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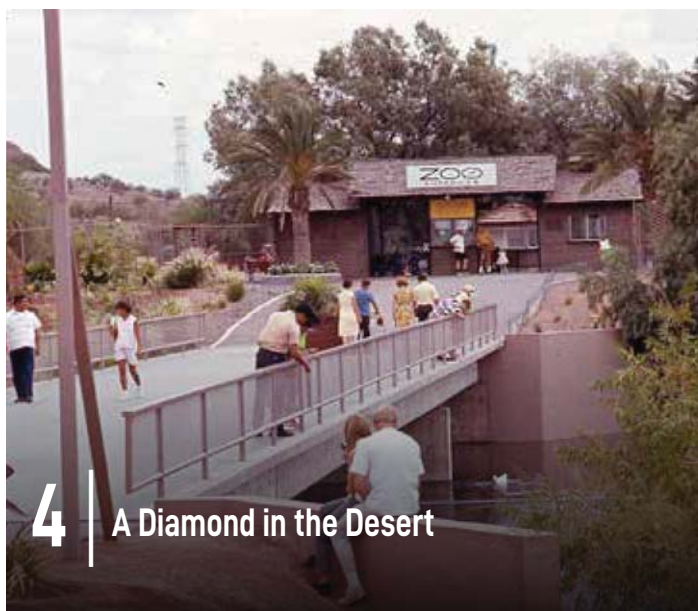
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Daily) | 8 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

**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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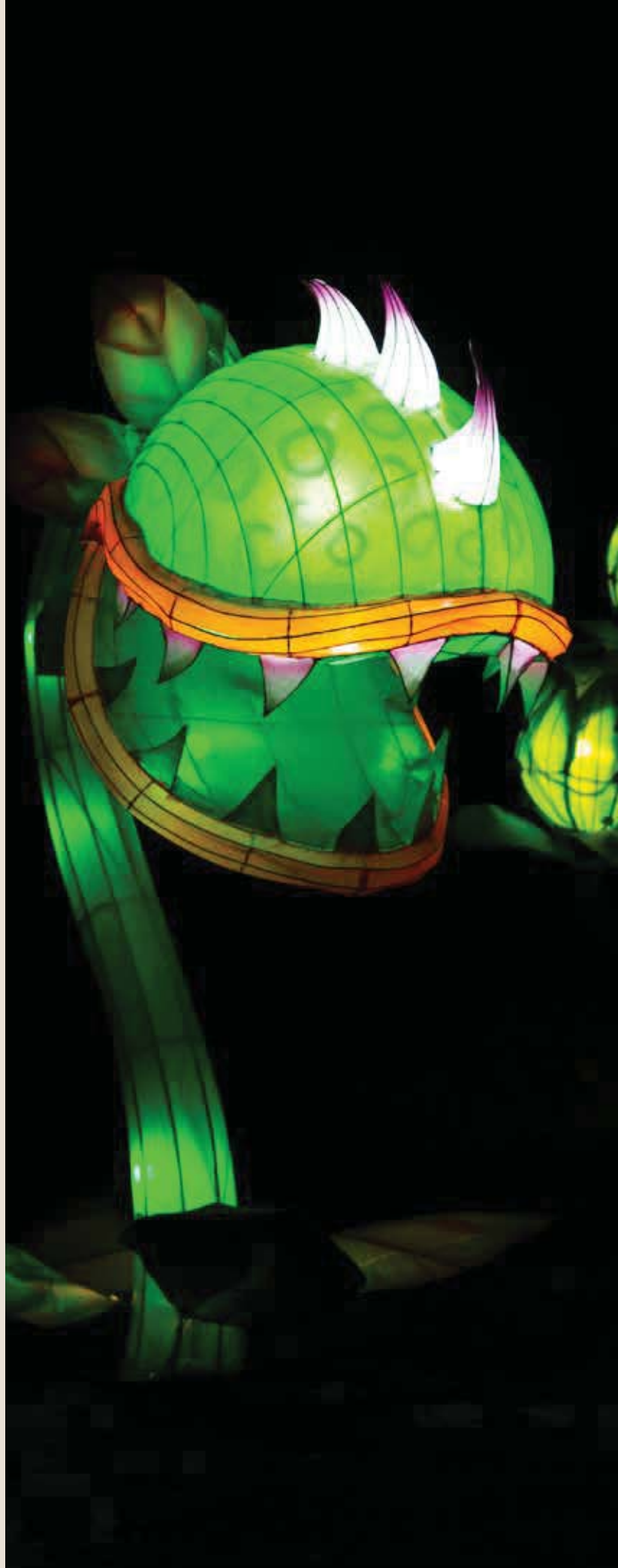
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Dear Zoo Friends,

As we head into this year's holiday season and the return of much-welcomed cooler weather, there is so much to see and do at the Phoenix Zoo. Dinosaurs in the Desert has gotten off to a great start. Because we're in the middle of the construction of our new Predator Passage expansion of the Africa Trail, we decided to feature all predators in their "Comeback Tour" of the Zoo. My two grandsons just visited and had a great time. Although, on the way to the Zoo, we had to call them "Robot Dinosaurs" to make them a little less daunting since the boys are ages 2 and 4. But they loved them!

We are always looking for ways to make the Zoo more accessible to all. In that spirit, we're proud to host sensory friendly hours at Dinosaurs in the Desert. On the 9th of each month (November - April) from 8 - 11 a.m., the movement and sound of each dinosaur will be turned off along with the music at the entrance to provide an opportunity for a sensory-friendly experience.

Dinosaurs in the Desert will be here through April 30 and is open to visit during ZooLights. There is no extra fee to visit the dinosaurs, so be sure to see them while you're here.

Speaking of ZooLights, as part of the show on the Main Lake this year, we've installed a 54-foot Christmas Tree. In fact, it's the largest floating tree in North America! We also have a host of new animal lanterns and some exciting lighted armatures throughout the Zoo. This event will, once again, be a fantastic way to celebrate family traditions or start new ones!

I can't end this last letter of 2022 without recognizing that this November we're celebrating the Zoo's 60th anniversary. You can read more about it in this issue of "Wild Times," but I just want to add how proud I am to be leading this fantastic organization. We have 60 years of strong conservation work behind us, including starting the very first international species conservation initiative at a Zoo with the Arabian oryx. The Phoenix Zoo was instrumental in saving this species from extinction and there are Arabian oryx living in the wild today because of the work done here at our Zoo. We've greatly expanded our conservation work since then and - with the help of all of you - we'll continue to make a difference for wildlife and wild places both here in Arizona and around the world. I look forward to seeing you at the Zoo!



