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## LEADING THE WAY IN ANIMAL CARE



**Reid Park Zoo is home to over 350 animals** ranging from hissing cockroaches in the Conservation Learning Center to the African elephants in Expedition Tanzania. Each individual species requires a unique life-long health care plan. It is an extraordinary challenge that the Reid Park Zoo's Animal Care staff and Veterinary team rise to every single day at the Zoo. The vast knowledge, the specialized technology, and the adaptable facilities all play a major role in the quality care of Zoo animals.

Reid Park Zoo strives to provide the very best care for all the animals at the Zoo! During the last accreditation review in 2014, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) determined that the old Animal Health Center only met minimal requirements for AZA accreditation. With the help of the Reid Park Zoological Society, the Zoo embarked on a capital fundraising campaign to raise money for a new Animal Health Center.

Since the 1970's, Reid Park Zoological Society has played a major role in fundraising for Reid Park Zoo. The Society has a long history of fundraising success through capital campaigns such as Expedition Tanzania and the Cox Wildlife Carousel. However, this capital campaign was unlike any other since the new facility would be behind-the-scenes.

Thanks to the support of Zoo volunteers, staff, board members and the community, Reid Park Zoological Society was able to complete a four million dollar capital fundraising campaign for the new state-of-the-art Animal Health Center in 2016.

With the opening of the new Animal Health Center this past January, Reid Park Zoo is leading the way in animal care. Not only was the Zoo able to renovate the existing 3,500 square foot Animal Health Center, but was also able to build a 7,500 square foot addition to the facility.

This addition includes a surgical suite that can accommodate brown bears to gibbons; an intensive care unit suitable for a variety of small animals; multiple holding areas with controlled air circulation to prevent the spread of infectious disease; small and large aquatic holding areas to meet a variety of animal needs; a large treatment room to ensure that every animal receives the latest in veterinary care; and an education gallery with floor to ceiling windows looking into the Animal Health Center's pharmacy, treatment room and surgical suite.

Additionally, the new Animal Health Center features a wide range of state-of-the-art equipment including an on-site lab that provides vital diagnostic data from bloodwork; ultrasound capabilities; hydraulic surgical tables that make it more comfortable for large animals and staff; digital imaging that produces fast x-rays with less radiation exposure; video surveillance so staff can monitor ill animals without disturbance; and natural skylights that help animals maintain their normal rhythms.

This state-of-the-art facility is unlike any other in the country and shows Reid Park Zoo's commitment to high quality animal health care now and for many years to come!

## BRINGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO TUCSON!

**This facility not only allows Reid Park Zoo to lead the way in animal health care but also gives new opportunities to those who aspire to be Veterinarians one day.**

The University of Arizona's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Reid Park Zoo have partnered together to create a hands-on, unique opportunity for students to train whole-life care. Through this one-of-a-kind program students from the university will be able expand on their area of expertise by learning about exotic animals such as a Baird's tapir or a black and white ruffed lemur.

Beginning this March, children five years or older can participate in the new Dr. Zoo education program for a day-in-the-life of a Zoo vet.. Participants will utilize the Freeport-McMoRan Education Gallery to view into the surgical suite, treatment room and pharmacy of the Animal Health Center. Participants will experience first-hand the importance of math and science in hands-on activity stations that are based on real-life zoo scenarios.



To register your child for the next Dr. Zoo program visit [www.ReidParkZoo.org/events](http://www.ReidParkZoo.org/events)

## THANK YOU, TUCSON!

**With the passage of Propositions 202 and 203, the Future of Your Zoo is bright!**

We are looking forward to July when funds become available. We have been refining the exciting master plan for the Zoo and prioritizing repair and maintenance items to provide the best care for our animals and for our guests. Reid Park Zoo is positioned to be a leading cultural institution in the state and one of the great zoos in the country - an innovative environmental education center, leader in wildlife conservation and an economic engine for the local economy.





# MABU RETURNS TO REID PARK ZOO



**Mabu, the 13,000-pound bull, returned to Reid Park Zoo on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. He rejoined the Zoo's herd: Lungile, Semba, Punga, Sundzu, and Nandi.**

"In the wild, elephants live in a matriarchal society where the males often move in and out of herds for breeding and social opportunities," says Dr. Sue Tygielski, the Reid Park Zoo's Interim Zoo Administrator. "We are happy to be welcoming Mabu back to Tucson and are working closely with our colleagues from San Diego to ensure Mabu, as well as the rest of the herd at Reid Park Zoo, have a smooth transition."

