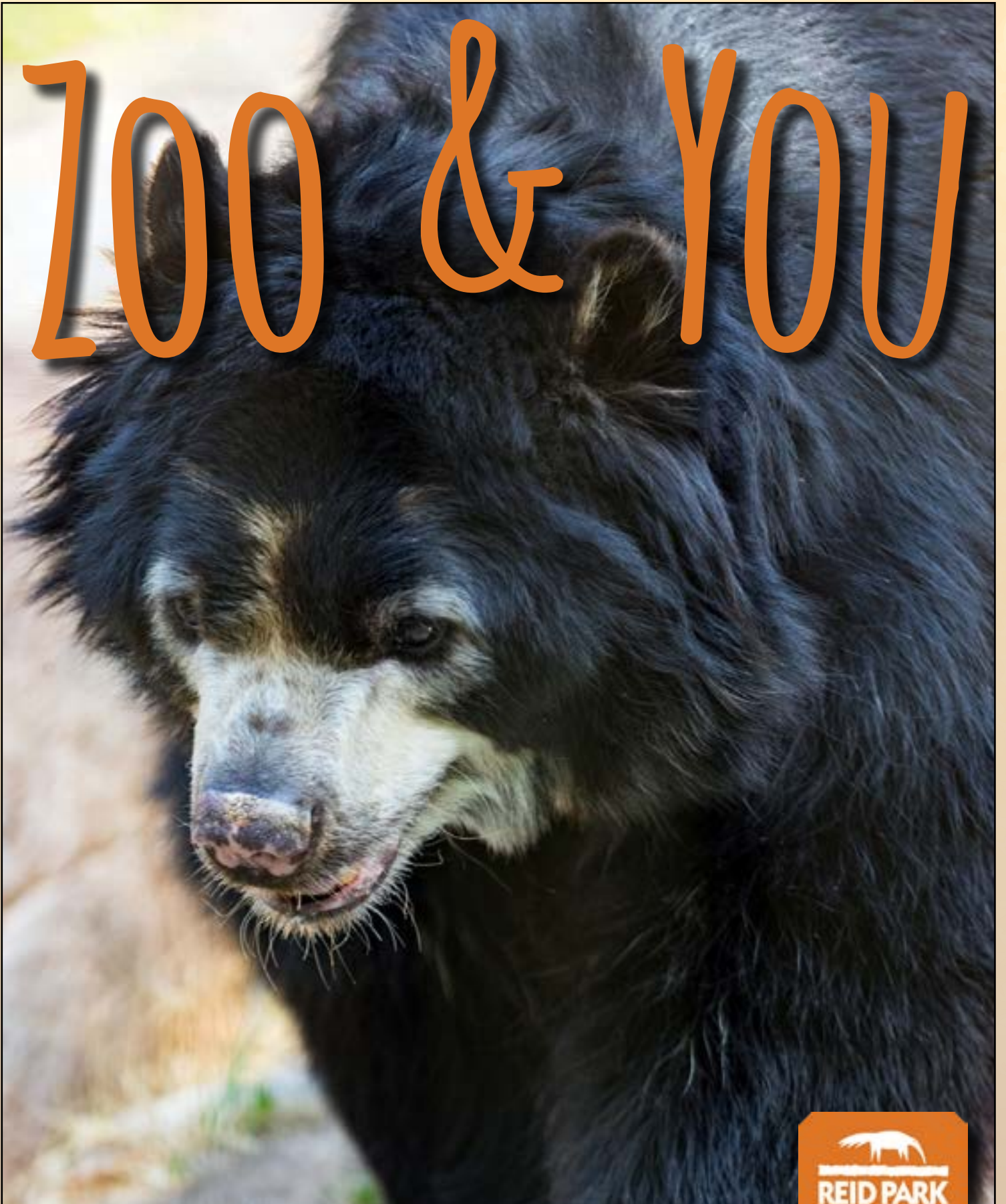


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Reid Park Zoo Members,

Reid Park Zoo has been a community treasure for over 50 years and we take pride in knowing we have our community's full support. Last year proved to be a year of transformation!

ZooFriendZ are individuals and businesses who support Reid Park Zoo by making an annual contribution of \$500 or more to Reid Park Zoological Society.

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ONLY \$42 MONTHLY!**

For more information, contact Gail Brown at gail@reidparkzoo.org or (520) 881-4753.

The grand opening of the state-of-the-art Animal Health Center gave us the necessary resources to lead the way in animal health care through groundbreaking procedures and preventative care. The new treatment rooms, animal holding and quarantine areas have already provided critical space during habitat renovations and will aid in future construction projects.