Sincerely,

**Norberto (Bert) J. Castro**

*President / CEO*

*Arizona Center for Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo*



# A Diamond



# IN THE DESERT

## Celebrating 60 Years of the Phoenix Zoo



It's been said that diamonds are formed under pressure. Never forget, though, they aren't formed overnight.

There is, perhaps, no better way to articulate the diamond anniversary of our beautiful, resilient Phoenix Zoo.

In the spring of 1961, Robert E. Maytag, grandson of the founder of the Maytag appliance company, called a small group of friends together at his home to discuss the idea of building a zoo in the city of Phoenix. The idea soon took off as Maytag and his "dedicated bunch of amateurs" proceeded to garner support from other Valley leaders. The Arizona Zoological Society held its first meeting on April 27, 1961.

Robert Maytag's unexpected death from pneumonia in March of 1962 at age 38 was nearly the death knell for the Zoo. Even the staunchest Zoo backers reeled under the blow. Then Nancy Maytag stepped forward, declaring the Zoo would be completed on schedule as a memorial to Bob. It was the call to action the community needed. Individuals, families, clubs and companies all came forward with help, giving wherever it was most needed.

"Build the Zoo in '62!" began gracing buses, delivery trucks, moving vans, shopping carts,

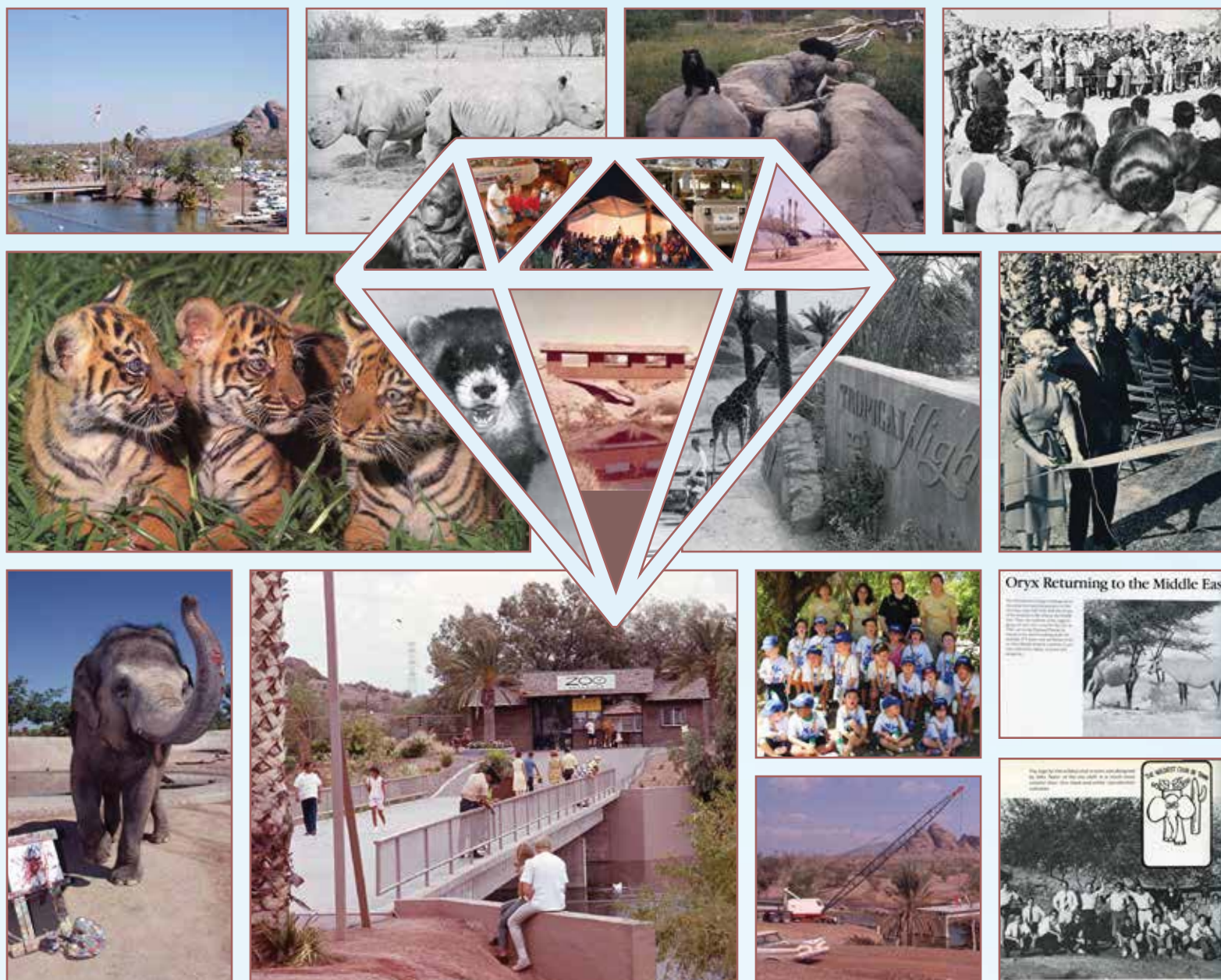
grocery bags and vacant buildings. Family memberships were sold for \$5 a year. Every news reporter, station manager and radio announcer was hit up for a promotional spot. Social clubs, professional societies, auxiliaries, school groups, unions, sororities and fraternities all felt the pinch.

Finally, on November 21, 1962, Nancy Maytag cut the ribbon before a crowd of thousands, officially opening the Maytag Zoo, named in her husband's honor.

With the name changed to the Phoenix Zoo in 1963 to encourage community involvement, the early years of the Zoo continued to be a financial struggle. Building the Zoo was one thing; keeping it going was another. After Nancy Maytag's resignation from the Arizona Zoological Society, Earl L. Bimson, a banker, stepped forward to provide the Zoo with the strong leadership and stability it needed for the next 13 years.

Other early supporters of the Zoo included Eugene and Nina Pulliam, owners of Central Newspapers, Inc., including The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette. Believing the young Zoo needed great leadership to grow and thrive, the Pulliams paid the salary of the Zoo's director for five years as "an anonymous friend of the Zoo." Under the leadership of Eugene Pulliam, the state news media continued to follow the story of the Phoenix Zoo closely, keeping up public interest and noting with pride every Zoo birth and every improvement at the facility.