The positive reinforcement training that Mabu participated in helped him during this time of transition. Mabu voluntarily interacted with both his San Diego Zoo's Safari Park trainers as well as Reid Park Zoo's trainers. The staff's seamless language of animal training helped Mabu move from one facility to another with limited stress.

When Mabu arrived to Reid Park Zoo for the first time in 2012, he explored every new detail of the habitat and

barn. He was extremely alert and watchful of all the new smells, sounds, and sights. When he returned for the second time to Reid Park Zoo it was as though he had been on vacation. He walked out to the habitat like no time had passed. His quick ability to work with the Reid Park Zoo Animal Care team is testament to the excellent training he had at San Diego Zoo's Safari Park.



# COMING THIS SPRING! AN AMERICAN ALLIGATOR



**With the help of a generous donor, Reid Park Zoo will be home to an American alligator. Guests will be able to see the 9 foot reptile near the tiger habitat beginning this spring!**

Alligators are a keystone species. They play a key role in ensuring a healthy habitat for other species. We are excited to announce we also have three baby alligators added to our Animal Ambassador Program. Zoo Educators will introduce guests to these animals and teach them about their adaptations and other fun alligator facts.



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS – WHERE LEARNING GETS WILD!



## LITTLE CRITTERS

**Price: \$12 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member (includes one adult chaperone)**

**ABC in the Zoo: Saturday, April 7th, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

Anteater, bears, capybara, oh my! Through this memorable experience, you and your child will learn the alphabet while on a journey through the Zoo! Zoo Educators will introduce LIVE animal ambassadors and match them with their alphabet letter. Then we get creative while we make alphabet animals, a souvenir for the scrapbook. We hope to “C” you there!

**Opposites Attract: Saturday, May 12th, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

Big and small or loud and quiet? Animals have all kinds of differences that make them unique. Come join us to explore how it takes all types of animals to make the world go round. Zoo Educators will introduce you and your child to a variety of animal ambassadors as your child identifies similarities and differences between the animals.



## NATURE PLAY

**Free with Zoo admission!**

**Branch Out: Saturday, April 28th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Trees are more than just a trunk, branches, and leaves: they provide shade, clean air, animal habitats, and much more. See what you can create with pinecones, wood blocks, and other tree artifacts, and play in the shade provided by—you guessed it—trees!

**Down and Dirt-y: Saturday, May 26th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Feel the sand between your toes, dig in the dirt, or take a dust bath--it's all good clean fun at this Nature Play!

**Mud Day: Saturday, June 30th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

With mud pits galore, there's no shortage of muddy fun to be had while we celebrate International Mud Day! Wear clothes that you won't mind getting dirty or a modest bathing suit and come play in the mud.



## NATURE CLUB

**Free with Zoo admission! Registration requested**

**Outdoor Safety: Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Is your family prepared for an outdoor emergency? What do you do if someone in your group becomes separated? How much water should you bring for each person? What should you pack in a first aid kit? During this hands-on program we will answer these questions, practice skills, and learn tips for being safe when you and your family are out in nature.

## YOUNG EXPLORERS: DR. ZOO

**Price: \$15 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member**  
**Sunday, April 15th & Sunday, May 6th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Does your child dream of becoming a Zoo veterinarian? Your child will travel behind-the-scenes to the Zoo's state of the art, NEW Animal Health Center for a day in the life of a Zoo Vet experience. Participants will utilize the Freeport-McMoRan Education Gallery to view into the surgery, treatment and pharmacy rooms of the Animal Health Center. They'll experience first-hand the importance of math and science in diagnosing and treating animal ailments through hands-on activity stations that are based on real life zoo scenarios. After they've finished helping all of their patients, they'll earn their Dr. Zoo certificate!

## YOUNG EXPLORERS: JR. ZOO KEEPER

**Price: \$15 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member**  
**Saturday, April 21st & Sunday, May 20th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Does your child want to be a Zoo Keeper? Through this interactive, hands-on program your child will experience a snapshot of a day in the life of a Zoo Keeper. Travel behind-the-scenes to the Zoo's kitchen to prepare a meal for one of the animals at the Zoo, watch a training demonstration with an animal ambassador, feed the giraffes, and even clean an animal night house. We will do and see it all, just like a Zoo Keeper! Have your child leave their best clothes at home and be prepared to get down and dirty on this behind the scenes adventure!



