WAIT,
watching squirrel videos
is a job?

Ringtail Kits!

ART ON THE
WILD SIDE
November 6, 2023
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Cruise ZooLights is back for ONE NIGHT ONLY!

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NOV 22 - JAN 14 | 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Lake Lights Show | Camel Rides | S’mores | Animal Shows
Glow Garden | Illuminated Tunnel | Festive Food & Drinks

Tickets on sale October 1 at phoenixzoo.org.
Art on the Wild Side

Wild Side Gallery
Inspired: Arizona Artists Celebrate the Natural World
September 8, 2023 – January 28, 2024

Savanna Gallery
The Bigger Picture
October 6, 2023 – April 28, 2024

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October 5

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October 25, 26, 27

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November 22, 2023 – January 14, 2024

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January 20

HOURS

September 1 — September 30, 2023
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Daily) | 7 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

October 1 — October 31, 2023
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Daily) | 8 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

November 1 — January 20, 2024
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Daily) | 8 a.m. (Member Early Entry)

ZooLights: November 22 — January 14, 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,

When you visit the Phoenix Zoo, you have the opportunity to see 3,000 animals, representing 350 species, living on 125 acres on our beautifully landscaped campus. But even if you saw every animal and walked every acre, you would only scratch the surface of what we do at the Phoenix Zoo. Currently our vet hospital is not accessible to the public, but it’s where we do amazing things every day to ensure the health of our animals, through both routine assessments and emergency procedures. We are in the planning stages now for a new Veterinary Medical Center that will provide state-of-the-art veterinary care to our animals and allow our guests the opportunity to actually watch procedures being performed by our veterinary staff. It’s an ambitious project and we hope you’ll be a part of its success.

Another of the Zoo’s behind the scenes efforts that you may not be aware of happens in our Conservation Department. As you’ll read in this issue of Wild Times, we participate in and support conservation programs both locally and globally. Here’s just a snapshot of the Zoo’s conservation work around the world:

- We currently work with nine native animals and one plant species at our Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Conservation Center. Most of these species are listed as Endangered, with a few of them listed as Threatened or Vulnerable. Offspring born or hatched at the Zoo from many of these species have been released to the wild.

- In the last fiscal year, the Phoenix Zoo spent $144,000 funding conservation grants with research partners in Tanzania, Borneo, Indonesia, Brazil, Costa Rica and for Phoenix Zoo staff working on projects in Malaysia, Costa Rica and southern Africa.

- Through fundraising from our Zoo’s generous donors, the Phoenix Zoo has raised $2.774 million for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ (AZA) Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) program. SAFE focuses the collective expertise within AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums and leverages their massive audiences to save species by working in animals’ native habitats. The Phoenix Zoo supports 12 different SAFE programs and the species we’re supporting include: African painted dog, African vulture, Andean bear, Asian hornbill, black-footed ferret, cheetah, chinchilla, maned wolf, radiated tortoise, ray and shark.

- In addition, we have contributed $40,500 for seven other conservation projects outside of SAFE. The species supported include: African pancake tortoise, Amur leopard, California condor, giraffe, greater one-horned rhinoceros, Louisiana pine snake and Mexican wolf.

So, every time you buy a ticket to the Zoo, a membership, a t-shirt, a hamburger or make a donation, no matter how small, you are a part of the conservation of wildlife and wild places around the world and here at home in Arizona. Thank you so much for being a part of saving species from extinction and I hope to see you at the Zoo soon!

Norberto J. (Bert) Castro
President / CEO
Arizona Center for Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo
Xander Menichello is a junior at ASU, studying Conservation Biology and Ecology with a certificate in GIS. He hopes to become a wildlife biologist and study animals in the wild one day. He served as a behavior monitoring intern, collecting and reviewing video data of the endangered Mt. Graham red squirrels housed at the Zoo’s Johnson Center. He was literally paid to watch squirrel videos. For science!
Xander watched video playback of the four squirrels at the Johnson Center and recorded notes about different behaviors observed. Our goal was to develop a deeper understanding of the rare squirrels’ behavior during breeding season, and while raising young, which has never been observed in close detail over time before. Unfortunately, we did not observe breeding behavior this year. As Xander told us, the experience still gave him an opportunity to apply his interest in animal behavior to specific individuals and overall conservation efforts. He also got to participate in the release of narrow-headed gartersnakes that were born at the Zoo.

