

Celebrate WITH "PARTY FOR THE PLANET" & "ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY"

The Home of the 50 Monkey's annual "Party for the Planet/Endangered Species Day" will take place on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Party for the Planet/Endangered Species Day represents the largest shared Earth Day celebration in North America and takes place in many zoos and aquariums across the nation.

This educational event 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 included with the price of admission and FREE for Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ) Members.

Throughout the event, Zoo guests are welcome to participate in conservation-friendly crafts and fun games, 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/Endangered Species Day 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."

The Zoo is not alone in our conservation efforts. Guests can explore the many ways community organizations are protecting the environment and take home tools and tips to lessen their own ecological footprint.

During the event, guests and Zoo members 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.



Animal Trading Card

Common Name: Ocelot
Scientific Name: (Leopardus pardalis)
Distinguishing Characteristics: Ocelots are small, wild cats about twice the size of housecats. Each ocelot's fur pattern is unique, with dark spots on an orange, tan and white coat. Ocelots grow to around 29 to 39 inches.

Habitat: Ocelots are found in the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America. They are nocturnal, which means they are active during the night and sleep during the day.

Wild Diet: They are carnivores so they hunt and eat animals such as frogs, iguanas, rabbits, fish, crabs, rodents, monkeys and birds.

Facts: The word "ocelot" comes from the Aztec word "tlalocehōtl," which means field tiger. They spend most of their time on the ground, but are strong swimmers and good climbers and jumpers.

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Join the Education Department for some fun and learn about animals and nature firsthand. Call the Zoo Education Office at 714-647-6573 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.

Weekend Times: 12:00pm & 2:30pm

EXCLUSIVE MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY: Ocean ADVENTURE!

On Sunday, February 4, from 11 am to 1:30 pm, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo Members (FOSAZ) will enjoy a day filled with ocean-themed games, storytelling, crafts, experiences and music in our Amphitheatre Area. Offered exclusively to Zoo members, this oceanic day includes access to mobile "touch tank" tide pools featuring starfish, sharks, and other sea creatures courtesy of the Aquarium of the Pacific Aquarium on Wheels."

This extraordinary "members only" appreciation event will take place rain or shine. Not a FOSAZ Member? Is it time to renew? Check out all the great benefits under "Annual Memberships" on our Website.



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PARK INFORMATION

HOURS

Gates Open at 10 AM – Gates Close at 4 PM – Grounds Close at 5 PM
The Santa Ana Zoo is open daily except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, & New Year's Day.

ADMISSION

FOSAZ Members & children under 3 are free.

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Parking is FREE.

SANTA ANA ZOO ANIMALtales

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Santa Ana ZOO AT PRENTICE PARK home of the 50 monkeys

To Instill a Passion for the Natural World Through Recreation, Conservation and Education

YOU'RE invited! TO SAZOO'S 66TH BIRTHDAY BASH!

SAZOO and the Santa Ana Zoo are turning 66! Mark your calendars and join us for two days of monkey birthday mania on Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4, from 11 am to 2 pm. The back-to-back events are happening, rain or shine, so please join us for all the fun!

This year's birthday celebration includes themed crafts, live entertainment and spectacular train displays by the Del Oro Pacific Railroad Club. Our animals will also join in the celebration with special birthday enrichments and presentations. Also, no birthday party would be complete without a great cake donated by Knowlwood for all to share (first come, first served).

Throughout the day, birthday guests can enjoy the Conservation Carrousel and Zoofari Express Train rides for an additional fee, plus the SAZOO playground is always available for FREE. SAZOO's 66th birthday bash is included with the price of admission for the general public and FREE for Zoo members!



Look INSIDE



They may be cute, but these are wild cats!



Thanks to all who made 2017 a success!



This year's event on May 20 also features Endangered Species Day

ANIMAL TRADING CARD

YEAR IN REVIEW

"PARTY FOR THE PLANET"

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2018

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

February 4
Membership Appreciation Day- Ocean Adventure!
11am – 1:30pm -- 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. Rain or shine. Event is FREE and exclusive for Members only.

