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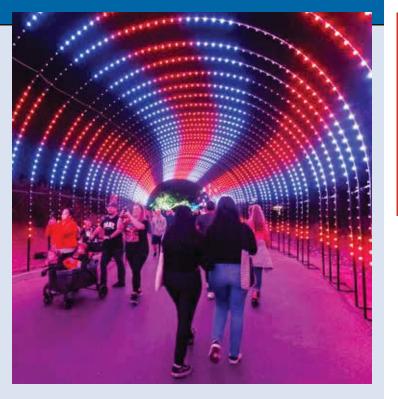








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#### **Zoo Move & Groove**

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March 15, 2024

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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.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Wild Times will be moving to a biannual digital publication, with issues published in the Spring and Fall. To stay up to date with Phoenix Zoo happenings and events please make sure you are subscribed to our newsletter, <u>zNews</u>, and follow us on social media.



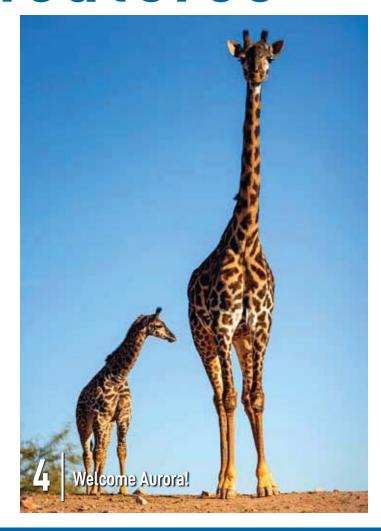








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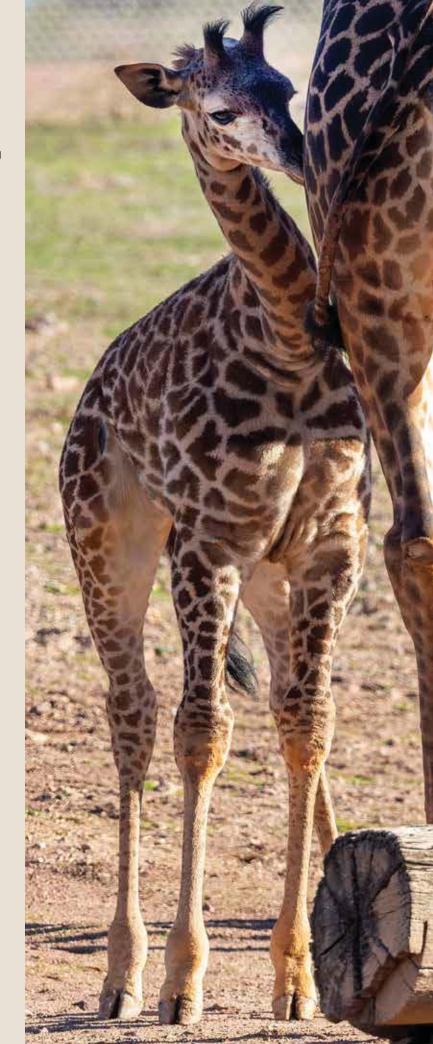
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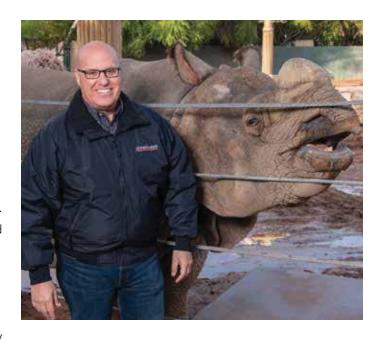
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Dear Zoo Friends,

On December 28, 1973, in a tremendous example of bipartisan support, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was signed into law after passing unanimously in the Senate and by a vote of 355-4 in the House. This past December, this incredibly successful piece of legislation turned 50 years old. Without the ESA, iconic American species like the bald eagle, the California condor and the black-footed ferret would most likely have been lost forever to extinction. Instead, these species, and hundreds of others, are recovering, and many are thriving thanks to the protections offered by the ESA.