“This was an incredible experience because it allowed me to see firsthand how our work at the Zoo is being used in conservation efforts....I've always sort of known I wanted to work with animals, but this internship made me certain that this is the direction I want to head in. I also wasn’t as interested in the conservation aspect of animals as much as I am now. Working in the Conservation Center, I learned a lot more about what steps are being taken and how we are impacting animals in the wild that aren't doing as well.”

When asked whether he’d recommend this experience to other students, Xander was enthusiastic. “Definitely do it [apply for an internship], the Zoo is an amazing place to work. You will meet a lot of great people and animals. It also is a great way to gain experience and learn about many things relevant to the field. You will obtain a better understanding of what you may (or may not) be interested in doing.

Farrah Alsheikh is a junior at ASU studying biological sciences who has always wanted to go to veterinary school. She joined us as a Conservation & Science summer intern.

“Generally, I assisted conservation technicians with day-to-day animal husbandry for the different species at the Johnson Center and participated in a couple field opportunities. Daily routines included animal feeding, behavioral enrichment, enclosure cleaning and maintenance, and health checks. Some of the highlights of my internship included getting to work closely with the animals and experiencing fun and inspiring field work trips. Getting to work with such motivating, smart people made my experience even better. This internship has assured me that I am in the field I truly want to be in.”

Amber Guerra is entering her senior year at ASU as an online student in Conservation Biology and Ecology. She worked as a wildlife research assistant with the Zoo’s Field Conservation Research Department. She assisted with sorting camera-trap videos collected in the Pajarito Mountains in southern Arizona, looking at how wildlife is contending with increased human influence in the region. Particularly aiming to capture the first photographic evidence of ocelot in the region. We’re still hoping but haven’t seen any yet. We have seen lots of pumas, however!

Highlights of Amber’s experience included the opportunity to learn about camera-trap study design and different methods used to analyze captured footage, as well as a deeper understanding of wildlife-related career options for when she finishes her undergraduate degree. In Amber’s words, the internship “further solidified my desired career path in wildlife research and analyzing this type of data... This was a very rewarding experience and I feel like I learned a ton.” Amber is joining the ASU School of Life Sciences Undergraduate Researcher program in the fall, continuing her work with us in the new school year.

We are proud to provide these learning opportunities and can’t wait to see the students’ future contributions to our field and their communities, wherever they end up next.
GET CLOSER

· to animals
· to keepers
· to nature
· to inspiration!

Click here for today's schedule of up close animal encounters and presentations!
The purr-fect way to celebrate Fall 2023!

October 5

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$10 tickets at phoenixzoo.org

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MORE TO EXPLORE!

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PREDATOR PASSAGE

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PHOENIX ZOO
Thank you to everyone that donated and bid during this year’s Bidders for Critters online auction! We raised over $93,000, all of which will directly aid in the care of the thousands of animals who call the Phoenix Zoo home.

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ART ON THE WILD SIDE
A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT

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September 8, 2023 - January 28, 2024

UNION | Stephanie Ruiz
Looking Back | Barbara Conaway

Calm Before the Storm | April Howland

The Bigger Picture

Focusing our lenses on what bonds us together rather than what sets us apart.

October 6, 2023 - April 28, 2024
Savanna Gallery
at the Phoenix Zoo

Thank you to our sponsors
On May 21, 2023, two ringtail kits were born at the Phoenix Zoo to first-time parents Slate and Bugsy!

These animals are managed cooperatively as part of a Species Survival Plan to ensure the ringtail population continues to thrive in their local habitat. The addition of Austin (male) and Sedona (female) is thrilling news for the Zoo, as ringtails can be challenging to breed.

The kits are not yet weaned but they have started to eat solid food. They’re also becoming more mobile and have been seen climbing around their habitat at night... although they still prefer to spend the daytime hours in one of their den boxes. Slate has been a wonderful mother!

Ringtails are a nocturnal member of the raccoon family and can be found across the southwestern United States and Mexico, including the Sonoran Desert. In fact, they are the state mammal of Arizona.

Come and meet Austin and Sedona in their habitat on the Arizona Trail!
Ringtail
Photo: David Wagner
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We’ll help you establish a donor-advised fund with our friends at the Arizona Community Foundation and you will receive a federal income tax charitable deduction for the amount of the gift. Then, when you want to donate, you simply recommend a grant to be given to the Phoenix Zoo or another favorite non-profit from your fund. You can even name the Phoenix Zoo as the beneficiary of your fund and thereby join the Antler Society!