Most gratifying of all, the community itself supported the Zoo. From the steady donations of money, goods, services and labor there was only one conclusion to draw: Robert Maytag's original premise was true - that the people of Arizona wanted a world class zoo.

Originating with the ambitious vision of a dedicated philanthropist and other community leaders, the Phoenix Zoo has welcomed nearly 50 million guests to date, fulfilling its mission of providing experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world. Beginning in 1962 with Operation Oryx, one of the world's most successful global wildlife conservation

programs, it has become world renowned for its contributions to the field of conservation science. Today, more than 7,000 Arabian oryx exist world-wide, setting a precedent for subsequent successful Phoenix Zoo conservation initiatives involving black-footed ferrets, Chiricahua leopard frogs, Mexican gray wolves and many others.

Born of a spirit of community and the efforts of a small group of dedicated volunteers, and carefully nurtured through the support of millions, the Phoenix Zoo has enjoyed a truly remarkable first 60 years. With your continued support, our next 60 years will inspire millions more, connecting them with the natural world in new and fascinating ways.



# They're baaaack!

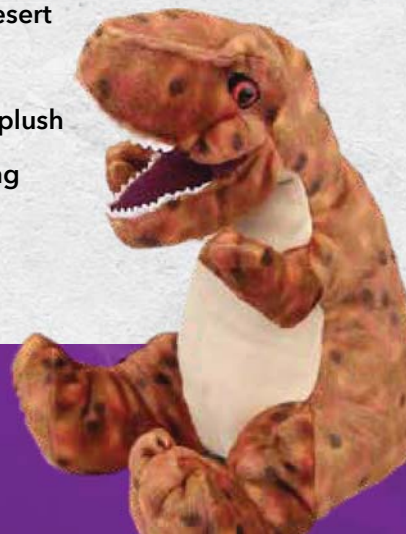
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The Cutest Babies  
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In early September, we had a young Chacoan peccary (or "tagua") born to parents Pebbles and Cheerio at our Chacoan peccary habitat on the Tropics Trail! And on September 18, we had two additional young Chacoan peccaries born, this time to parents Trix and Cheerio.

Trix (yes, there really is a breakfast cereal naming theme!) is the second of two females that arrived from San Diego and were introduced to our herd as a Species Survival Plan (SSP) breeding recommendation earlier this year.

In fact, these are the first births of this species at the Phoenix Zoo since 2014 and it marks our return to active participation in breeding per SSP recommendations.

The Chacoan peccary was first described by western science in 1972. The wild population was very small and extremely localized to the Chaco region of Paraguay. Rapid agricultural expansion in the Chaco region posed a serious threat to this little-known species. In 1986, the government of Paraguay, in partnership with the San Diego and Lincoln Park Zoos as well as other stakeholders, created "Proyecto Tagua." This project established a captive herd in Paraguay to serve as a reservoir population for reintroduction attempts and to allow research on this poorly understood species.

By the early 1990s, this captive herd had grown in size to the point where more space was needed. The decision was made to transfer animals to an additional remote location in order to establish a separate captive population as insurance against catastrophic loss in the extremely localized Chaco population. The Phoenix Zoo became involved with Proyecto Tagua at this point through financial support of the in situ research in Paraguay and by serving as the initial location for the first population of Chacoan peccaries outside of Paraguay.

Phoenix was chosen as the site for this first group of animals due to the similarity of climate to the peccaries' native Chaco region and the Zoo's ability to hold Permanent Post Entry Quarantine (PPEQ) animals. In 1992, planning began for importing Chacoan peccaries to Phoenix. This proved to be a very challenging project, but in 1996, three male and seven female Chacoan peccaries arrived at the Phoenix Zoo. They reproduced readily, and eventually animals were transferred to other North American zoos and to Europe. The Phoenix Zoo has continued to be involved in Proyecto Tagua through financial contributions and conservation grants.

Our newest arrivals (along with the rest of the herd) are visible at the Chacoan peccary habitat on the Tropics Trail next to the Galápagos tortoises.





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## Gift a Donation

Have a "hard to shop for" person on your list? Consider a gift to honor them. Help someone create a lasting connection to wildlife and empower them to take positive action for animals.

## Become a Wildlife Champion

Sponsor your favorite Zoo animal today and help support the more than 3,000 animals that call the Zoo home. Your symbolic adoption directly supports the Zoo's mission of providing experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world.

## Give an Animal a Gift

Let your favorite animal know they are special and send them a present today. Many Zoo departments have a Wish List of items that they desire to better meet the needs of our animals and guests.

## Non-Cash Contributions

Whether it's a gift of stock, a retirement fund or a donor advised fund, these options may enable you to make a larger gift than you ever thought possible, while also helping accomplish your financial and other goals.

## Join the Wolfpack

Become a monthly donor! For as little as \$25 a month, you can provide toys for Luna, one of our Mexican gray wolves.

## Become a Member

We LOVE our members! Becoming a Phoenix Zoo member opens a world of wonder all year long. Not only do you enjoy all the member benefits, you also give the Zoo a brighter future. We have membership packages to fit any lifestyle.

## Take Your Support of the Zoo to New Heights

Upgrade your membership today! Guardian and Supporting level memberships support animal conservation, education and a secure financial future for the Zoo, while members receive exclusive access to the Zoo like you've never experienced before!

## Support the Zoo While You Shop

Did you know you can give back to the Zoo while you shop at your favorite places? Sign up today for Amazon Smiles and the Fry's Community Rewards program, and continue to support the Zoo!

## Tribute Gifts

The Phoenix Zoo offers many ways to celebrate your loved ones for any special occasion. These opportunities include personalized bricks, glass tiles, engraved bench plaques and more.

**As one of the largest non-profit zoos in the country, your ongoing support is vital to the future of the Phoenix Zoo.**







# Dan Packard

ANTLER SOCIETY MEMBER

**H**ere at the Phoenix Zoo, we spend a lot of time planning for our future.

We'd like you to meet attorney and animal lover Dan Packard, who did the same by providing a gift in his estate plan for the non-profit Phoenix Zoo and for the thousands of animals for whom we care.