**TREAT YOUR KIDS TO THE GREATEST SUMMER ADVENTURE IN TUCSON!**

## SUMMER CAMP AT THE ZOO

**JUNE 4-8, JUNE 11-15, JUNE 18-22, JUNE 25-29, JULY 9-13, JULY 16-20, AND JULY 23-27, 8:30 AM to 4 PM, WITH THE LAST PICKUP AT 4:30 PM - CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

Reid Park Zoo offers action-packed summer day camps for kids entering grades 1-6. Games, crafts, animal ambassador encounters, and behind-the-scenes opportunities—make this camp unlike any other! Participants will also see first hand how the Zoo's Animal Care staff use S.T.E.M. every day to care for the animals and why saving wild places and wildlife is so important. Each week of camp includes swimming sessions at the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center so camp participants can recharge. Camp participants may either bring a sack lunch each day, or they can order lunch from the Zoofari Market Cafe. A morning and afternoon snack will also be served.

**CAMPS ARE FILLING FAST!**  
**Register today at [www.ReidParkZoo.org](http://www.ReidParkZoo.org)**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## WINE GONE WILD

**Friday, April 6th**  
**6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Tickets starting at \$25**

Join your favorite Party Animals at the Zoo for live music, wine glass painting, tasty bite-size treats, and sample a variety of wines and spirits from wineries, distributors, and distilleries! Participate in more fun, like the Wine Pull and animal encounters! Indulge in a unique opportunity with the “Winos for Rhinos” package and go behind-the-scenes to meet and scratch one of the Zoo's rhinos.



## PARTY FOR THE PLANET

**Saturday, April 22nd**  
**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Free with Zoo admission!**

Join us as we Party for the Planet on Earth Day! First, consider riding your bike to the Zoo – and get in free! Then join the party inside, where Zoo staff and volunteers will host a variety of crafts and activities in celebration of our environment and the fun ways we can protect it.



## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

**Tuesday, April 24th**  
**5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Free with membership!**

Meet key Zoo and Society staff to learn about accomplishments and exciting new projects at Reid Park Zoo. Meet some of our animal ambassadors while enjoying appetizers and beverages. Space is limited. Please RSVP to (520) 881-4753 or [gail@reidparkzoo.org](mailto:gail@reidparkzoo.org). Free for Members only.



## TOMMY TOM-TOM AND CHILLIN' WILLIE GO TO THE ZOO

**Saturday, April 28th**  
**5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Tickets starting at \$6.50**

Join the Tucson Symphony at Reid Park Zoo for a special concert performance of “Sounds Like a Zoo...” Our old friends Tommy Tom-Tom and Chillin' Willie take a field trip to the zoo, where they encounter and befriend Magilla Gorilla and Hicupotomous (the friendly hippo). Join us and learn about the sounds of the animal kingdom! Beginning at 5:00 PM families can meet some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors, enjoy activities including face painting, conservation crafts and more!



## SUMMER SAFARI FRIDAY NIGHTS, Presented by MetroPCS

**Fridays, May 16th - August 3rd**  
**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Tickets starting at \$6.50**

Enjoy the Zoo each Friday night during the cooler evening temperatures. Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (even a cold beer or glass of wine!) then relax and enjoy a picnic concert. Wander through the Zoo for keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, children's activities, artifact stations and more. The entertainment and theme nights will change each week so check our website!



## BREW AT THE ZOO, Presented by Lloyd Construction

**Saturday, June 16th**  
**6:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

**Tickets starting at \$20**

Join Reid Park Zoo and Craft Tucson for Brew at the Zoo 2018. Sample a wide variety of craft brews from Arizona and keep a commemorative sampling glass made from recycled beer bottles. Enjoy games, animal encounters and listen to live music. Food will be available for purchase. This is an age 21 and older event only. Valid ID is necessary for entry. Tap into your wild side with a VIP behind-the-scenes package.

For more information on these and other upcoming events and education programs, please visit our website at [www.reidparkzoo.org](http://www.reidparkzoo.org)

Check back often to see what's new at the Zoo! As programs fill, we often add additional dates or times.

Interested in becoming a sponsor of Reid Park Zoo events?

Call 881-4753 or email [gail@reidparkzoo.org](mailto:gail@reidparkzoo.org)



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