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**ZOO HOURS:**

June-September 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
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## A Custom Fly Mask for Yebonga the Rhino

On your next visit to Reid Park Zoo you may notice Yebonga, the southern white rhino, is stepping out in style with her custom-made fly mask made by Horseware Ireland.

Yebonga is turning 51 this Spring, and is among the oldest in her species survival plan, with the median life expectancy for southern white rhinos being in the mid 30s. Yebonga's custom mask allows her to see her surroundings while benefiting from its protective covering.



Being a geriatric rhino, Yebonga's eyes are more sensitive to flies, light and dust, and this added layer helps to provide extra protection.

Yebonga seems to really enjoy her mask, as she waits for her care team to help her get it on before exploring her habitat each morning.



# THE ZOO BY YOU

Here's a look at the Zoo through your eyes! Tag us on social media to enter your own photos for the next issue of Zoo & You!



Photo by @yay4bokeh on Instagram!



Photo by Tim Crist



Photo by Gail Brown



# SKETCH SOME SPOTS

Scientists often use observational sketching to learn more about the animals they study.  
**Learn how to draw a giraffe and study them at your next visit to the Zoo!**



1. Start with two circles, like an upside down snowman



2. Add the nostrils by using C shape lines



3. Connect the nose to the middle of the big circle



4. Using oval shapes sketch out the eyes and ears



5. Add smaller ovals inside the shapes you just made to add details to the the eyes and ears



6. Add the osicones (horns) at the top of the big circle and a neck at the bottom of the head



7. Lastly, add some scribbles for hair and some spectacular spots!



You can add a heart shaped spot like Moyo!



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## Hello, baby!

**Reid Park Zoo welcomed a new elephant calf at 3:31 a.m. on Friday, March 8. The calf was born weighing 265 pounds and was standing, sticking close to mom, and nursing enthusiastically shortly after birth.**

## How to Get Ready for an Elephant Calf

What does it take to prepare for an elephant calf? Semba, our expecting matriarch of the herd, delivered her calf on March 8!

Getting ready was a huge task. Reid Park Zoo's elephants receive regular check ups from our vet staff, but Semba received extra special care as we awaited the arrival of her new calf.

Semba was getting voluntary ultrasounds twice a week by our highly skilled veterinary staff to see fetal heartbeat, which was very hard to do in an animal her size! Her bloodwork was checked twice a week to monitor Semba's overall health and hormone levels. Semba's weight was

monitored very closely to keep her on track as she progressed through this pregnancy.

While Reid Park Zoo's veterinary team was doing that, our elephant keepers were baby proofing the habitat, similar to how people may baby proof their homes before bringing small children into them. This was not a small task, as the Expedition Tanzania Habitat consists of seven acres.

Within the Zoo's health center, preparation took the form of gathering supplies. In an effort to be prepared for any scenario, everything from boxes of gauze to oversized baby bottles were ready to roll, just in case.

Another way the team prepared was by thinking about herd dynamics. How will things change when Penzi is no longer the "baby" of the herd? When Penzi was born, Nandi took to her new role as a big sister with enthusiasm and the elephant care team is confident Penzi will adjust to her new role just as well.

While all of this was happening, the staff was on birth watch around the clock with the help of skilled volunteers that have a history with the Zoo. Some staff members were watching Semba online from their homes, and some were watching in person at the Zoo!





## Conservation of the Elusive Andean Bear

The giant panda, standing out with its bamboo diet and black and white coat. The polar bear, all white in a white world of Arctic sea ice and snow. The grizzly bear, a keystone of Yellowstone's well-known ecosystem. These are what people often picture when they think of bear conservation. But there is another bear found here in our hemisphere that we at Reid Park Zoo are working to protect: the Andean bear!

Andean bears live in the Andes Mountains, and are the only species of bear found in South America. They are one of the most arboreal bear species, often finding food and building

nests in trees. Andean bears are also sometimes called "spectacled bears" because many of their markings make it look like they are wearing glasses. These markings are unique to each individual bear, kind of like a fingerprint, and are one way to tell apart Joaquin and Oja, Reid Park Zoo's pair of Andean bears. Joaquin, a 21-year-old male, has more tan on his face above and between his eyes, and is also over double the size of Oja, a 9-year-old female.

