and many more in addition to schools? Zoo Outreach Specialists provide exciting and educational programs for children and adults. Put a wild twist on your next event!

ZooToYou – Distance Learning

\$125 per presentation

With Virtual Programs, Phoenix Zoo educators can broadcast into your home or classroom with live animals, engaging activities and inquiry-based programs – the same quality programming you expect from the Phoenix Zoo, just virtual. All you need is a computer, and an internet connection, although we recommend a projector for larger groups. Our interactive presentations are designed to meet Arizona State Academic standards and may include a mix of live discussions and demonstrations, pre-recorded videos, interactive quizzes and questions, as well as live animal presentations.

Share your animal drawings with us.

Parents – please write your child's name legibly along with their age.

Send to: WT – Wild Child | Attn: Linda Hardwick
455 N. Galvin Pkwy.
Phoenix, AZ 85008

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Brady age 7

Brady, Age 7



Jennifer, Age 13



Jenna, Age 9

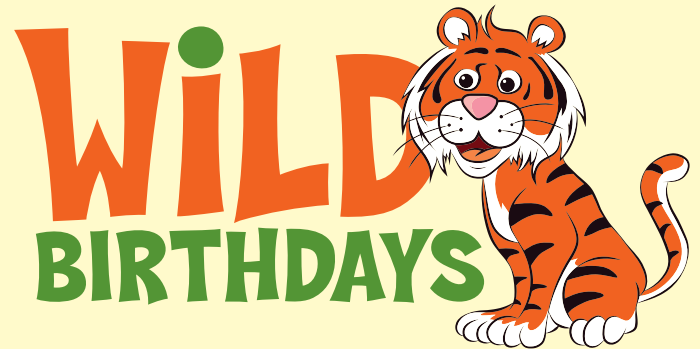


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Calling All Party Animals!



Let the Phoenix Zoo host your child's next birthday party and enjoy a fun, stress-free day celebrating. It's sure to be a wildly good time!



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ART ON THE WILD SIDE

A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT

LOST BIRDS *and the Art of Conservation*



Heath Hen

Todd McGrain | Cast Bronze



A Study of Air Supremacy

Katherine Cudney | Oil on Board



East Yellowstone

Charles Thomas | Oil on Panel

Savanna Gallery at the Phoenix Zoo
February 4, 2022 – May 30, 2023



The Lost Bird Project

The Lost Bird Project is an acclaimed sculpture installation by artist and sculptor Todd McGrain, featuring five extinct North American bird species — the passenger pigeon, great auk, Labrador duck, Carolina parakeet and heath hen. The Project uses art to raise awareness of vanished species and inspire a greater connection and stronger relationship with the Earth.

The Lost Bird Project's magnificent bronze sculptures will be displayed throughout the Zoo, with prints and photographs featured inside the Savanna Gallery. The breathtaking works of artists Charles Thomas and Katherine Cudney complement the importance of the conservation message of The Lost Bird Project. Thomas' landscapes pay tribute to the varied habitats that are vital to the preservation of species. Cudney's works highlight species brought back from the brink of extinction and the hope that their conservation success stories provide. Both artists' artwork will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the non-profit Phoenix Zoo.

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