

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

The Home of the 50 Monkey's annual "Party for the Planet/Endangered Species Day" will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Party for the Planet 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.



Common Name: Giant Anteater
Scientific Name: *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*
Distinguishing Characteristics: The giant anteater may be six to eight feet long and weigh up to 160 pounds. It has a narrow head, long nose, small eyes, and round ears. Its coarse hair may be gray or brown, with a white-banded black stripe running along the body to mid-torso, and a long, bushy tail, which can be two to three feet long. Its front feet have large claws, which are curled under when it walks. It has poor vision, but instead relies on its sense of smell.
Habitat: Anteaters are found in Central and South America from southern Belize to northern Argentina. They prefer tropical forests and grasslands.
Wild Diet: The giant anteater detects termite mounds and anthills with its keen sense of smell and tears them open with its strong claws. They can eat as many as 30,000 ants and termites in a day. They will also eat ripe fruit if they find it on the ground.
Facts: Giant anteaters are generally solitary animals, except for mothers and their young. They are not aggressive, but can be fierce. They can even fight off a puma or a jaguar.

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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 714-647-6573 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 Saturday, February 2, 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 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.
Adults (13+)\$12
Children (3-12).....\$9
Seniors (60+)\$9

RIDES

Tickets – \$1.50 each
Ferris Wheel 4 tickets
Train 3 tickets
Carousel 2 tickets
11am – 2pm Weekdays • 11am – 4pm Weekends
Subject to change without notice.
Call for further information (714) 647-6575.

Parking is FREE.

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The Santa Ana Zoo, through fun, adventure and learning, empowers the community to save wildlife and wild spaces.

YOU'RE invited! TO SAZOO'S 67TH BIRTHDAY BASH!

SAZOO and the Santa Ana Zoo are turning 67! Mark your calendars and join us for two days of monkey birthday-mania on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3, 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 Bean Sprouts for all to share (first come, first served).

Throughout the day, birthday guests can enjoy the Fifty Monkey Ferris Wheel, Conservation Carousel, and Zoofari Express Train rides for an additional fee, plus the SAZOO playground is always available for FREE. SAZOO's 67th birthday bash is included with the price of admission for the general public and FREE for Zoo members!



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2019

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

February 2
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 2 - 3
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 20
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
Party for the Planet/Endangered Species Day:
11am – 2pm -- 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 8
World Oceans Day:
11am-2pm -- Celebrate the World's Oceans. General Public - free with price of admission; FOSAZ Members – FREE.

June 15
"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 30, July 14 & 28
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/carousel/ferris wheel 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.

Look INSIDE



ANIMAL TRADING CARD



YEAR IN REVIEW



MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Able to eat up to 30,000 ants & termites in one day!

Thanks to all who made 2018 a success!

Members can enjoy an Ocean Adventure on February 2.