Andean bears face several conservation threats in the wild, including human-wildlife conflict and habitat loss and fragmentation. To

help combat these threats, Reid Park Zoo has partnered with Andean Bear SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Andean Bear SAFE was designed to support Andean bear conservation through connecting zoological facilities and researchers to partners in the field in South America. Because Andean bears live in such remote and mountainous regions, they can be quite difficult to study, and relatively little is known about much of their behavior. Some of Andean Bear SAFE's current goals include mapping and studying habitats,



updating current threats, and determining how to best protect remaining populations and habitats. Reid Park Zoo plays an active role in Andean Bear SAFE with a representative on the education team.

Conservation takes a whole community, and visitors to the Zoo can help protect bear habitat, too! One way to help Andean bears is by purchasing sustainable products. Deforestation for agriculture is a major cause of habitat loss in the Andes, and buying Bird Friendly® certified coffee helps preserve this crucial habitat for Andean bears and many other native animals, both in South America and around the world. Bird Friendly® coffee can be found in an increasing number of places, and is available at the Gift Shop right here at Reid Park Zoo.

Andean bears can also be affected by climate change; as temperatures rise, available habitat and food decreases. People can help by reducing their carbon footprint through actions such as carpooling, taking public transportation, converting to green energy, and recycling.

By all working together, Reid Park Zoo and its community can help save these magnificent bears and protect wild animals and wild places.



## Zoo Crew: Teen Volunteers Making a Difference

Reid Park Zoo's Zoo Crew teen volunteers partnered with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection for a habitat restoration day at the Oracle Wildlife Bridge. The Oracle Wildlife Bridge is important for Tucson's native wildlife to cross the road safely — but in order to make the bridge desirable for crossing, habitat upkeep is needed. During the trip the team helped plant 40 globe mallow and Parry's penstemon, both of which are important food sources for native wildlife. Learn more about the Coalition of Sonoran Desert Protection's habitat restoration days at <https://www.sonorandesert.org/>





## Remembering Ann Forsberg-Doyle

One of the Zoo's longtime docents and volunteers, Ann Forsberg-Doyle passed away in December. Ann was a treasured member of the Zoo family.

Whenever help was needed, Ann was volunteering. Her love of the Zoo showed in her interactions with guests, as she was always eager to share her knowledge about animals and conservation efforts.

Ann had a blast working on the ZOOcon Committee and was a pro at procuring unique and fun items for the annual gala auction. Ann was a friend to everyone she met. She was known to invite staff



who didn't have family in Tucson over for the Thanksgiving holiday and famous spaghetti dinners. Ann was an avid advocate for the docent program and recruited many people over her 16 years at the Zoo.

A dynamo in little body, Ann was a force of nature with a wicked sense of humor and a love of bear claw pastries. She was a donor, capital campaign contributor, and a Legacy Member who included Reid Park Zoological Society in her will. Her gift will be a lasting legacy for the Zoo.

### Become a Legacy Circle Member

The Legacy Circle is a recognition program to thank and honor individuals for the support they provide the Zoo, in the future, through their estate plans or life income gifts. We recognize these members for helping Reid Park Zoo to continue its mission "to create inspiring memories for all by connecting people and animals to ensure the

protection of wild animals and wild places."

Legacy giving allows individuals to leave a lasting impact on causes they deeply care about even after their lifetime. Legacy gifts can be in the form of a bequest, proceeds from life insurance, a trust, a life estate or even a retirement fund. It can include not

only cash assets but also a percentage of one's estate or assets like property or securities.

*For more information on the Zoo's Legacy Circle and benefits of membership, contact Gail Brown at [gail@reidparkzoo.org](mailto:gail@reidparkzoo.org) or (520) 881-4753. Reid Park Zoological Society's Tax ID# is 94-2379052.*





## All Aboard the New Reid Park Zoo Railway

For years, riding the train at Reid Park Zoo has been a community tradition - helping many guests create lifelong memories.



Now, the Zoo is excited to announce a new and improved train ride - the Reid Park Zoo Railway - that is ready to track new adventures.

