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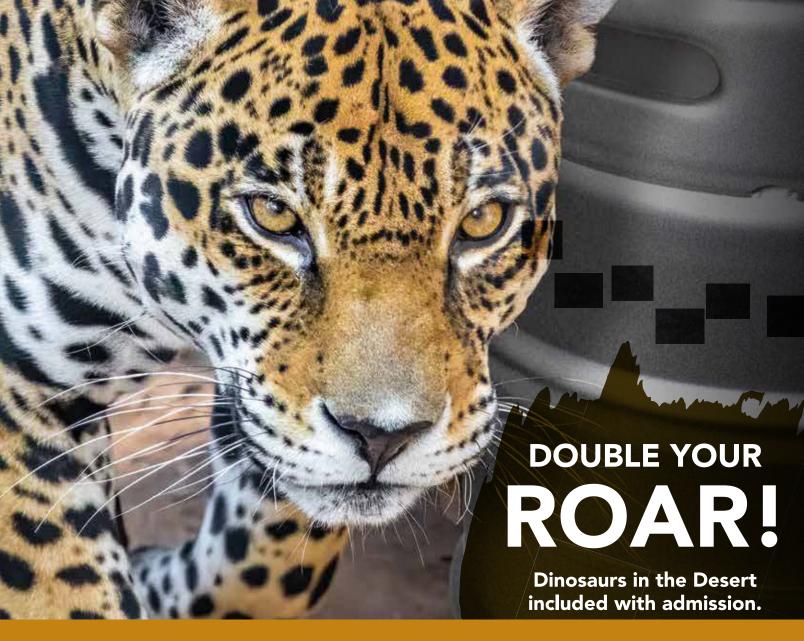
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HAPPY HOUR SERIES

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Guests can sip and stroll along select Zoo trails.

21 & Older Only | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$10 tickets at phoenixzoo.org





The Gift Shop is being RENOVATED!

Please visit the Gift Shop inside Savanna Grill while construction is in progress.

Our commitment to sustainability extends throughout the store design and construction work including eco-friendly behind-the-scenes practices to protect our planet, such as:

- Zero toxicity paints, stains and inks
- Recycled and reusable materials for bins and signs
- The elimination of all unnecessary waste in the fabrication and shipment of materials
- Store fixtures and merchandising systems created from Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood sources

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November 6, 2022

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

November 1 — January 17, 2023

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Daily) | 8 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

ZooLights: November 23 — January 15, 2023

5:30 - 10:30 p.m. (Nightly)

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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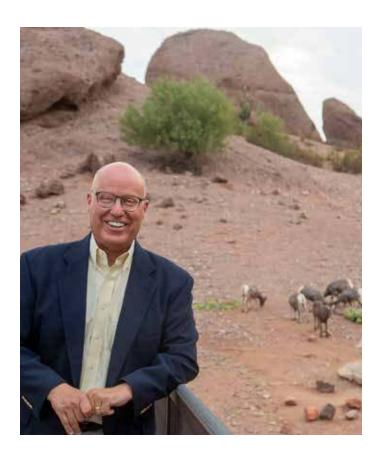




Dear Zoo Friends,

At the Phoenix Zoo, we're all about conservation and preventing the extinction of species... but this fall we're welcoming some extinct dinosaurs on their "comeback tour" of the Zoo!

We last had Dinosaurs in the Desert in 2017 and they were a huge hit with kids and adults alike. Over 400,000 visitors experienced our dinosaurs back then, so we're excited to bring this fun exhibit back to the Zoo at a time when we could all use a little bit of fun. This time around we'll have some new species like



the *Giganotosaurus*, saber-toothed cat, sea scorpion and terror bird. The dinosaurs will be on exhibit throughout the Desert Lives Trail from October 1 - April 30, and will be free for Members and included with general admission.

There will be a self-guided tour where our visitors can expect to hear the roar of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* or the snarl of a saber-toothed cat, a fossil dig and educational information about each dinosaur.