Unfortunately, 2023 also saw 23 species removed from the list because they have been officially declared extinct. Animals like the ivory-billed woodpecker and 10 other bird species, including many



from the Hawaiian Islands, can no longer be found despite exhaustive efforts to find remnant populations. Eight species of freshwater mussels are no longer helping improve water quality in American waterways. While there is always a chance that an isolated population might be found, which is what happened in 1981 with the black-footed ferret, it is more likely that these species have been lost forever.

There are currently 1,662 U.S. species being protected by the ESA. Even though the U.S. does not have jurisdiction within other countries, 646 additional foreign species are also listed. The benefits to foreign species that are listed include prohibitions on activities such as import, export and foreign commerce, an effort to ensure that people in the United States do not contribute to the potential extinction of these species.

The Phoenix Zoo is home to individuals from 25 Endangered Species and 12 species that have been declared Critically Endangered, either by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. We are proud to work with our conservation partners to help protect these species. We act as a breeding program for species like the blackfooted ferret, providing animals for release to the wild. We are a research center for the Mt. Graham red squirrel, trying to determine their breeding requirements and behaviors. We are a holding facility for an individual Amur leopard, as every single animal is vital to prevent the extinction of this critically endangered cat species, which lives most of its life solitary in the wild.

When we rebranded ourselves as the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation in 2014, we wanted to ensure that all our efforts ultimately were based on the conservation of wildlife and wild places. Our commitment to the conservation of not only these 37 species, but to all the species that live at the Zoo, is our highest priority.

I hope that on your next visit to the Zoo you take a few minutes to identify some of the species of animals that you see that are endangered and try to imagine a world without bald eagles, California condors, Sumatran tigers or Bornean orangutans. It's not a world I want to imagine and I assure you that we are doing everything we can to conserve these species and so many more.

Norberto J. (Bert) Castro

President/CEO

Arizona Center for Nature Conservation / Phoenix Zoo





# WELCOME A LORA!

he Phoenix Zoo welcomed a recordbreaking number of new animals in 2023, many from different zoos and AZAaccredited institutions across the country. However, a few were born right here in our own backyard, including the exciting addition of Aurora, the Masai giraffe!

Born to mother Sunshine, and fathered by Miguu, Aurora was born on October 26, and has been making herself known on the Savanna. Her playful attitude is on display as she gallops across her habitat and embraces her new family members. We spoke with Senior Hoofstock Keeper, Amanda Jock, to learn more about Aurora.

#### What does a normal day look like for Aurora?

Keepers typically find her laying down sleeping with her mom, Sunshine at morning checks. They eat breakfast as the keepers clean and set up the habitat for them. At this age she is mostly nursing from Sunshine and eating small amounts of solid food grain and alfalfa hay. She then spends half the day on exhibit with Sunshine and Imara, our other adult female giraffe. She has daily zoomies running all across the habitat. She enjoys bending down and eating grass and playing with sticks. She has multiple short training sessions with her keepers daily. At this time, they consist of her just eating from the keeper's hands. Once she is more food motivated, she will be trained for several behaviors that will assist in her daily care.



#### How would you describe Aurora's personality?

She has an outgoing personality and often ventures away from the adult giraffe on exhibit. She is very interested in guests during giraffe barn tours and has even started eating from them! She has a great relationship with Imara and will often be seen following her around the habitat. Aurora and Miguu do visit each other through the fence in the barn. Miguu is always very interested and sweet to the calf.

#### Does she have any quirks?

Aurora has one little quirk that is cute but aggravating to her mom. When Sunshine is bent down Aurora likes to lick and bite her ear and her baby teeth are sharp! Lucky for Sunshine all she has to do is lift her head up to make her stop.

#### What should guests know about Aurora?

While we would love to keep her around forever, Aurora will most likely ship out to a new zoo when she is about one year old on behalf of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The zoo she will move to will be determined by the Species Survival Plan (SSP). The SSP is designed to maintain a healthy, genetically diverse population and will match her with a male so as an adult Aurora will be able to contribute to the Masai giraffe population. In the wild Masai giraffe are listed as endangered with only 45,400 remaining in the wild. Every Masai giraffe born in the SSP is a celebration!

