

**COMMON NAME:** Pygmy Marmoset  
**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Callithrix pygmaea

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:** Pygmy marmosets are the smallest living monkeys. The head and neck are generally dark brown to gray in color, while the back is black to gray with buff mixed in. Their tails are not prehensile, and they have claws on all of their digits except for the great toe, which has a flat nail. They communicate with members of their groups through facial expressions, posture, and high-pitched vocalizations. They are active and agile creatures that run, jump, and occasionally leap among the trees and shrubs.

**HABITAT:** Pygmy marmosets live in the Upper Amazon of South America and can be found in western Brazil, southeastern Colombia, eastern Ecuador and Peru, and northern Bolivia. They prefer tropical and floodplain forests and live in trees and shrubs.

**WILD DIET:** When eating in the wild, pygmy marmosets gouge holes in trees and feed primarily on sap, gum, and latex. They have been known also to eat the occasional spider and insect.

**FACTS:** Pygmy marmosets may become threatened due to habitat loss. However, they have proven themselves to be quite adaptable to the secondary forest, as long as suitable food is available. The Santa Ana Zoo's pygmy marmosets have a nice new (and warm) home near the Jack Lynch Aviary. Come by and visit them soon!

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## ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Join the Education Department for some fun and learn about animals and nature firsthand. Call the Zoo Education Office at 714-647-6562 for additional information.

### CONSERVATION EDUCATION THEATER

While visiting the Zoo, please stop by to enjoy our animal presentations. These presentations are free with Zoo admission.

**Weekends 12:00 & 2:30 pm**

# Party FOR THE planet™

"Party for the Planet" will take place on Sunday May 17, 2015, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Exclusive to AZA-(Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accredited establishments, "Party for the Planet" represents the largest shared Earth Day celebration in North America.

"Party for the Planet" is a fun-filled day that celebrates wildlife while promoting conservation and educating Zoo-goers about the different ways they can help protect the environment and "go green." The event is FREE for FOSAZ Members.



Throughout the event, Zoo guests are welcome to participate in conservation-friendly crafts and fun games including bird bingo, as well as learn from hands-on demonstrations and education stations featuring recycling and sustainable living. "The Santa Ana Zoo strives to lead by example when it comes to conservation, sustainability, and going green," says David Exline, FOSAZ President. "'Party for the Planet' allows us to share environmentally-friendly best practices with the community and show our guests first-hand the benefits of living green. From the drought-tolerant plants we grow, to the wood we select for use in our habitats—for us, conservation and protecting our environment is a personal and professional choice." Children will learn about recycling, composting, beneficial bugs, birds, and frogs. More information about the Zoo's conservation efforts can be found on the Zoo's website.

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# THE Odd COUPLE

In the center of Primate Row, two bachelors have bonded together in a most unusual pairing. Although Emperor Tamarins and Golden-headed Lion Tamarins do not live together in the wild, circumstances led the keepers to introduce these two males into the sloth exhibit to see if they could all just get along. Well, not only have they gotten along, but the two have become best friends, usually huddled together in the various housing locations around the exhibit.



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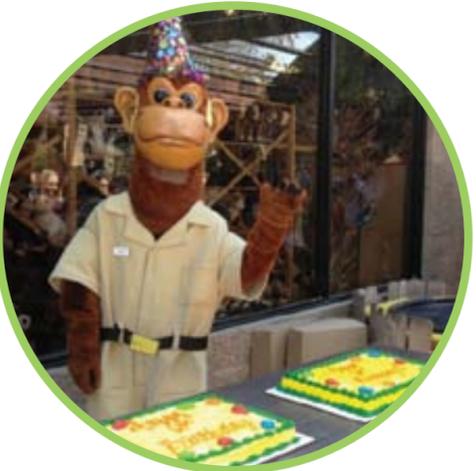
# SAZOO is 63 & READY TO party!

It's another wild birthday party you just can't miss – The Santa Ana Zoo is turning 63!



Mark your calendars and join us for two days of monkey birthday-mania on Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8, from 11 am to 2 pm, rain or shine.

This year's fun-filled birthday celebration will include Western-pioneer themed crafts, live entertainment, and miniature train displays by the Del Oro Pacific Railroad Club. Our animals will also join in the celebration by participating in animal enrichments



and presentations. And no birthday party would be complete without a great cake donated by Knowlwoods for all to share (first come, first served)!