Dan Packard grew up loving animals and visiting zoos. When he'd go on a vacation to a new city - even though there was so much to see and do - he'd always find time to visit the local zoo to see its animals and facilities.

He moved to the Valley in 1988 and set up a law office specializing in estate planning. And he was a frequent Phoenix Zoo visitor.

"On every visit, I'd go see the orangutans first," he recalls with great fondness. "Their habitat then was more open to the public. They were so funny and unpredictable. And watching Ruby, the famous painting elephant, was always a joy."

Dan settled into his new community. He joined the Valley Leadership Group, a civic organization established to develop leaders who would help make their community a better place. And he found his place in a community he loved: the Phoenix Zoo. He joined the Zoo's Planned Giving Advisory Committee.

"My passion for animals and the incredible work being done by the Phoenix Zoo really spoke to me,"

he says. "The whole concept of species conservation, reintroduction, treating and curing diseases that affect animal populations in nature... all of that is really amazing and makes a huge difference, such as the saving of the Arabian oryx species."

And then he realized he should go one step further; he had helped clients with their planned giving... what about his?

"Planned giving is the best opportunity to make a sizable gift that has a real impact," he points out. "I support only a few organizations in my estate plans. I recently obtained two new life insurance policies, so I decided to make the Zoo a partial beneficiary. It was literally as easy as making a phone call to my insurance agent and filling out a quick form. I encourage others to do the same."

By doing so, Dan became a member of the Zoo's Antler Society. The term antler come from deer that leave their antlers behind for the nourishment of other living creatures.

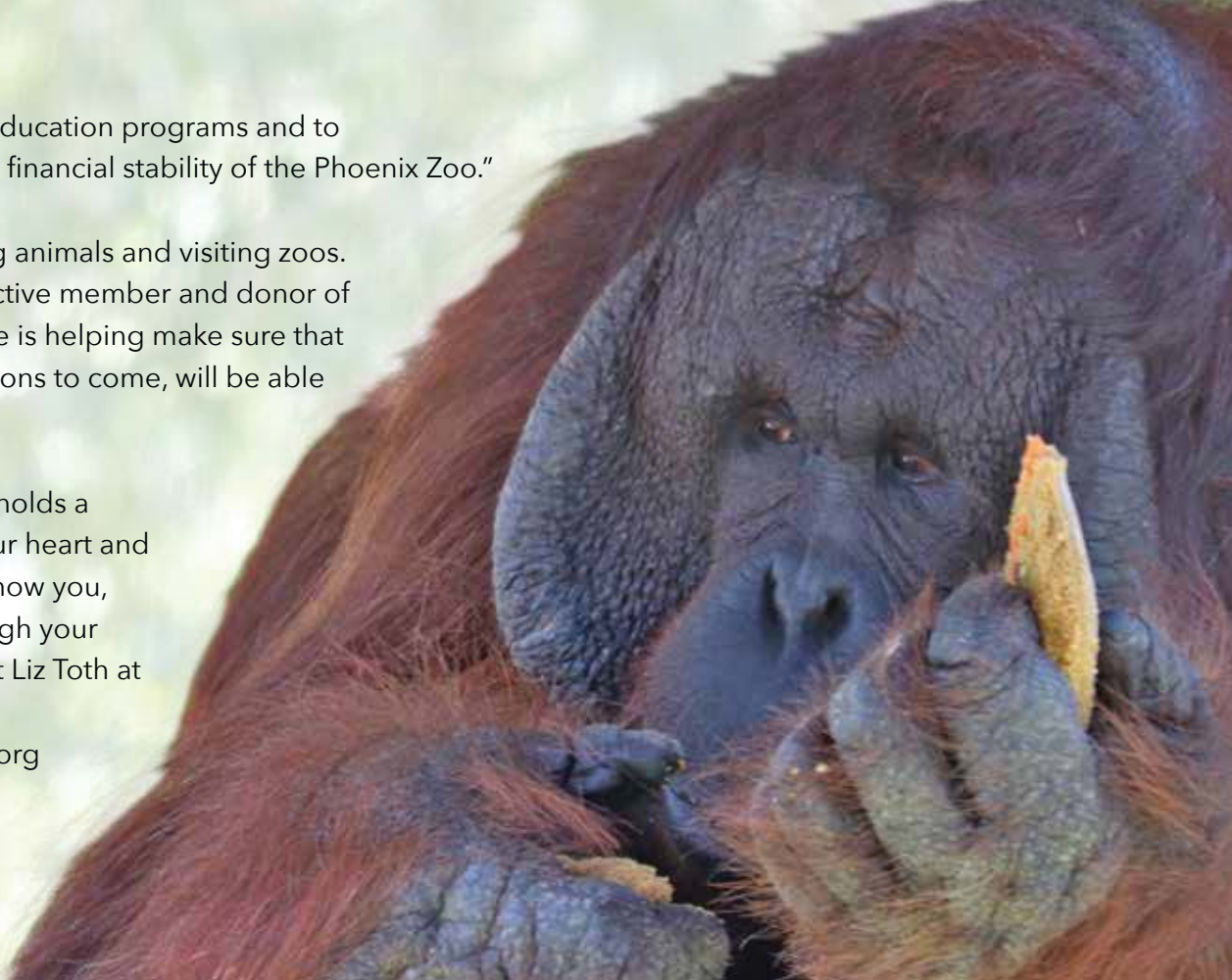
"There is so much important work being done at the Zoo," Dan continues. "I want to do whatever I can to make sure that work continues. Joining the Antler Society is a way to be part of the Zoo's continuing



conservation and education programs and to help guarantee the financial stability of the Phoenix Zoo."

Dan grew up loving animals and visiting zoos. And by being an active member and donor of the Phoenix Zoo, he is helping make sure that others, for generations to come, will be able to share his joy.

If the Phoenix Zoo holds a special place in your heart and you'd like to learn how you, too, can help through your estate plan, contact Liz Toth at 602.286.3881 and [ltoth@phoenixzoo.org](mailto:ltoth@phoenixzoo.org) to learn more.



## Join the Antler Society - LEAVE A LEGACY

If you've ever wanted to express your appreciation for the Phoenix Zoo, a gift in your estate plan could be the perfect option for you. Whether you make a gift today or after your lifetime, you will help to provide experiences that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world. With a little planning today, your impact can be felt for generations to come.