**Have questions?**
Please contact Liz Toth, Gift Planning Manager Ltoth@phoenixzoo.org or 602.286.3881

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**Honor a loved one!**
**Support the Zoo!**

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These 45-minute walking tours are the perfect add-on to your field trip, or any other visit to the Zoo! All tours 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 as your students explore the trails. Topics are available for grades K-12. Book here.

Night Camp Season is Back!
Spend a WILD night at the Phoenix Zoo! Ever wonder what the animals at the Zoo are up to after dark? Join us for a nocturnal outdoor adventure that includes dinner, up-close encounters with animals, hands-on activities, night hikes, snacks, breakfast and more! Dates are available Wednesday - Saturday nights October through May. For more information, click here.

More Camp!
We are excited to pilot our first-ever seasonal camp programming! In addition to Winter Camp this year, campers will be able to join us in the Fall and Spring seasons for a week of animal encounters, nature walks, games, and much more! Fall Camp is October 9 - 13th, 2023. Registration now open!

FOR THE CLASSROOM

ZooToYou - Live on Location
Did you know the Zoo can bring animals right to your classroom? Zoo Outreach Facilitators provide exciting, interactive and educational programs for all grade levels. Our programs are designed to meet Arizona Academic Standards and engage students with close up encounters of our ambassador animals. Call 602.914.4333 to reserve your outreach today!

Project Orangutan
*Aligned to AZ Academic Standards for Grades 3-6*
Experience a unique, project-based program that incorporates STEAM concepts with the Zoo as your in-depth resource! Students will learn all about orangutans and design a new invention for them. Project Orangutan is fun, fascinating, and promotes hands-on authentic problem-solving. For more information, click here.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

BioConnect
*6th - 12th Grade Teachers*
Meets Arizona Academic Standards and Next Generation Science Standards
Change the way your students view the natural world around them! These workshops ensure that teachers feel confident guiding students through self-paced, project-based learning curriculum that focuses on Biomimicry (drawing inspiration from nature) or Conservation. All workshops include a $100 stipend and free access to all resources provided with the program. Fall 2023 dates coming soon! Call 602.914.4333 to reserve your outreach today! If you want to be informed when dates are available, email us here!
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!
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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? Liz Toth, Gift Planning Manager, would be happy to speak with you in confidence and with no obligation.
Phone: 602.286.3881
Email: ltoth@phoenixzoo.org
Plan Your Adventure  For current hours and pricing, visit phoenixzoo.org.

Hours of encounters and activities are subject to change or close without notice. Weather may affect some activities.

WATER PLAY AREAS & PLAYGROUNDS

Enchanted Forest
Presented by Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

Discovery Farm
Presented by VALLEYSIDE

Leapin' Lagoon

Splash Pad

Yakulla Caverns

ZOO TOURS

Safari Cruiser Rides
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.

ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES

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

Endangered Species Carousel
Presented by America First

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!

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

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

Art on the Wild Side
Inspiring artwork adorns the walls of the Zoo’s galleries; Wild Side & Savanna Grill.

Doornbos Discovery Amphitheater Animal Presentations
Presented by

Daily at 10:30 a.m. with a second show Friday - Sunday at Noon

Venomous Rattlesnake Presentation
Friday - Sunday only at 9 a.m.

Temperatures Permitting

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.

* Stingray Bay is closed for renovations, please check our site for the most up-to-date info.

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.
As a member of the Phoenix Zoo, your membership not only grants you a years’ worth of adventures but supports the Zoo’s local and global conservation efforts. As a member, you are helping us reach our goal of saving the once thought extinct black-footed ferret, the small but mighty cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, the non-venomous narrow-headed gartersnake and many more!

Fall is packed with events that will further your love of the natural world!

**SEPTEMBER**
- Wild Side Gallery Exhibit Opening
  - Inspired: Arizona Artists Celebrate the Natural World

**OCTOBER**
- Savanna Grill Art Exhibit Opening
  - The Bigger Picture

**NOVEMBER**
- Exclusive Member Celebration of Predator Passage
- Cruise ZooLights
  - Discounted tickets for members
- ZooLights Member Preview
  - Discounted tickets and early access for members

**Become a member and save $10 using promo code: WTSEPT**
SPOOKY SAFARI

at the Phoenix Zoo

OCT 25, 26 & 27
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Calling all Ghosts and Goblins!
The Phoenix Zoo is hosting three spook-tacular nights featuring:

- Trick-or-treating
- FREE facepainting
- Live animals
- Ghoulish games
- Creepy crafts
- And more!