Throughout the day, Conservation Carrousel rides will be available to enjoy for \$3 each, Zoofari Express Train rides for \$4 each, or you can purchase a \$6 combo ticket to experience both fantastic rides. The SAZOO playground will also be open. We look forward to celebrating the big 63 with you! This event is free with the price of admission for the general public and FREE for Zoo Members!

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2014

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY of the month: FREE** Santa Ana Residents' Day. Proof of Santa Ana residency is required.

**February 7 Membership Appreciation Day:** Aquarium & Fish: 11am - 2pm – FOSAZ Members enjoy a day filled with ocean-themed games, crafts, and music in the Amphitheatre Area. Touch tide pools with starfish, sea creatures, and sharks from the Aquarium of the Pacific on Wheels from 11:30-1:30. Members also receive additional Gift Shop discounts. Rain or shine. Event is FREE for Members Only.

**February 14- 15 University of California Master Gardeners:** 12pm - 4pm – Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast: General Public - FREE with price of admission; FOSAZ Members - FREE.

**March 7 - 8 Zoo Birthday Party:** 11am - 2pm each day – All-Zoo party with miniature train displays, music, games, and fun. General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

**March 21 Ocelot Exhibit & Education Center Grand Opening:** 11am – Ribbon Cutting.

**March 28 Sheep Shearing:** 9:30am - 12pm – Sheep shearing, spinning & weaving demonstrations. Hair donations collected for Locks of Love! General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

**May 17 Party for the Planet:** 11am - 2pm – All-Zoo event with booths promoting conservation, music, and crafts with a "green theme." General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE. City of Santa Ana Residents – FREE.

**May 23- 24 University of California Master Gardeners:** 12 - 4pm – Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast: General Public - FREE with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

**May 30 "Dreamnight":** 5:30 - 7:30pm – Special invitation only event for children living with life-threatening conditions from the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

**June 14, 28, July 12, 26 Sunset at the Zoo, featuring "Brew at the Zoo":** 5:30 - 7:30pm – Bring a picnic and join us for a series of evenings of live music, beer tasting, craft tables, train/carrousel rides, and animals: FOSAZ Member Discount.

Dates are tentative and subject to change. For additional information on any event, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555.

## PARK INFORMATION

HOURS	ADMISSION
Gates Open ..... 10 AM	Adults (13+) .....\$10
Gates Close..... 4 PM	Children (3-12).....\$7
Grounds Close ..... 5 PM	Seniors (60+) .....\$7
	FOSAZ Members and children under 2 are free
	Train Rides.....\$4
	Carrousel Rides.....\$3
	11 AM-2 PM Every Day (\$6 Combo Tickets for Train & Carrousel available) Subject to change without notice. Call for further information (714) 647-6575.

The Santa Ana Zoo is open daily except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, & New Year's Day.

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## Look INSIDE

Find out if these are really the world's smallest monkeys!

Thanks to all who made 2014 a success!

Join us at the Party for the Planet on May 17 right here at the Zoo!

# INTERNATIONAL DAYS A HUGE ZOO SUCCESS!

This past December, the Santa Ana Zoo enjoyed a program with festive traditional and international songs sung by the International Peace Choir and swaying to the beat of African Dancers from UC Irvine. The Zoo also hosted an "International Trip around the World" complete with Zoo Passports for our "International Holidays with the Critters" event. This event featured several cultural clubs including the Saudi Student Society from Cal State Fullerton, the French and Indonesian Culture Clubs from Mt. San Antonio College, and the Hawaiian Na Opio O Ka 'Aina Club from UC Irvine.



Zoo guests were first welcomed to the International Passport Station upon entering the Zoo, where they were encouraged to register for and receive a Zoo Passport and map to help guide them on their global expedition. The expedition led Zoo guests around the World to each of the seven International Stations where they learned information about the world's seven continents and certain countries. The International Stations also gave Zoo guests opportunities to engage in fun crafts and activities, take exciting "treks" to find the animals in the Zoo indigenous to each continent, and collect Passport Stamps commemorating their trips to each of the stations. Once their journey was complete, guests were invited to spin the "World Wheel" and answer trivia questions based on the information learned at the International Stations and receive a special prize.