## ART ON THE WILD SIDE

A PHOENIX ZOO ART EXHIBIT



**UNION** | Stephanie Ruiz



**Looking Back** | Barbara Conaway



Calm Before the Storm | April Howland

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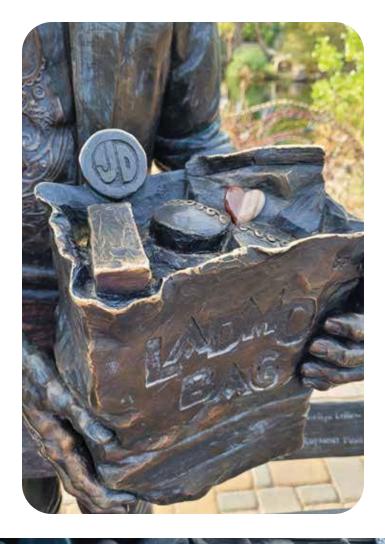


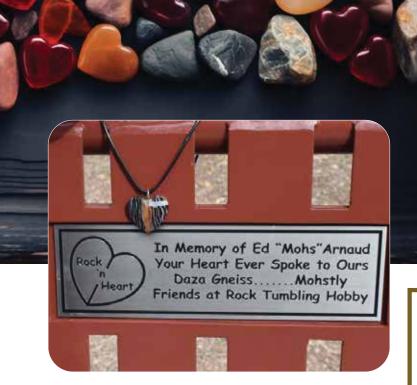
# Remembering a Rock'n Heart

he internet can be a cruel place. If you have spent any time in online forums or other social media platforms, you know how toxic online communities can be. However, one corner of the internet, that most of us will never visit, became a respite for one Phoenix Zoo member. Ed Arnaud joined the Rock Tumbling Hobby forum (RTH) to engage with like-minded individuals interested in rock tumbling and carving. Ed, or "Mohs" as he was known in the group, had been an active member in the RTH community for 14 years. After a few weeks of not hearing from Mohs, other members began to worry. He was so active on the forum that his absence raised alarms for other members. Sadly, their worst fears were realized when they learned that their online friend had passed away. Mohs' kindness and excitement about his hobby had touched their cybercommunity, and they wanted to do something to honor their friend.

While many RTH members do not share much about their personal lives, Mohs often mentioned his time spent at the Phoenix Zoo, photographing the animals and leaving heart shaped rocks that he called "rockin' hearts" for others to find. A few members of the group reached out to our Donor Relations team and inquired if there was a way that they could pay tribute to Mohs at the Zoo as it seemed to be one of his favorite places as a lifelong Phoenician. As a group they collected donations through the forum and raised enough

money to honor their friend with a bench near Podd Ramada, by the Wallace & Ladmo Statue. He had an attachment to the Wallace & Ladmo Show, from when he was a kid, and was even on the show once. Two members of the community that live in Phoenix came to the unveiling of the bench in November, and a handful more plan to visit in January when they are in town for a rock show.





"There is no more powerful testament to his character than to say he lived outside the normal margins of society where we all feel comfortable, yet even having little for himself he was always willing to give what

~ HankRocks

S.

A member of the RTH forum said of Mohs, "Sometimes he would post about what he thought the animals were thinking about HIN. He posted many photos of the animals and their habitats - He posted some of the big tortoises, just because I asked him, as I like turtles - He loved doing this kind of thing."



~ liveoak

Others shared their feelings on a memorial thread on the site:

"Ed was a special person. He was quirky, funny, kind and extremely smart... I loved his photo shoot posts at the Zoo, decorating the Saguaro for Christmas, the mountain scenes from Phoenix ... no matter what the subject, seeing a post from Ed always made me smile. I will also miss him like crazy. He added an element to the forum that will never be replaced. They broke the mold after Ed was born."