On October 1 and 2, all Zoo members will have the exclusive opportunity to view a special sneak peek of Dinosaurs in the Desert, complete with lots of fun activities for the whole family. The weather will be cooling off by then and it will be a perfect time to visit.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zoo!

Sincerely,

Norberto (Bert) J. Castro

President/CEO

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A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT

A CLOSER LOOK

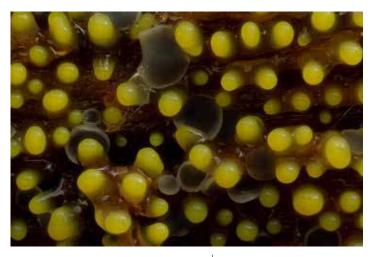
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Dreams Bree Deverill

September 9, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Included with Zoo admission





The Phoenix Zoo, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Tonto National Forest, and Fish and Wildlife Service staff participated in the August release of narrow-headed gartersnakes to the wild.

Narrow-headed Gartersnake

ver the course of the summer, the Phoenix Zoo welcomed 39 neonate narrow-headed gartersnakes across four new litters! This threatened native species is part of a breeding-for-release program at our Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Conservation Center (Johnson Conservation Center) in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Born live, each baby snake is thinner than a pencil and lighter than a sheet of paper.

Excitingly, 24 of these little snakes were released in August in the Tonto National Forest - marking the largest-ever release of this species to the wild! Another five were transferred to an Arizona Game and Fish Department wetland facility in Pinetop and the rest are being overwintered at the Johnson Conservation Center for future release.

Did you know the narrow-headed gartersnake is a fish-eating species typically found in and around clear, rocky, cool streams in parts of Arizona and southern New Mexico? The species was listed as threatened under the US Endangered Species Act in 2014. A major reason for the narrow-headed gartersnake's decline in the wild is the introduction and spread of predatory non-native species that prey upon the snakes and deplete the snakes' native prey.



Black-footed Ferrets

We were also ecstatic to announce the arrival of 21 endangered black-footed ferret kits at the Johnson Conservation Center. The kits make up five litters from moms Akoya, Roseanne, Canneles, Vermillion and Lady Mary.

"We are thrilled to have another successful blackfooted ferret breeding season and excited for these little kits to grow up and contribute to the recovery of their species" says Dr. Tara Harris, Director of Conservation and Science at the Phoenix Zoo.

The Phoenix Zoo is one of six facilities worldwide breeding black-footed ferrets for release to the wild as part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Black-Footed Ferret Species Survival Plan. Black-footed ferrets are considered one of North America's most endangered species. Once thought to be extinct in the wild, they

have returned to their native habitat through reintroduction efforts. The Zoo has produced over 500 black-footed ferrets in its 30 years of involvement with the breeding program, with many released back into the wild in prairie grasslands in Arizona and other parts of their native range. In 2021, thirteen kits born at the Phoenix Zoo were reintroduced at sites in Colorado.

For the black-footed ferret kits born in 2022, most are nearing adult size after being raised by their mothers. In August, we were excited to announce the names - Maple, Acacia, Cedar, and Willow - chosen by the public for a litter of four females born to mom Canneles and dad Juniper. These kits and Akoya's kits recently headed to the National Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center in Colorado, for potential release to the wild. The other kits will remain in the breeding program.

Greater Flamingo

Our flock is growing! For the first time in Phoenix Zoo history, greater flamingo chicks hatched inside their habitat on the Africa Trail.