March 3 - 4
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.

April 21
All-Zoo Volunteer Recognition Lunch: 12 - 2pm -- Zoo Volunteers are invited to a fun party and lunch in recognition of their service. Rain or shine.

May 19
"Dreamnight": 5:30 - 7:30pm -- Special by invitation only event for children living with life threatening conditions from the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

May 20
Party for the Planet/Endangered Species Day: 12 noon - 3pm -- Celebrate Earth Day and Endangered Species Day with activity stations and special guests throughout the Zoo. General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE. City of Santa Ana Residents – FREE.

June 9
World Oceans Day: 11am-2pm -- Celebrate the World's Oceans. General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

TBD
Sunsets at the Zoo, After Hours Events: 5:30 - 7:30pm -- Bring a picnic and join us for a series of evenings of live music, beer tasting, children's craft tables, train/carrousel rides and animals. Additional admission required; 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.

Dear Santa Ana Zoo Members and Friends,

I am incredibly honored to introduce myself as the new Zoo Director. I have a long history with the Santa Ana Zoo since I began as a volunteer in 1999, subsequently holding various positions including zoo educator, animal records keeper, and operations supervisor. This is not just another job for me – it is my dream – not just to be working with animals, but to be here, at the Santa Ana Zoo.

I have many fond memories from visiting the Zoo as a child and everyday as I walk around, I see the enchanted faces of little ones as they are meeting the animals living in our care and experiencing our urban forest for the first time. I look forward to making the Santa Ana Zoo the very best it can be for our animals, community, and employees.

I am also very excited to announce planning for the new giant river otter and primate habitats as they continue to move along, and the many renovations that are also currently in process. The outdoor habitat for the blue-and-yellow macaws was recently renovated with a new shelter and landscaping, and some of the primates are moving between exhibits to provide them with additional space. In the farm, a learning play area will be opening where little ones can act out the composting role of a dung beetle, and the 50 Monkey Ferris Wheel will soon take us to new heights.

As if this were not enough exciting news, a new master plan is rapidly nearing completion. The master plan is a plan for how the Zoo will deliver the mission, vision, and goals through programs, in addition to guiding infrastructure and animal collection plans, over the next 20 years. The plan focuses on providing the best possible animal welfare and creating new and exciting memories for members, supporters and visitors.

Wild places and wildlife around the globe face increasing pressure; together with you, active supporters of the Zoo, we'll make a positive impact by continuing the proud 66-year history of conserving and connecting people with wildlife. I am lucky to work with a fantastic team and an inspiring Zoo community. Vision is the art of seeing things invisible, and I see an incredibly bright future for our Santa Ana Zoo. Thank you so much and see you around the Zoo. Should you have any questions or just want to chat, please reach out.

Ethan Fisher

Zoo Director,
Santa Ana Zoo



KidZONE

The margay cat and the cotton-top tamarin were exchanging views about living in peace and safety with the hostile predators around them.

"I am really not scared of them at all," said the tamarin at last. "There may be a lot of predators trying to catch us, as you say, but I have a thousand tricks to show them before they can do me any harm."

"You are fortunate," replied the margay. "For my part, I have but one way of evading my enemies, and if that fails, all is lost."

"I am sorry for you with all my heart," said the tamarin. "But since I cannot be certain that even you are a friend, I cannot show you even one of my many tricks."

Hardly had he finished speaking when a pack of wolves burst suddenly upon them. The margay, resorting to her single trick, ran up a tree, and from the security of the topmost branches witnessed the downfall of the braggart.

Unable to make up his mind which of the thousand tricks he would use, the tamarin was caught by the wolves before he could put even one of his tricks into use.

Zoo Moral:
He who considers himself more clever than his neighbor usually fares badly when put to the test.