~ hummingbirdstones



he had."

At the Phoenix Zoo we are proud to have been a part of Mohs' journey and are honored we could provide a place that he, and so many others feel comfortable. We would like to thank the Rock Tumbling Hobby forum members for reaching out and Ashley Lunsford in Donor Relations for working to help them choose the Zoo as the location for memorializing their friend.





## CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES

#### 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.

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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.

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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Breaking Barriers to Access

ur new Phoenix Zoo Community
Connections is focusing on taking down
barriers to education and is a compilation
of programs expanding access to the Zoo. It is about
getting more underserved and under-resourced
schoolchildren to the Zoo through fee waivers for
admission, educational programs, and camps.

As one of the state's most treasured community assets, the Zoo welcomes more than 100,000 students every year. For children from underresourced communities, Community Connections may be the only opportunity they will have to visit or participate in programs at the Zoo. Support of this program will help us reduce barriers for more than 40,000 schoolchildren from disadvantaged communities.

Our belief is that everyone should have the opportunity to experience and cultivate positive experiences with nature regardless of socioeconomic status or other limiting factors, and our Community Connections program enables us to realize this commitment.



Jax's mom told us he was so nervous when she dropped him off at Camp Zoo but was all smiles at pickup. "Mom, it was super awesome, I can't wait to go back tomorrow to feed the snakes and sting rays!" These programs provide access to inspiring science and nature-based learning experiences.

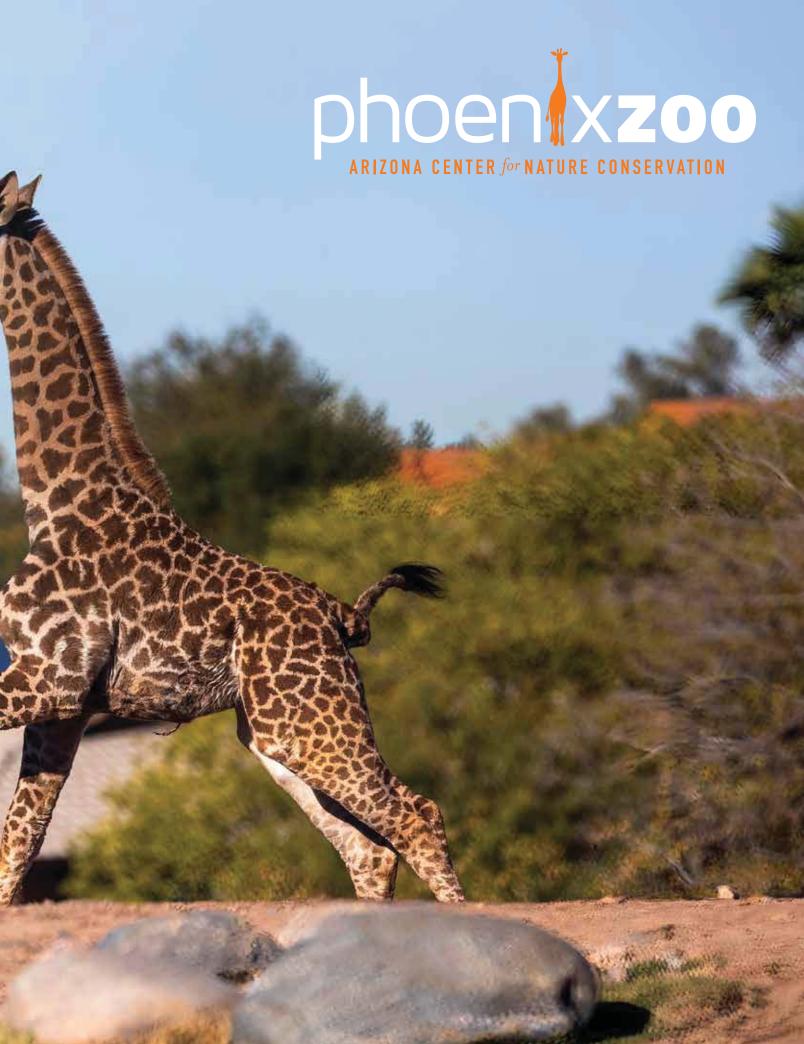
- Weeklong Day and Night Camps –
   Incorporate STEAM principles, challenging campers to use what they learn to create real-world solutions to known challenges.
- Field Trips Discounted admission
- Guided Field Trips Cover animal and conservation sciences, led by Zoo educators and trained volunteers.
- **Live on Location** Delivers standards-based, interactive presentations at schools, featuring live animals and interpretations that help students understand how their actions impact the world.
- Project Orangutan Project-based programming exploring the world of Bornean orangutans, what it takes to keep them healthy and happy at the Zoo and conservation efforts in the wild.
- Virtual Field Trips Pre-recorded guided tours, activities, live, virtual Q&A sessions with Zoo educators.
- **Distance Learning** Zoo educators broadcast into homes and classrooms with animals, engaging activities, and inquiry-based content.
- Foster Care Children living in foster care and their caregivers can visit the Zoo and participate in guest activities.