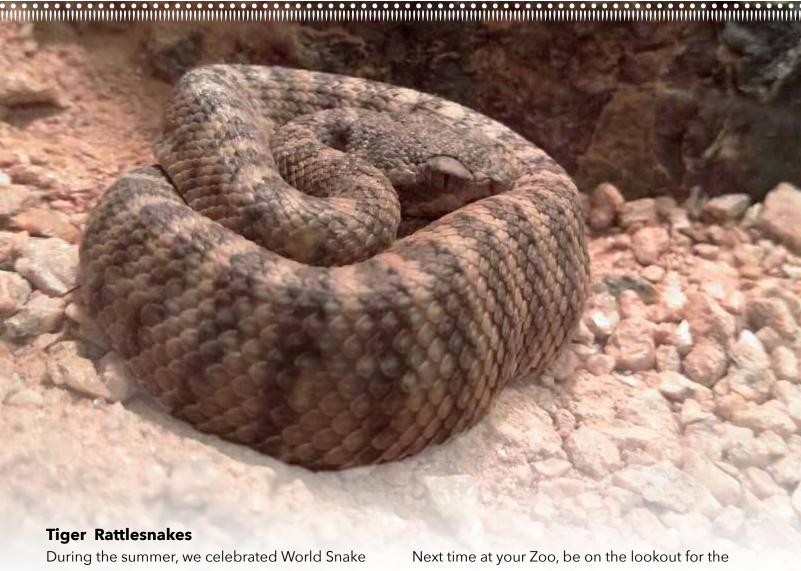
Greater flamingo chicks hatch with white/gray, downy feathers and straight bills; they won't get their iconic pink color and hook-shaped bills for several years.

Flamingo parents are team players, both helping to build the nest, which looks like a mini mud volcano, and incubate the egg. Once the greater flamingo chick hatches, both parents produce crop milk, which is filled with healthy proteins and fats, until the chick can eat on its own.

The chicks flock together in large groups called crèches and are looked after by a few adults. The parents will visit the crèche to feed their chick with crop milk. The chicks and their parents are able to recognize one another through their distinctive calls.

Follow along with the growth of the chicks on our blog at phoenixzoo.org.





Day with the arrival of three tiger rattlesnakes!

Tiger rattlesnakes are found in the southwestern United States (including Arizona) and northwestern Mexico. They have a gray, lavender, blue-gray, pink or buff ground color pattern that turns to pink, pale orange or cream on the sides. This species of snake gets its name, tiger rattlesnake, from the many narrow dorsal crossbands, which create a pattern of vertical stripes when viewed from the side.

They are "live bearers" meaning they do not lay eggs, and usually have 2 - 6 offspring called neonates. While the neonates are born with a rattle button (a skin cap on the tip of their tail), they are unable to rattle until they shed at least one time. And, as they grow, they get a new rattle segment each time they shed (usually is about once per month).

tiger rattlesnakes! The adults can be found in the Arizona Aviary, and a youngster from last year's offspring can be found on the Children's Trail near the wallabies.

Roadrunner Chicks

Beep, beep! To keep the exciting news rolling, three roadrunner chicks hatched at the Zoo over the summer to an important recommended Greater Roadrunner Species Survival Plan (SSP) breeding pair.

Born to run, the greater roadrunner can outrun a human, kill a rattlesnake and thrive in the harsh landscapes of the desert southwest.

They have evolved a range of adaptations to deal with the extremes of desert living. These birds

secrete a solution of highly concentrated salt through a gland just in front of each eye, which uses less water than excreting it through their kidneys or urinary tract.

Their diet is made of moisture-rich prey including mammals and reptiles. And, both chicks and adults flutter the un-feathered area beneath their chin to dissipate heat. grow here at the Zoo in the Arizona Aviary! The Phoenix Zoo is one of only a few other AZAaccredited facilities who have reproduced this species in the last year.

For updates on these animals and other exciting news, visit phoenixzoo.org/blog.







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PREDATOR PASSAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!





s the final element in The Pride Campaign, this long-awaited and exciting project expands the Africa Trail.

To celebrate this milestone, we are offering the opportunity to purchase personalized bricks which will be installed as pavers in the Passage. Don't miss your chance to become a "piece" of the Zoo!

CLICK HERE TO ORDER.