The "Antler" name draws on an analogy between our thoughtful donors who have remembered the Phoenix Zoo in their will or estate plan and the deer that leave behind its antlers for the nourishment of other living

creatures. Membership in this society is extended to those who share with us their intention to leave a legacy with the Phoenix Zoo.

### **Would you like more information?**

**Click here** to download this free comprehensive Estate Planning Kit. It will help you protect loved ones, organize everything in one place, and save on taxes.

### **Have a question?**

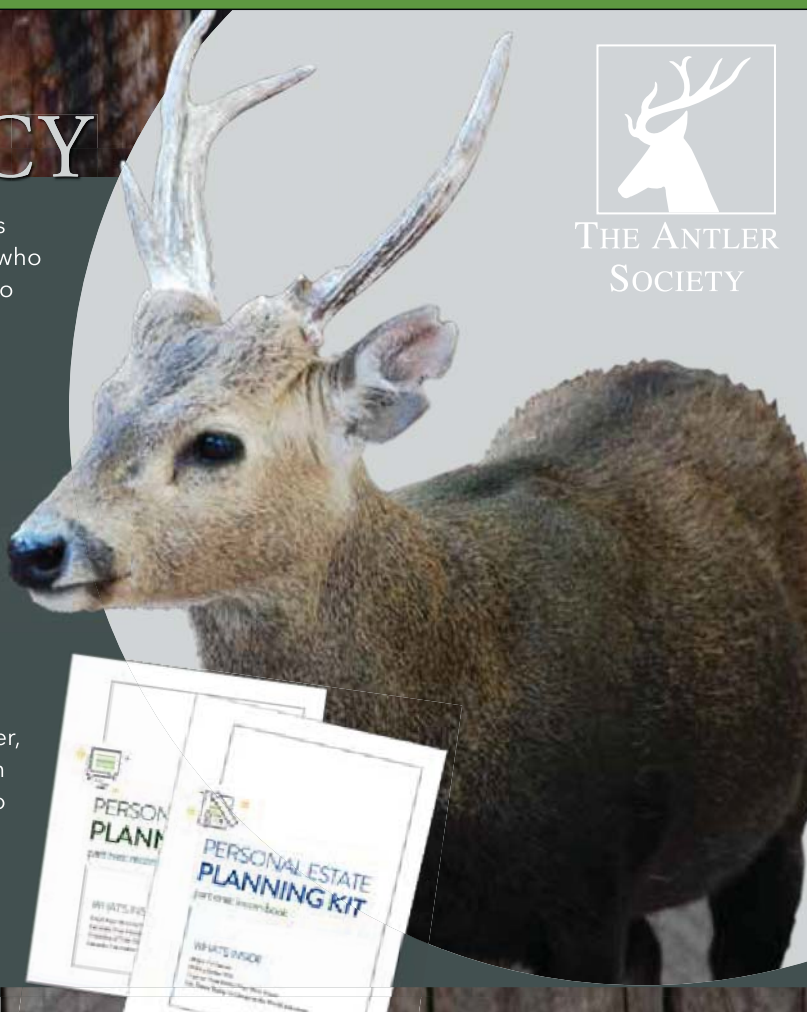
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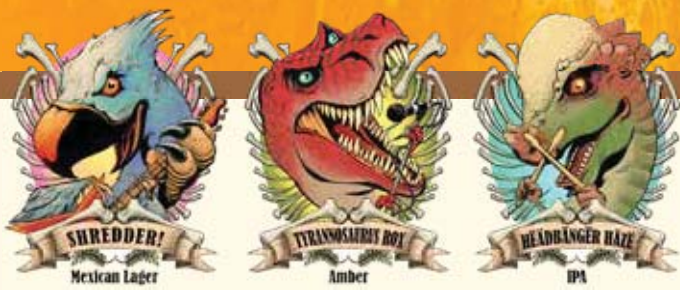


The Story of  
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# DINO BREWS







## It all began with a goat named Nugget.

**M**ark LaRue is a longtime Zoo member and enthusiastic petting Zoo fan. He's also head brewer for Mesa's Beer Research Institute (BRI). So last fall when he was planning to brew a German dark lager known as a double bock, he turned to our goats for inspiration (quick German lesson – bock translates to ram!). Although Mark doesn't play favorites, he admitted that, "if I'm gonna brew a big ole bock, I should name it after the king of the goat yard." Aptly named Nugget the Alpha Goat, Mark's beer garnered the attention of Zoo staff who loved his fun approach to brewing and his deep connection to the Phoenix Zoo.

It was only fitting that Mark be involved when we decided to launch our Phoenix Zoo Dino Brews. Playing off of a dinosaur rock band theme, three of BRI's most popular brews were rebranded as Tyrannosaurus Rox Amber, Hëadbängër Haze IPA and Shredder! Mexican Lager. These limited-edition dino brews are featured on a monthly rotating tap at the Zoo's Kettle Korner. Besides being tasty thirst-quenchers, the dino brews feature the artwork of acclaimed Valley comic book artist Jay Fotos, whose credits include Locke & Key, Spawn, Sam and Twitch, GODZILLA, Transformers and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The fantastic artwork can be found on branded stickers that come with each purchase as well as dino brew merch available online soon!

Though these brews go extinct when Dinosaurs in the Desert closes on April 30, 2023, Mark will no doubt continue to find his weekly "goat zen" at Harmony Farm. And what's next on tap? He says, "nothing is in the works, but I could see a Chutti beer in my future." Greater one-horned stout, anyone?

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# Poetry T H R





# O U G H Glass

**W**hen you hear the word "glass," you tend to think of something fragile... yet at the Phoenix Zoo it has become synonymous with strength, dedication and love. This may be seen in the beautiful work of Chris Klein, the artist who has created the stunning glass tile walls at the Zoo's entrance. As one of the most visible fundraisers initiated by the Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary, the jewel-toned walls are comprised of commemorative glass tiles, sold individually as Handprints in Glass, Etched in Glass and Paw Prints tiles.

It all began in 2014, when the Auxiliary approached Chris after seeing some of his glass blown works at a local arts festival. Originally from Cleveland, he had moved to the Valley in 2004 with an ever-growing fascination of working with

glass as a sculptural medium. Now art director of Meltdown Glass in Tempe, Chris admits that the glass tiles took some innovation and testing to perfect the design. It is an intricate process involving plaster casting, melting down the glass at 1,500 degrees, and meticulously applying color with a special glaze imported from Europe. The results are a unique, personalized way to not only commemorate the people and pets in our lives but also support the non-profit Zoo!