Donations are needed to underwrite the cost of welcoming underserved children to the Phoenix Zoo.

**Click here** to support Community Connections today!







#### **CAMPS**

#### Spring Break Camp

Go on nature walks, meet animals, and learn how to connect more with the natural world. Your Camper's curiosity will guide them through games, learning activities and crafts all centered on Nature Play! Campers will learn how we can connect with nature through art, science, conservation and play!

- Grades 1 4
- March 11 15, 2024
- 8 a.m. 2:45 p.m.
- Registration opens in January
- Scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis

#### **COMING SOON**

#### **Summer Camp Zoo**

- Grades K 6
- 8 a.m. 2:45 p.m. for Grades 1 6. 8 - 11:30 a.m. for kindergarten.
- Week-long sessions offered June July
- Registration opens early March
- Scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis

#### Night Camps are for everyone!

Come spend an evening or stay overnight at the Phoenix Zoo, walking the trails after dark and meeting animals up close! Whether you're looking for a fun family adventure, an overnight field trip, or camp for your scout group, we offer something for everyone. We even have an adults-only Conservation Twilight Camp. Check the website for more details or call 602.914.4333 for availability.

#### **CLASSROOM PROGRAMS & TEACHER** PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT **Outreach Live on Location**

Let the Zoo come to you! Our fun, interactive outreach programs include an educator and ambassador animals that come right to your classroom or site. These programs are a great way to add impact and bring learning to life. Our standards-based topics can be customized for learners from PreK to High School and we have topics for adults as well!

#### **Curriculum for the Classroom**

Our dedicated team of educators is excited to help you integrate the magic of the animal kingdom into your classroom with learner-led project-based curriculum units! We offer three topics for students in grades 3 – 12. Each topic includes in-depth Teacher Guide with:

- Arizona State Standards Alignment
- Teacher Guide with detailed content outlines, lesson plans and assessment
- Student Research Notebook PDF
- · Support materials for each lesson including pre-recorded videos, recommended research sources and activity worksheets
- A 30-minute live, virtual Q&A with a Zoo Educator

#### **FREE Teacher Professional Development**

You read that right. We offer \$100 stipends for teachers attending our Professional Development Workshops! Get familiar with our Curriculum for the Classroom and how to guide the students through conservation projects and Socratic discussions. Visit the Educator page on our website to sign up.

#### **Project Arizona Wildlife**

Learn about conservation science and the process of saving species!

- Grades 6 12
- February 3: In-person at the Phoenix Zoo
- March 2: Virtual

#### **BioConnect**

Use the design process to create an invention inspired by nature!