The unparalleled Freeport-McMoRan Education Gallery has given our guests a view like never before into the care provided for the animals at Reid Park Zoo during countless behind the scenes tours and educational programs.

The transformation continued throughout the year as we welcomed red pandas as our winter visitors, the return of the American alligator and were charmed by the antics of the new goat herd. We also expanded the meerkat habitat to better accommodate the mob and renovated the otter habitat to provide a more enriching experience for the guests and animals.

Reid Park Zoo has a long history of partnering with conservationists around the world with programs like Anteaters and Highways, Tarangire Elephant Project, Baird's Tapir Project, and more. We continue to support the work that will make it possible for our children and grandchildren to know there are still elephants in the wild. The support we provide is because you visited the Zoo, participated in a giraffe encounter, bought a 'Go Green' kit from a teen volunteer, or made a donation to the Zoo's Conservation Fund.

As we begin a new year, we are excited to continue to offer free self-guided, K-12 school field trips and reduced admission rates to guests in the WIC or SNAP programs. Also we will bring a one-of-a-kind Asian Lantern Festival and a troop of energetic squirrel monkeys to Reid Park Zoo! I invite you to follow along with us as we continue to improve your Zoo with bigger spaces that will bring more smiling faces in 2019. I look forward to seeing you at the Zoo!

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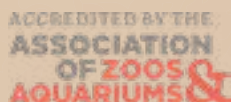
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See What's New at Your Zoo
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WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR ZOO

TEMPLE OF TINY MONKEYS UPDATE

You will soon be able to experience the energy of tiny, adorable squirrel monkeys at Reid Park Zoo! Three female squirrel monkeys have arrived and are getting acclimated in the Zoo's Animal Health Center while their new habitat, the Temple of Tiny Monkeys, is being constructed.

Sparkle, Glitter and Dazzle have arrived and are already charming the Zoo's animal care team with their antics. Zoo Keepers are currently training them to participate in voluntary health checks. Additionally, they are also learning how to sit on scales to be weighed.

Sparkle, 4 years old, is clearly the dominant monkey, according to Sue Tygielski, PhD, Director of Zoo Operations. "She's fearless and open to new keepers and new fun enrichment objects, especially those with treats," she explained. "The other two females, Glitter, 3 years old, and Dazzle, 2 years old, wait for Sparkle to investigate new things before they explore."

They are all very vocal and the animal care staff have identified at least 10 different vocalizations as the monkeys interact with each other and their new surroundings. The pitches vary greatly from shrills to peeps.

The tiny primates weigh between 1 to 2 pounds with small fingers and very long tails, which wrap around them when they sleep. Their fluffy fur ranges from dark brown on their heads to golden on their legs, back and tails.

A male squirrel monkey is expected to arrive at Reid Park Zoo soon and will also remain behind the scenes in the Animal Health Center to give him time acclimate to his new surroundings and bond with the animal care staff.

Thank you to our community and the generous donors who have made this new habitat possible!



EXPECTED COMPLETION: SPRING 2019

The ancient-ruin theme has already begun to take shape at the former snack bar in South America. This new habitat will include an indoor space with heating, cooling, and a small water feature, and an outdoor space with large trees where the monkeys can swing from branch to branch. A "throne" will be added in the area for fun photo opportunities for our guests.



CONSERVATION SUCCESS!

A FIRST FOR LETY, THE ZOO'S TAMANDUA

Reid Park Zoo announced the birth of a baby southern tamandua earlier this fall. Lety, the Zoo's twelve-year-old female tamandua, welcomed her seventh offspring on August 31. During the initial health check, animal care staff were able to determine the baby was in good health. In the past, Lety has given birth to six male tamanduas who have all gone on to be great ambassadors for their species at zoos across the country. Due to her history and what was seen during the physical exam, it was thought the newest addition was also a male. However, as the baby tamandua matured it has been confirmed that Lety has welcomed a female offspring, named Prima.

"Determining the sex of a newborn southern tamandua can be tricky," said Dr. Alexis Moreno, Reid Park Zoo's Veterinarian. "After the birth, we conducted a quick health check and a physical exam to ensure the health but then returned the baby tamandua back to the mother so they could continue bonding. This check is a quick process so we can ensure the baby remains comfortable during a time that can be stressful."



The birth of a female southern tamandua is a huge success for the conservation of the species because they are known to be rare both in the wild and within zoos. "With this birth, we have the second female generation of this lineage," said Katie Hutchinson, Lead Keeper at Reid Park Zoo. "A single male can mate with several females, but females are the only ones that have the ability to actually increase the population."