To date, the Auxiliary have sold an amazing 1,056 tiles with ambition to sell hundreds more. He admits, "I've absolutely loved doing it. The Auxiliary ladies are great to work with." And the feeling is mutual. Auxiliary member Susan Telesko praises his generosity, creativity and problem-solving, saying "None of these fundraisers would be possible without him!" So, when you next visit the Zoo, take a moment to admire the vibrant glass handiwork of Chris Klein. If you want to be a part of this beautiful legacy, **click here** for more information.



## Commemorate the love you have for your pets

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to add your pet's pawprint and name to the Etched in Glass Donor wall.

**Purchase yours today before they are gone! Tiles are \$500 each.**

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## 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.

**November 17 | December 15**

**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!

**November 18 & 19 | Africa Trail**

**December 9, 10, 27 & 31 | Arizona Trail**

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

## Animals in Focus: Photography Classes

*Ages 18 years and up*

Tips, tricks and techniques for photographing animals on this casual walkabout around the zoo. Led by one of our volunteer expert photographers.

**November 5, 13 & 26 | December 3, 11, 17 & 28**

**Member: \$30 | General: \$30** (*Zoo admission not included*)

## Homeschool Days

*Learners 5 - 17 years old*

Join the Phoenix Zoo at Homeschool Days for a morning dedicated to homeschool families and groups! The morning will be filled with STEM based learning stations, animal interactions, and exploring science-based careers. Stations will feature camera trapping, behavioral enrichment, information on palm oil consumption, bird watching, and so much more!

**November 16**

**Member: \$10 | General: \$18**

## 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

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!

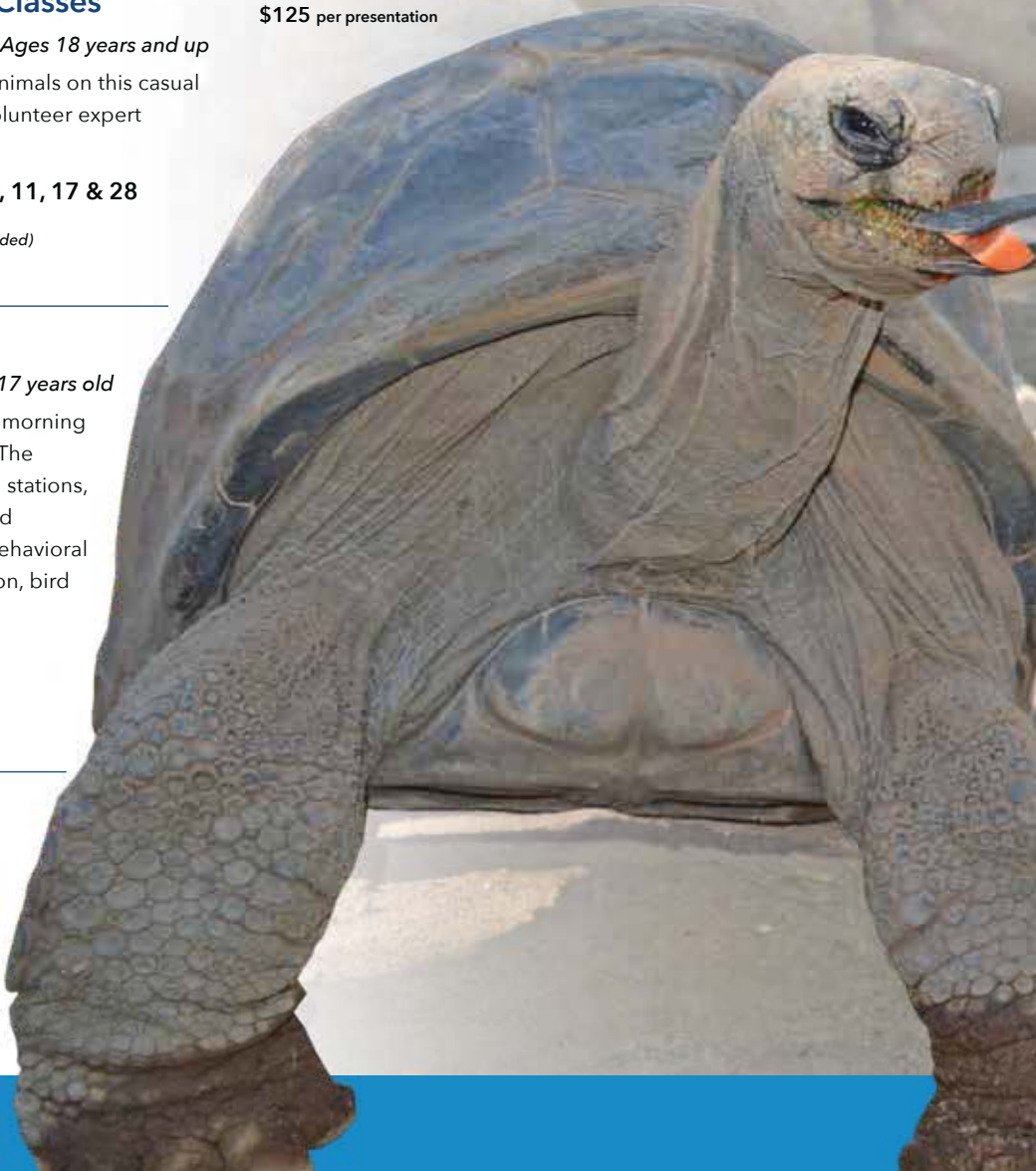
**\$260** per Outreach Specialist first hour

**\$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

Custom Guided Tours are designed based on your specific interests and needs. Our trained Zoo staff works with you to create a completely customizable 60-minute educational walking tour of one of our Zoo trails - covering the exhibits and topics you are interested in.

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# BECOME A "PIECE" OF THE ZOO

Set your support for the Phoenix Zoo in stone with a brick in Predator Passage, the long-awaited and exciting expansion of the Africa Trail, which is currently under construction and expected to be completed in early 2023.

A Predator Passage brick is the perfect way to celebrate an exciting life event, such as a birthday, graduation, wedding, or birth. It is also a special way to honor a loved one or pet. Purchase your own personalized brick today – don't miss your chance to become a "piece" of the Zoo!