- Grades 6 8
- January 20: In-person at the Zoo



#### **ADULTS AND FAMILIES**

#### **ZooTeen Volunteering**

We are bringing back our teen volunteering program! This year's Trailblazers Youth Advisory Council is hard at work designing the relaunch of this program and we will have more information to share soon! Applicants must be entering grades 9 – 12 for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

- Applications open March 1, 2024
- Click <u>here</u> to join our interest list to stay up to date about program announcements and reminders

#### **Trailblazers Youth Advisory Council**

Attention 9 - 12th graders! If you are passionate about animal stewardship and conservation and want to play an active role in shaping the Phoenix Zoo's youth programming while developing your skills as a leader, this is the program for you! Applicants must be entering grades 9 - 12 for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

- Commitment Council members serve for one year and attend monthly meetings at the Phoenix Zoo
- Applications open March 1, 2024
- Click <u>here</u> to join our interest list to stay up to date about program announcements and reminders

#### **Teen Career Conference**

The Phoenix Zoo is excited to host its Teen Career Conference inperson once again! If you've ever dreamed of a career in animal science or conservation, this is the event for you! Experience what it's like to attend a professional conference and hear from specially selected speaker panels while networking with professionals and learning how to launch your future career. This event is geared towards teens, grades 9 – 12, and their educational support networks (parents, educators, career/college counselors, etc.).

- February 10, 2024 | 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- \$25 per person your registration includes breakfast and lunch!
- Register here

#### **Conservation Science Night**

Join us for an exciting evening celebrating the Phoenix Zoo's conservation efforts! Engage with conservation scientists and discover the impactful work we're doing to preserve species in Arizona and worldwide. This is a family-friendly event with a focus on school-age children, but there is something for everyone! This year's interactive stations include learning what an ethogram is and using it to catalog animal behavior, using a black light to identify tagged narrow-headed gartersnakes, and much more!

- February 23, 2024 | 6 8 p.m.
- This event is FREE but pre-registration is required.
- Register here



#### **Photography Classes**

Have you ever wondered how the Phoenix Zoo photographers get all those cool, detailed photos? Now you can learn our secrets by taking part in Animals in Focus: Photography Classes. Join long-time volunteer, Dave Seibert and other professional guest photographers, for a 90-minute walk around the Phoenix Zoo where you will learn the basics of photography: composition, lighting and capturing emotion. On our walk, we will cover how to photograph through fences, windows and foliage in addition to learning more about the Phoenix Zoo and the natural world. Check out the website for more information and to register!

- Duration: 1.5 hours (9:30 11 a.m.)
- Cost: \$30 (Zoo admission not included)
- When: Classes available November April
- Maximum Group Size: 6

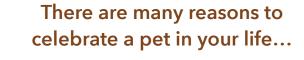








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#### **Sharing the Zoo's Conservation Stories** with New Audiences in New Ways

he Phoenix Zoo reaches thousands of Arizona students each year through camps, field trips, virtual programs and more. During these encounters, we aim to share our mission with the students, inspiring them to care for the natural world while showing how their choices can have positive impacts.

We incorporate examples from our Arizona-native species conservation projects into many of these programs, but much of our programming focuses on wildlife species and conservation issues facing animals living in faraway places. While we're committed to raising awareness about global challenges, we have long felt that there was a gap in attention given to efforts closer to home. With this concern in mind, Project Arizona Wildlife was born.



Project Arizona Wildlife, or PAW, guides students through research experiences involving the Phoenix Zoo's conservation efforts. Participants explore projectbased lessons to learn about the complex process of saving endangered species and are then inspired to create their own "Save a Species" plan. PAW is aligned to state and national science standards for grades 6-12, supporting teachers' needs and integrating science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into one learning experience.

Project-based learning (PBL) reinforces real-world applications and prepares students for complex careers, helping them develop skills, knowledge and an understanding of STEM-related processes. PBL boosts learning retention and enhances student engagement, building confidence in both teachers and students, while encouraging curiosity and authentic problem solving.

Project Arizona Wildlife is a nine-week curriculum with an interactive format that encourages curiosity and gives students time to dig into issues facing Arizona wildlife and habitats. They're introduced to the Phoenix Zoo's Conservation teams through videos, showing how Zoo scientists care for the animals at the Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Conservation Center and through research and



monitoring in the field. Students respectfully discuss how human actions positively and negatively affect animal habitats and populations and identify everyday actions that people can take to protect wildlife.