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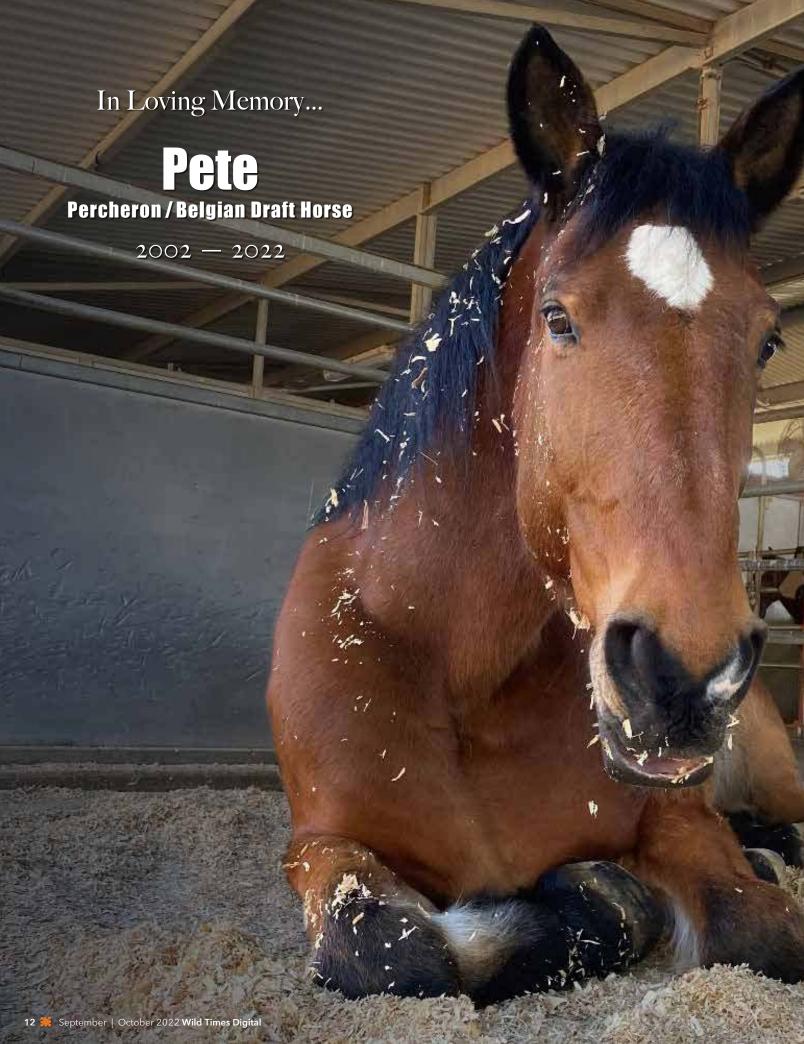
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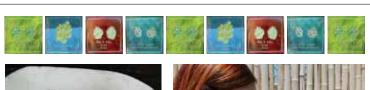
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Zoo Crew: Project Orangutan

Ages 9 - 12 years

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.

October 4, 5, 6 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Member: \$75 | General: \$90

Zoo Crew: BioConnect

Ages 12 - 15 years

Experience a unique, project-based program that incorporates STEAM and Biomimicry concepts with the Zoo as your classroom! Join our educators for three consecutive morning classes as we learn in-depth about biomimicry and use our understanding and observations of nature to solve problems for humans. BioConnect is fun, fascinating and promotes hands-on authentic problem-solving. Meets Arizona Academic Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

September 6, 7, 8 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Member: \$75 | General: \$90

Bird Walks

Ages 16 years and up

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

September 15 October 20

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

Family Nature Walks

All ages

Each month we pick a different trail to explore within the Zoo. We'll check out the exhibit animals and also search for signs of nature all around us. Family Nature Walks are designed for the whole family to explore nature in the Zoo together!

> September 9, 10 | Tropical America October 7, 8 | Tropical Asia

Member: \$5 | General: \$8 (Zoo admission not included)

Custom Group Night Camps

Ages 7 years and up

Have you ever wanted to spend a night at the Zoo with your family and friends? Get a group of 25 people or more together to enjoy guided hikes, animal presentations and fun activities while exploring the Zoo in a whole new way! Night Camps are perfect for celebrations, family reunions, youth groups and more! Visit our website for more details.

Member: \$70 | General: \$85

ZooToYou - Live On Location

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!

\$260 per Outreach Specialist first hour

\$150 for each additional Outreach Specialist or hour

ZooToYou - Distance Learning

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.