*Note: Bricks will be installed at the tail-end of construction (early 2023).*







# Take your support of the Phoenix Zoo to the next level!

Help ensure a bright future for endangered species, educate audiences about the importance of conservation and play an essential role in the future of the Zoo.

## Guardian Conservation Society

- Starting at \$1,500
- Includes Base and Supporting level benefits
- Special access to guest experiences, guest admissions, exclusive Society events, an annual behind-the-scenes tour and more!\*

## Supporting Memberships

- Starting at \$500
- Includes Base level benefits
- Special access to select Zoo venues, guest admissions, on-grounds donor recognition and more!\*

## Upgrade your support today!

For more information contact Chris Gutierrez  
at 602.914.4362.

*\*Benefits vary depending on level of membership selected. Visit [phoenixzoo.org/membership](http://phoenixzoo.org/membership) to learn more.*



## BIG CATS of Arizona

### MATCHING CHALLENGE!

DONATE TODAY and see your gift doubled, by long-time Zoo friends, Richard and Susan Burnham who will generously match your contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000!

### A PURRFECT CAUSE

This year, you can help the Phoenix Zoo build a new habitat for our mountain lions and jaguars. The Big Cats of Arizona Habitat will be a permanent, signature attraction that will elevate the Zoo's Arizona Trail experience and inspire guest to protect these and other endangered or threatened animals. While we've made incredible strides towards our goal of raising \$3.8 million for this project, we still have more work to do. To date, we have raised nearly \$2.0 million.

All Giving Tuesday & year-end gifts will go towards this exciting new project. Raising the needed funds is time sensitive as we must meet the \$3.8 million goal by September of 2023.

We hope we can count on you - because the Zoo needs YOU. No matter how much you donate, your support will be worth DOUBLE with our Challenge Match, bringing us closer to our goal and building a new home for our BIG Cats.

For more information or to make your contribution, please contact Chris Gutierrez at 602.914.4362 or [cgutierrez@phoenixzoo.org](mailto:cgutierrez@phoenixzoo.org).

Contributions can also be made at [phoenixzoo.org](http://phoenixzoo.org).

**ARIZONA**  
THE GRAND CANYON STATE





# They're baaaack

**...and they've brought  
some dino-mite merch!**

**Shop Our New Online Gift Store!!**

From dino-themed merch to Zoo apparel,  
accessories, plush, toys and sustainable  
gifts - our new online store has it all!  
Plus, all your purchases support the Zoo.

**Click, Shop and Support Today!**

## ART ON THE WILD SIDE

A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT



### The Lost Bird Project

#### Sculptures

Africa Trail and Tropics Trail

#### Prints and photographs

Savanna Gallery



**Now – January 31, 2023**

Included with Zoo admission

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A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT

## A CLOSER LOOK

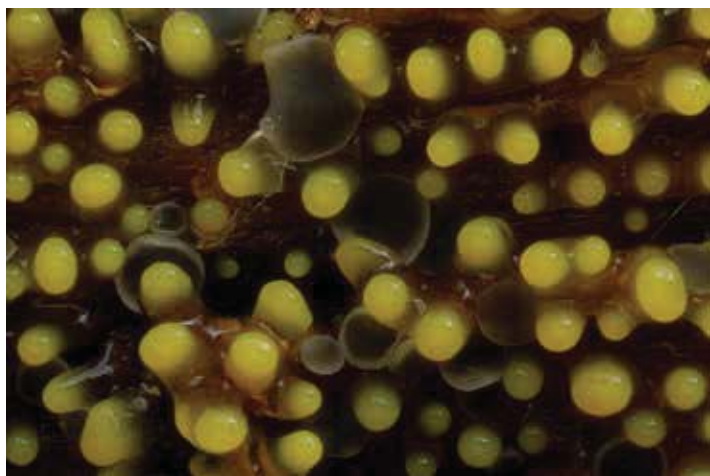
Savanna Gallery



Jack and Jill | Bree Deverill



Desert Whimsy | Eirini Pajak



Emerging Yellow | Eirini Pajak



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In Loving Memory...

# Cleo the Caracal

2005 — 2022



## Picnics at the Zoo!

**You bring the guests...  
we'll bring the wild.**

With unrivaled venues and activities to choose from, the Phoenix Zoo is the Valley's most unique picnic location.

- Scenic venues for groups of all sizes
- Animal encounters
- Variety of catering options
- Free parking

**Book Today!**  
602.914.4301



# DINO-MITE Gift Idea

## Phoenix Zoo Membership!

This holiday season  
give your loved ones the gift  
of a Phoenix Zoo membership  
and let them unwrap an entire  
year of **RAWRsome**  
animal adventures, wonderful  
experiences and incredible perks!

With 12 months of free daytime admission to more than 3,000 animals and 125 acres of adventure including FREE admission to Dinosaurs in the Desert, discounts, special events, and much more — a Phoenix Zoo membership is the gift that keeps on giving all year long.

**Purchasing a gift membership is fast and easy.  
Just click to purchase as many gifts as you'd like!**

*You will receive a gift certificate that you can print or email to your gift recipient. They can active their membership at their convenience by redeeming their certificate at any ticket window at the Zoo!*



### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **Free Daytime Admission**  
Member entry is one hour earlier than general admission.
- **Exclusive invitations to exhibit premieres & events**
- **Discounts on Encounters and Experiences**  
Safari Cruiser, Stingray Bay and more.
- **Discounts on stroller and wheelchair rentals**





- **Reciprocal Admission**

Free or discounted admission to more than 150 other zoos and aquariums.