This fun and educational event highlighted the amazing animals at the Santa Ana Zoo and the vast array of countries and cultures around the world.

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If you feel there is any error in recognition, please contact the FOSAZ office at 714-953-8555.

## ZOO VOLUNTEERS

by Ron Glazier, Retired Director of the Zoo

It is often said it is the little things in life that are the most important, and I might add, the most memorable. One such example is when during one of my family gatherings, usually sitting around the dining room table, someone says, "Remember when." Many of these "remember when" moments are about some little thing that had special meaning for us.

One such example was when my son and one of my daughters "volunteered" to help me at the Santa Ana Zoo. I put volunteered in quotation marks as I'm sure they have a different memory of how they volunteered, but suffice it to say they did the work without monetary compensation. It was Christmas Eve, and we were short a Zoo keeper. I didn't want to keep all the Zoo keepers working late to cover for the vacant position on this special day, so I volunteered myself, my son and my daughter to cover the red barn farm exhibit. The three of us chopped diets, raked the pens, hosed the barn floor, put out the feed pans, and made sure all the farm animals were snug in their beds before we headed home. It was a hard day's work and made an impression on these two children as to just how much work is involved day in and day out in taking care of the Zoo's animals.

Having started my zoo career as the Education Director of the Phoenix Zoo, I have a special fondness for the education volunteers or docents. Without them, the education function of the Santa Ana

Zoo would be greatly diminished, and the thousands of school children would have less experience from their Zoo visit. I have often been told by parents that when they have returned to the Zoo with their children after the children had been on a school field trip to the Zoo just how much information the children can then share with them.

One of my favorite stories about a volunteer though goes back a few years at the Santa Ana Zoo. We were about to open the Colors of the Amazon Aviary. As it was designed as a walk-through aviary, we were concerned about how well behaved the public might be by staying on the paths and feeding or harassing the birds. For this purpose, we recruited a number of aviary monitors to be stationed in the exhibit to keep an eye on things and also to answer questions. One of the first volunteers was a young lady and her father. They proved to be very reliable and dedicated volunteers. As it turned out, the young lady eventually got a part-time position working with the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo. Eventually, through dedicated work and subsequent promotions, that young lady, Cathi Decker, became the Executive Director of FOSAZ. I enjoyed working with Cathi in my capacity as Zoo Director and am still happy to work with her now in my capacity as a FOSAZ Advisory Board Member. Incidentally, her father is still involved with the Zoo in the production of the FOSAZ newsletter.

Another group of volunteers that must



be mentioned are the members of the FOSAZ Board of Directors. They not only discharge their duties as policy makers and fundraisers but give many hours in assisting at Zoo special events. Speaking of special events, they too would not be the success they are without the assistance of Zoo volunteers. Suffice it to say, the Zoo could not provide the programs, special events, or even the basic Zoo functions that it does without the help of all the volunteers that we have been blessed to have.

The Zoo has been fortunate over the years for having the many volunteers who have tirelessly worked alongside Zoo keepers doing the unglamorous but necessary work to ensure the proper care of the animal collection. Speaking for myself, and I am sure, for all the FOSAZ staff and Zoo staff, we offer a heartfelt thank-you to all the wonderful people that volunteer at the Santa Ana Zoo.

## KidZONE

### ZOO FABLE #6: The Leopard and the Three Bulls

A leopard had spent much of his time watching three bulls in the hope of finding a tasty meal. However, he knew that he could not take them all when they were together. He needed to find a way to separate them, but they seemed to enjoy each other's company so much that wherever one went, the others were sure to follow.

Looking for a way to divide them, he started spreading evil reports of one bull to the other until he had created such jealousy and distrust among themselves that they started to feed apart.

Seizing the moment, the leopard was able to fall upon them one by one, and so made an easy prey of them all.

**Zoo Moral:** The quarrels of friends are the opportunities of their foes.

#### 1. EATSPEAR (To divide up.)

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#### 2. TENMOM (What the leopard seized.)

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#### 3. TRUISTSD (It was spread along with jealousy.)

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**BONUS:** Now unscramble the letters circled above to discover the secret animal!

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**HINT:** These animals can be found coupled up in this newsletter.

Kids, send your Zoo art (along with your name and age) to: Tom Decker, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana CA 92701 or e-mail artwork to tdecker@fosaz.org.



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