\$125 per presentation

Guided Tours for Groups

Guide-led, walking field trip tours happen in conjunction with your daytime field trip to enhance your students' experience. All our programs are designed to support academic standards, are grade-level appropriate and include a variety of inquiry-based techniques. Your Zoo instructor will encourage critical thinking and deductive reasoning as your students explore their surroundings using multiple senses, including actively viewing animals on exhibit. Choose from one of the topics below, each covering a wide span of animal and conservation sciences. Each guided field trip is 45 minutes in length.

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Becoming a phoenix zoo member opens a world of wonder

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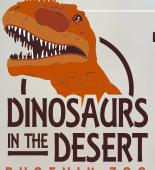
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- Free Daytime Admission
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DINOSAURS IN THE DESERT MEMBER PREVIEW

october 1 & 2

Channel your inner paleontologist and get ready for a **MEMBERS ONLY** prehistoric party at the Phoenix Zoo!

Join us on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the return of the epic **Dinosaurs in the Desert!** All Zoo members receive a very special sneak peak of this rawr-some exhibit featuring allnew dinos and ancient beasts, such as saber-toothed cat, sea scorpion and the terror bird! This Jurassic jam also includes:

- Free face painting
- Interactive activities with Dr. T-Rex
- Photo ops with the Desert Raptors motor pool
- Complimentary souvenir buttons (while supplies last)
- Dino-themed crafts and activities
- Fun with Fossils Booth
- And more!

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Animal Presentations



Monday - Thursday | 10:30 a.m.

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Go 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.

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Water play areas will close October 31, 2022.

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Enchanted Forest

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Discovery Tours

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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

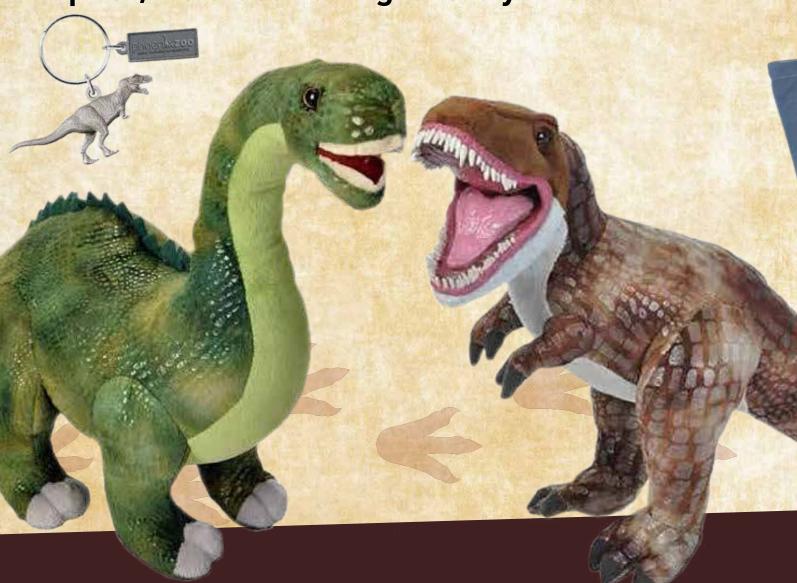
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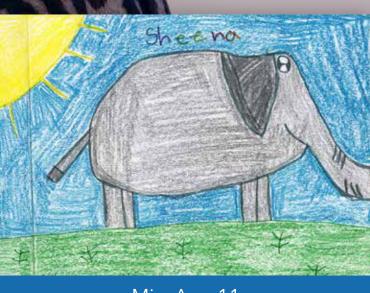
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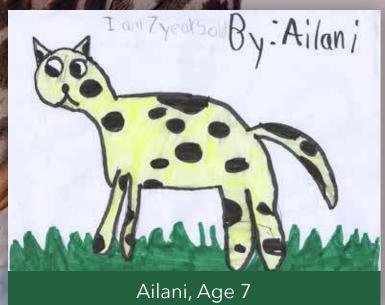
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