Crafted by Wattman USA, the brightly colored train features a traditional, iconic locomotive and four roomy wagon cars, including a wheelchair-accessible caboose. For a \$4 ticket, riders are transported on

a fun and relaxing journey through scenic Reid Park. A whistle, bell and natural steam "smoke stack" add to a realistic train experience sure to stir the imagination.

The train is battery operated to adhere to the Zoo's commitment to environmental sustainability. Riders get on board at the Zoo entry to the right of the main ticket booths. Tickets can be purchased at the cashier windows or with credit card/mobile with the conductor. Proceeds from the train ride support Reid Park Zoo and conservation programs. Come take a ride help save wild animals, too!

## Introducing Moyo

The smallest member of the Zoo's giraffe herd is standing 7.5 feet tall and weighing in just over 300 pounds! Moyo, the reticulated giraffe calf born in January, is named in honor of two distinctive heart-shaped spots on his neck. Moyo is the Swahili word for heart.

At two months old, Moyo is starting to show an interest in solid foods and interacting with the giraffe care team. Moyo and his mother Penelope are currently splitting their time bonding behind-scenes at the Zoo and being visible to guests on habitat, so if you don't see them when you reach the giraffe habitat, be sure to check back later in your visit!

Reid Park Zoo supports the Giraffe Conservation Foundation and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Giraffe SAFE (Saving Animals from Extinction) Program, providing fieldwork in Uganda to stabilize wild populations of the endangered reticulated giraffes. By supporting Reid Park Zoo, you are also helping support these programs.



# Upcoming Events

## **PENZI'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

*Saturday, April 6, 9:30 - 11:30am*

Join us in a celebration for the love of elephants and in honor of Penzi the elephant's fourth birthday. Stay up to date on Penzi and the elephant herd with zoo keeper presentations and learn what it takes to care for these gentle giants here at the Zoo, plus what you can do to help protect them in the wild. Sing "Happy Birthday," enjoy a free cookie (for the first 400 guests) and watch as Penzi and her family receive special enrichment treats. Get moving with music by Mr. Nature, play games with Ready, Set, Rec and join in elephant-themed activities. It'll be tons of fun!

**Free with Zoo admission**



## **EASTER EXTRAVAGANZOO**

*Saturday and Sunday, March 30 & 31*

Spend Easter with your peeps at the Zoo and enjoy the wildest egg hunt in town. Meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy breakfast, watch special animal encounters and visit the Zoo. Advance registration is required.

**Zoo Members: \$39 Adult, \$29 Child**  
**General: \$42 Adult; \$32 Child**

Age 0 - 1: No charge

## **WINE GONE WILD**

*Saturday, April 6*

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sip, savor and swirl a variety of wines and spirits while raising your glass to support quality care and conservation programs at Wine Gone Wild, presented by A Thru Z Consulting & Distributing! Stroll the Zoo while enjoying samplings from the best regional wineries, distilleries and spirits partners, delicious food bites, animal encounters, live music and glass painting.

**Pouring Partners:** 1764 Vineyards, Arizona Hops & Vines, Birds & Barrels Vineyards, Flying Leap Vineyards, Hamilton Distillers - Whiskey Del Bac, Lightning Ridge Cellars, Page Spring Vineyards & Cellars, Sandor Vineyards dba Sonoran Wines, Soaring Wines, Sonoita Vineyards, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, The Meading Room, Twisted Union Wine Company

**General Event: \$60 Zoo Members; \$65 General Public**

**Designated Driver: \$25 Zoo Members; \$30 General Public**

**Premium Ticket: \$125 for members, \$130 for General Public**

Prices go up \$10 at the door.

## **PARTY FOR THE PLANET/EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

*Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Spring into adventure and discover ways to help preserve and protect wild animals and wild places in this earth we all call home. There will be themed stations around the Zoo, special activities and animal encounters on this day to celebrate and learn what you can do to help create a better world for all.

Included with Zoo Admission

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

*Sunday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Treat mom to a relaxing day at the Zoo. Moms receive free daytime admission with a paying child or adult admission. Stop for lunch or a snack in the Flamingo Grill, then meet some of the Zoo's animal moms and learn how they care for their little ones. Check the front entrance board for a schedule. Looking for a special gift for Mom? Check out the gift shop for an array of jewelry, apparel and earth-friendly items. Zoo members receive a 10% discount in the shop.