After conducting research about the needs of endangered and threatened species, students create a solution for a real-world problem facing wildlife in Arizona, working together to complete their "Save a Species" plan. They gain additional real-world experience presenting their plans and evaluating their own work and the solutions of others, which helps build public speaking and critical thinking skills. They are also called on to create community awareness and fundraising campaigns to support their proposals, building additional skills and experience relevant to a variety of career pathways.

Teachers have told us that attending Zoo-led teacher training workshops before rolling out new projectbased learning programs greatly increases their confidence in delivering our programs in their classrooms. Thanks to grants from APS Foundation and Dr. Scholl Foundation, we held two PAW workshops in the fall reaching teachers from Nogales to Lake Havasu and in between. One workshop was virtual and the other was held at the Zoo. We look forward to hearing from participating teachers as they begin introducing PAW to their students.

"I love that we talked about conservation of our wildlife and that everyone was actively involved and sharing their thoughts and opinions."

~ participant teacher

We hope to hold PAW community showcase events in the future that will allow students from different schools to share their projects with each other, their families, and with the public visiting the Zoo on showcase days. Zoo staff and volunteers will participate as well, providing feedback and encouragement to the students on their project ideas and presentations.

The Zoo's Conservation and Learning & Engagement teams have enjoyed working together to highlight the Zoo's commitment and contributions to Arizona-native species conservation. We hope PAW helps boost community understanding of what we do each day to support wildlife and inspires a new generation of Arizonans to consider how they can use their skills and talents to join us, no matter what paths they travel in the future.



**Upcoming PAW teacher workshops** (stipends available!) are scheduled for Feb. 3 (at the Zoo) and March 2 (virtual).

**Click here** to get on our interest list for these workshops



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- FREE daytime admission, with access to Monkey Village, the only walk-through squirrel monkey exhibit in the United Sates
- Early admission, one hour before the public
- Invitations to exclusive Member-only events and exhibit openings
- Phoenix Zoo membership card, featuring one of our Masai giraffe – just like Aurora!
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#### MEMBERS!

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#### **ZOO TOURS**

#### Safari Cruiser Rides



#### **WALLEY TOYOTA DEALERS**

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#### **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.

#### **Endangered Species Carousel**





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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES**

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

#### **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.

#### WATER PLAY AREAS & PLAYGROUNDS

**Enchanted Forest** 

Presented By Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

Discovery Farm

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ARIZONA MILK PRODUCERS Leapin' Lagoon Splash Pad\*

Yakulla Caverns\*

\*Water closed for the winter

Phoenix Zoo members receive a discount!



## **Phoenix Zoo Animal Word Search**

Can you find the names for some of the Phoenix Zoo animals? Look up ,down, and diagonally.

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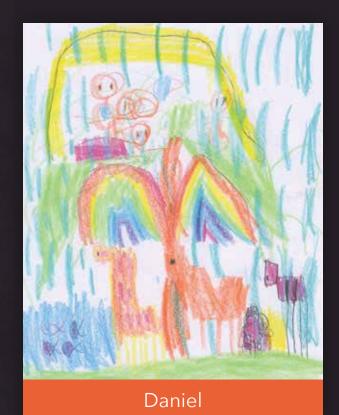
Auggie	Jasper	Raja
Aurora	Joanne	Ranger
Bennie	Kamara	Rayma
Boboo	Maddie	Ruby
Bodie	Miguu	Sunshine
Chutti	Olive	Tamu
Howie	Peach	Taziki
Indu	Pugsley	Zuri

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

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Immerse yourself in an evening of adventure at the Phoenix Zoo's globe-trotting gala, Zoobilation. Travel the trails on foot or hop aboard the Safari Cruiser to experience unique performances and savor delicious cuisines from around the world. Also featuring live animal presentations, dancing under the stars and a chance to win a brand-new Toyota vehicle in our Zoobilation raffle.

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