Zoo Fable: The Margay Cat's One Trick

1. GRAMAY (The type of cat featured in the story.)

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2. MOOTSPT (He climbed up to these branches.)

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3. KRTCIS (The tamarin had 1,000 of these.)

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BONUS: Now unscramble the letters circled above to find this animal!

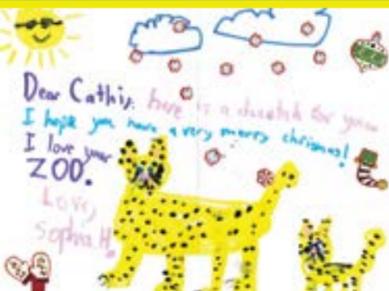
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Hint: This type of bird is often featured in our educational shows.

Kids, send your Zoo art (along with your name and age) to:

Tom Decker, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo,
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Sophia H., age 8



Makenna A., age 5

"2017 Year in Review" Corporate Corner

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HOW animals ADAPT

by Ron Glazier,
Retired Director of the Zoo

Currently, we may all be aware of the extremes of weather across the country. We are blessed in Southern California with a year-round moderate climate, unlike most of the rest of the country. Even so there are times when we turn up the heat or turn on the air-conditioning in our homes. We've seen scenes of people completely bundled up when outdoors in blizzards in the mid-west and northeast parts of the country. So how do animals in the wild cope with extremes in weather?

There are several strategies used. Many animals migrate, birds most notably, to warmer climates during winter time. Others, such as mountain sheep and mountain goats, migrate downward from their mountain top summer range to milder winter conditions in the valleys. Some species like squirrels and chipmunks hibernate and bears estivate. Hibernation is a physiological condition where the animal's body temperature, heart rate, and metabolism are lowered and reduced to survive long periods of cold weather. Bison, moose, and elk add thick layers of fur to help insulate them from the cold. They also have physiological mechanisms that keep their body core warm while letting the temperature of their legs and hooves drop to conserve body heat. Estivation is also a physiological condition in which a state of "deep sleep" protects an animal such as a desert tortoise from extreme heat.

Another interesting strategy found in some insects or spiders is to survive the winter in a different life-stage form. As a graduate student I did some research on a small desert dwelling spider that lived in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona. The adult spider spent the hot summers making a tube-shaped nest of webbing, insect parts, and small pieces of plant leaves. The tube about the size of a child's little finger was where the females laid layers of eggs. The tubes were suspended among the pads of prickly pad cactus on west facing slopes. In the summer the heat was extreme, which seemed an odd place to live. However, my research showed that the spider had a one-year life span. The species survived as eggs or spiderlings in the tubes that were kept warm enough in their west-facing exposure to the winter sun. Come the warmth of spring the eggs would hatch and the spiderlings would emerge to become adults and start the whole process over again. Nature is amazing.



In zoos, other strategies are put into play to keep animals comfortable year-round. Animals can adapt and acclimatize to weather conditions not found in their natural habitat but there are limits. Indoor barns for cold weather and pools and misters in the summer can moderate temperatures in their exhibits. The biggest danger comes in sudden extreme changes in temperature and humidity that happen too quickly for animals to acclimate to them. Birds are particularly susceptible to sudden temperature changes.

Even with our mild climate at the Santa Ana Zoo our exhibits must be able to accommodate extremes in our local climate. The micro-climate of each exhibit can be modified with heaters and misters. In extreme cases some animals might even be taken off exhibit and kept in an indoor facility such as the animal hospital.

I would be remiss not to mention the zoo keepers who, whatever the heat, cold, wind, or rain, take care of their animals every day of the year. Despite their personal discomfort they do their best to keep the animals entrusted to their care as comfortable as possible. Next time you see a keeper say "thanks" for the job they do.

Also thanks to you as members for supporting FOSAZ in our work to constantly improve the Santa Ana Zoo for the welfare of our animals and the family experiences we provide.



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