## **SUMMER SAFARI NIGHTS**

*Saturdays May 25 through August 10*  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

Details coming soon on theme nights, entertainment, activities & more!

**Free for Zoo Members!**

## **BREW AT THE ZOO**

*Saturday, May 18, 6-9 p.m.*

Taste a wide selection of excellent craft beer, hard ciders and spirits at Tucson's most unique beer festival with live music, pub-style food for sale, games and photo stops. With every ticket and beer you taste, you are giving back to wildlife. The money raised during the event will support care and enrichment programs for the Zoo's animals, as well as Zoo education and conservation programs.

Tickets and details coming soon!

**Pouring Partners:** Barrio Brewing Co., Bawker Bawker Cider House, BlackRock Brewers, Borderlands Brewing Company, Buqui Bichi Brewing, Button Brew House, Dragoon Brewing Co., Firetruck Brewing Company, Harbottle Brewing Company, Iron John's Brewing Co., Mosaic Brewing Co., Mudshark Brewery Pueblo Vida Brewing Company, Thunder Canyon Brewery, Tirrito Farm Brewery, Verde Brewing Co.

## **FATHER'S DAY**

*Sunday, June 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Dads of all ages will receive free daytime admission to the Zoo with the purchase of a child or adult admission. Meet some of the Zoo's animals families and doting dads like Digby the meerkat and Jasiri the giraffe. Treat dad to a ride through the park on the new Reid Park Zoo railroad or to an unforgettable giraffe feeding (additional charge applies).



# Education Programs

## Advance registration required

Please check [reidparkzoo.org/events](http://reidparkzoo.org/events) to view the full list of education programs

### DR ZOO

#### Ages 6-12

Learn how Zoo vets use science and math to care for the animals at the Zoo through this hands-on interactive program.

**\$15 Members, \$20 General Public**

*Saturday, April 27, 9-11 a.m.*

*Sunday, May 19, 9-11 a.m.*

### JR ZOO

#### Ages 6-12

Through this interactive, hands-on program your child will experience a snapshot of a day in the life of a Zoo Keeper.

**\$15 Members, \$20 General Public**

*Sunday, April 14, 9-11 a.m.*

*Saturday, May 4, 9-11 a.m.*

### LITTLE CRITTERS

#### Ages 3-5

These interactive programs encourage families to learn about the animal world together. Each program features a different animal theme and includes animal ambassador encounters, movement-based activities, and a simple craft. The activities are based on Arizona's Early Learning Standards to develop motor, social, and cognitive skills.

**Cost: \$12 members, \$20 non members**

One adult participant included in fee

*Wednesday, April 10, 10-11 a.m.*

### SUMMER CAMP

Week-long camps for grades 1-5

**\$285 per week for members, \$335 for nonmembers**

3 days camps for grades 6-8

**\$160 for 3 day camp for members, \$210 for nonmembers**

*June 3- August 29 a.m.-4 p.m.*

### ZOO-WIDE BIOBLITZ

A bioblitz is an event at which a group of volunteers get together to find and identify as many different native plants and animals as possible in a given area.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. Identification skills are not necessary.

*Wednesday, April 28 11 a.m. - noon*

# Tributes

## In Honor of Andee Bartecki

Andrew Stewart

## In Honor of Gail Brown

Chris and Carol Dimit

## In Honor of Jed Dodds

Kathy Alexander and Paul Lindsey

## In Honor of Jennifer Strand

Patricia Sirls

## In Honor of Kary Ciolli

Kary's Work Team

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## In Honor of Maura Fox's grandchildren

Maura Fox

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**Saturday, April 6**  
**Premium Entry at 5 p.m.**  
**Main Event 6 to 8:30 p.m.**

Sip, swirl and savor a variety of wines, spirits, and delectable bites while strolling around the Zoo. “Unwined” and join us for a wild happy hour along with live music, animal encounters, and special activities.

**This is an ages 21+ event.**

Information and tickets at [ReidParkZoo.org](http://ReidParkZoo.org)