Tickets $15. Children two and under free.
On sale Sept 19 at phoenixzoo.org. Tickets limited.
What Can the Phoenix Zoo Do for You?

Though we are known for our animals, there is another species that flock to the Zoo - humans, or rather, consumers. The non-profit Phoenix Zoo welcomes nearly 1.4 million guests each year, making it one of the most visited attractions in the state of Arizona.

We can help position your brand through a menu of opportunities that offer exciting and unique avenues for your:

- **Brand awareness**
- **Audience engagement**
- **Product promotion**
- **Cause marketing**
- **Community involvement goals**
- **Employee benefits**

Offering a variety of integrated marketing opportunities including sponsorship of special events and guest experiences as well as onsite sampling, couponing and product display.

**Corporate opportunities include:**
- **Sponsorship**
- **Membership**
- **Matching Gifts**
- **Ticket Discounts**
- **Corporate Events**
- **Zoom Animals**

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.
Visit the Plaza Marketplace Gift Shop during your next Zoo visit to explore an enticing assortment of foods from our local Phoenix vendors.

Early fall is the ideal season for harvesting prickly pear fruit. The prickly pear blossoms eventually ripen into a deep red fruit that can be harvested and enjoyed. The folks at Cactus Candy have done all the hard work for us and created these addictive gummy chews from the juice of Arizona-raised prickly pear fruit.

The Sonoran Desert is home to more than 2000 unique species of flora, which means the treats from Rango Honey offer a decadent flavor that could only come from our special corner of the world. Whether you drizzle it on your BBQ wings or on your morning toast, Rango Honey offers the sweetest tastes found in our local deserts!

Celebrate the end of summer with Iconic Cocktail Co. Husband and wife duo, Matt and Kaylee, developed these deliciously crafted mixers to act as the perfect accompaniment to your favorite spirit. Blended in small batches, using natural ingredients, their mixers are the perfect addition to your home bar.
Wildlights for Wildlife
A Charity Drive

Presented by VALLEY TOYOTA DEALERS

50/50 RAFFLE
$20 per Ticket or Six for $100
Half of the raffle funds raised goes to the non-profit Phoenix Zoo the other half goes to the winner, which might be you!

Gear up for an incredible night in support of the Phoenix Zoo!

Embark on a four-wheel adventure full of food trucks, animals, entertainment and family fun. Plus enjoy an exclusive drive-thru preview of this year’s exciting new ZooLights!

Sunday, November 5
5 – 10 p.m.

ALL AGES WELCOME
Reservations limited. To purchase, click here!

ADOPT ME!

Meerkats are coming!

Amazing adoption packages start at $25 with plush options starting at $75.

Support the Phoenix Zoo and become a Wildlife Champion today!

For a complete list of packages, click here or call Ursula Hamblin at 602.286.3800 x7434.
Teacher Workshops Bring BIOINSPIRATION to Middle School Classrooms!

Thanks to generous support from the APS Foundation, we piloted training workshops for middle school teachers on our BioConnect kits this spring. We’re offering three more training workshops in the coming school year.

The BioConnect kits were developed in partnership with ASU’s Biomimicry Institute and are a complete learner-led bioinspiration curriculum. The kit comes with teacher guides, student notebooks, and all the materials for six interactive stations including 3-D printed models. Before the workshops, 92.5% of the participating teachers reported little or no understanding of biomimicry. In post-assessments, 88% reported feeling somewhat or very confident in their understanding of bioinspiration. 100% of the teachers reported confidence in using the BioConnect kits in their classrooms after the workshops, a 95.5% increase from pre-assessment surveys.

We anticipate that teachers using the kits effectively will meet the student objectives outlined in the BioConnect curriculum, which include increased student capacity for critical thinking and problem solving, appreciation for nature and accessibility of STEM-related career pathways. Click here for scheduling announcements when additional BioConnect workshop dates are secured.
Wild Child artwork is randomly selected.

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

Can you find the animal names scrambled up below?

Sarah, Age 11
Johannes, Age 22 months

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THE LION RUNS TONIGHT
WELCOME TO THE MANE EVENT
January 20, 2024
Registration | 4 p.m.
5K Run | 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy an Exclusive Night of ZooLights with your registration!
Sign up as a team or corporation and HELP FUNDRAISE, for a chance to win an amazing prize! Your participation in our Zoo Move & Groove 5K helps care for the thousands of animals who call the Zoo home.
Registration opens September 8 at phoenixzoo.org.