- **Discounts on WILD Birthdays, programs & camps**

- **Tax Deductible**

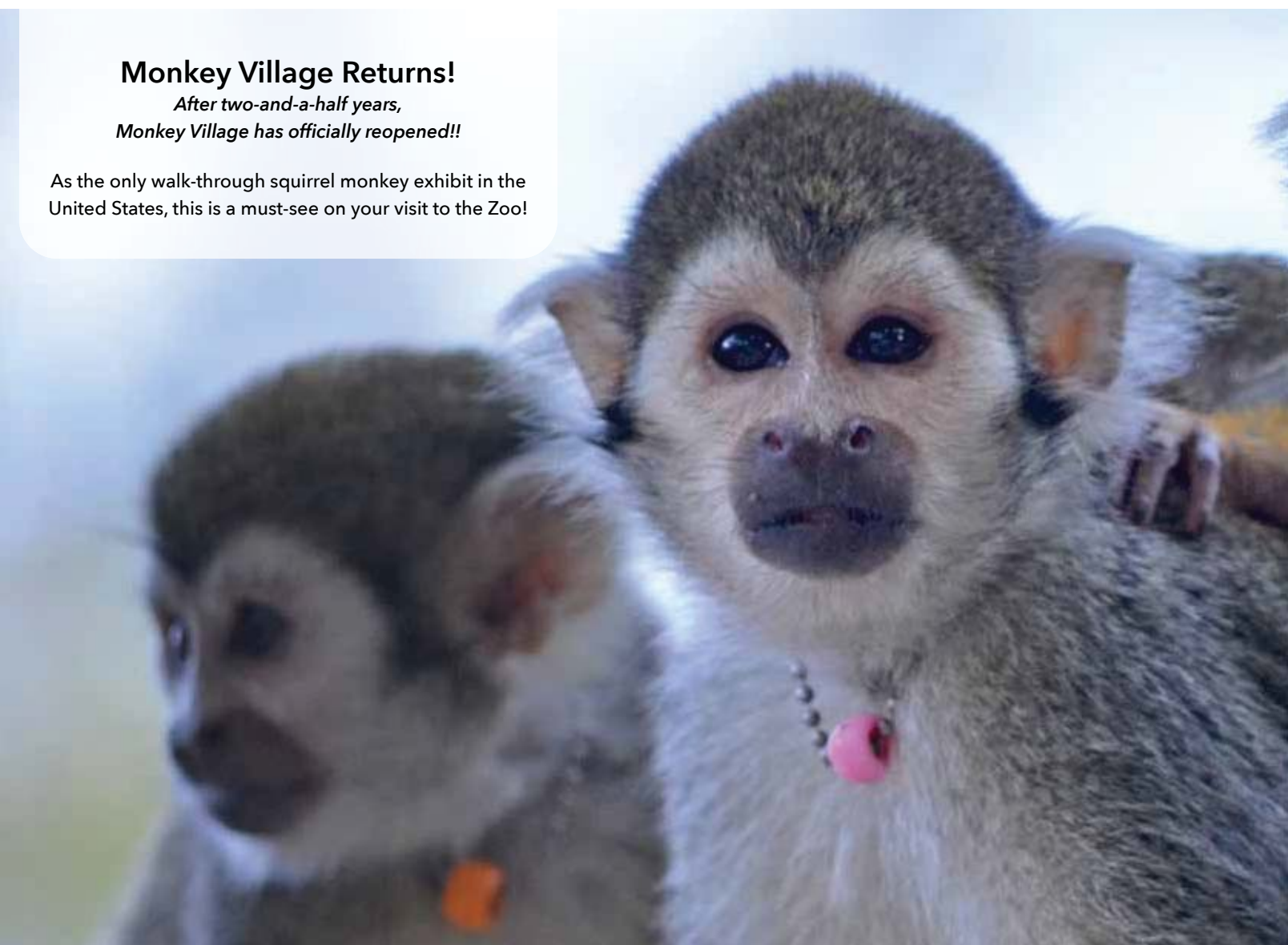
As a non-profit Zoo, a portion of your membership is tax-deductible!



## Monkey Village Returns!

*After two-and-a-half years,  
Monkey Village has officially reopened!!*

As the only walk-through squirrel monkey exhibit in the United States, this is a must-see on your visit to the Zoo!



## ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES

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

### Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater Animal Presentations

Presented By 

Monday - Thursday | 10:30 a.m.

Friday - Sunday | 10:30 a.m. & Noon  
*Weather permitting*

### Endangered Species Carousel

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

### Camel Rides

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

### 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.

### ScooterPals

Join the ScooterPals Crew for a scooterrific fun and flexible way to experience the Phoenix Zoo.

## 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.





## WATER PLAY AREAS & PLAYGROUNDS

Water play areas are closed until the spring.

Enchanted Forest  
Presented By Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

Discovery Farm  
Presented By ARIZONA MILK PRODUCERS

Leapin' Lagoon Splash Pad

Yakulla Caverns

**Phoenix Zoo members  
receive a discount!**



# SANTA IS COMING!

## Visit Santa at Polar Park during ZooLights

### Donor & Member Preview Nights

**November 20 - 22 | 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

*Exclusive Access. No Reservations Needed!*

**November 25 - December 23**

**5:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

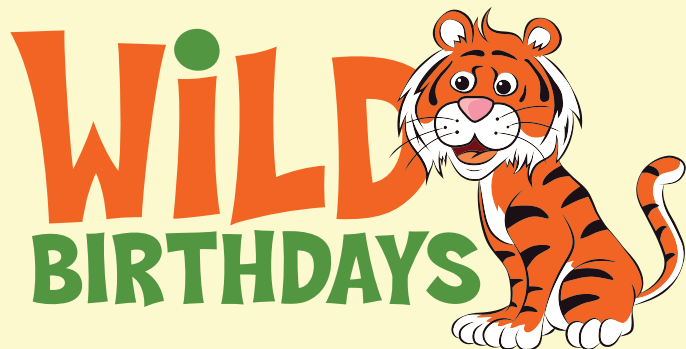
*Advanced Reservations Are Recommended.*

**Click to Book Your  
Photos with Santa Today!**

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



# 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!



602.914.4333



Jaelyn, Age 7



Kate, Age 6



Mason, Age 6



Share your animal drawings with us. Parents - please write your child's name legibly along with their age.

**Send to: WT - Wild Child | Attn: Communications**  
**455 N. Galvin Pkwy.**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85008**



Savanna, Age 8



Conner, Age 5





# Ready, set... **RAWR!**



## Zoo move & groove 5K



Zoo Move & Groove 5K is back...  
and this time it will be **positively prehistoric!**

Registration includes:

Post-race ZooLights and Dinosaurs in the Desert admission

Commemorative shirt | Kettle corn & cocoa

"Glow" necklace/bracelet | Raffle ticket to win great prizes

**Fundraise by running solo or compete as a team.**

**Saturday**  
**January 21, 2023**  
**5K Run | 5:30 p.m.**

**Support the non-profit Phoenix Zoo. REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

*Arizona Center for Nature Conservation advances the stewardship  
and conservation of animals and their habitats while providing experiences  
that inspire people and motivate them to care for the natural world.*

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