Currently the animal care team at Reid Park Zoo are working to prepare Prima for her important role as an animal ambassador where she will help educate Zoo guests about southern tamanduas. While Prima remains behind the scenes, she will learn new behaviors that will make it possible for her to receive the best care possible, continue to explore her environment with mom (pictured above), and discover tasty new treats as she begins to eat solid foods (pictured above). Even though



Reid Park Zoo's southern tamanduas are not on habitat, you may have the opportunity to see this incredible species during the animal presentations at the Conservation Learning Center (CLC).

YOUR ZOO EXPERIENCE JUST GOT EVEN BETTER WITH FREE DAILY ACTIVITIES!

- 10:00 am:** Rotating keeper chat
- 11:00 am:** Animal presentations at the CLC
- 12:00 pm:** Elephant keeper chat
- 1:00 pm:** Animal presentations at the CLC
- 2:00 pm:** Goat enrichment and training

Daily activities last approximately 15 minutes and are subject to change due to animal needs or inclement weather. Please look at the activity board located in the front plaza for an updated schedule.

GOOD TIMES AT ZOO EVENTS

A WILD NIGHT THAT BENEFITED REID PARK ZOO

Over 650 supporters attended ZOOcson 2018 presented by Casino del Sol. Together, we raised \$198,262 and all the proceeds from this event allow us to continue to provide quality care to the Zoo's animals, education programs and support conservation to protect species around the world.



SPOOKTACULAR THRILLS IN OCTOBER

Boo at the Zoo returned to Reid Park Zoo for the second year! Creating a safe environment for all to enjoy a few tricks and a variety of treats. More than 12,000 people slithered through the monstrous Crandell Glass Scary Loop, took a spin on the Scareousel, struck a pose with their favorite superheroes and princesses, visited Dr. Z's Mad Lab and had fun at Rancho Sahuarita's Fall Festival Zone! Each child was also able to receive a bag of candy thanks to Candy Sponsor, Metro by T-mobile.



THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS ILLUMINATED THE BEAUTIFUL ZOO GROUNDS



Families all across Southern Arizona were able to sip hot chocolate and stroll through Reid Park Zoo while gazing at thousands of twinkling lights in December for Zoo Lights presented by Tucson Electric Power. New in 2018, guests enjoyed visiting the Holiday ZOOTique to get their last-minute shopping done and met some of their favorite characters during the popular themed nights which included Princess Night, Galactic Heroes Night, and Superheroes Night.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS - WHERE LEARNING GETS WILD!

PROGRAMS FILL FAST. REGISTER TODAY!



LITTLE CRITTERS (AGES 2-5)

Price: \$12 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member
(includes one adult chaperone, advance registration required)

Love is in the Air: Monday, Feb. 18, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Colorful displays, dancing, and building homes... Animals show their appreciation for one another in unique ways. Meet live animal ambassadors and discover how animals show affection for one another, choose partners, and develop their own families.

Head, Shoulders, Knees, & Toes: Sunday, Mar. 17, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes...and Tails? This Little Critters is all about animal body parts! You and your little critter will discover how animals can be similar or different than us and how animal body parts are adapted for special jobs. Encounters with the Zoo's animal ambassadors will help us compare and contrast animal body parts. Your little one's imagination will get the chance to run wild by creating their own animal!

Amazing Animal Textures: Wednesday, Apr. 3, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Soft or rough? Smooth or bumpy? Dry or wet? This Little Critters is all about exploring different types of animal textures and why animals have fur, feathers, skin, or scales. Up close encounters with animal ambassadors will let your little one safely explore different textures in the animal world.

YOUNG EXPLORERS

Price: \$15 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member
(advance registration required)

Jr. Zoo Keeper (Ages 6-12)

Select Sundays or Saturdays: Feb. 24, Mar. 23, and Apr. 13
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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.

Dr. Zoo (Ages 8-12)

Select Saturdays: February 16, March 9, and April 6
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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. 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.

NEW! YOUNG EXPLORERS SERIES

Price: \$15 per Zoo Member | \$20 per Non-Member
(advance registration required)

Sunday, Feb. 3, Saturday, Mar. 16, and Sunday, Apr. 7
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This new, interactive Young Explorers program will focus on one unifying topic for each series. During this series, your child can discover all the unique adaptations animals have for eating. We all have our favorite foods and through up-close animal encounters, behind-the-scenes adventures and hands-on activities your child will see first-hand what foods the animals at Reid Park Zoo prefer. Register for one or all of the Young Explorers programs in this series. Upcoming topics in this series are:

- **Feb 3:** Hungry, Hungry, Herbivores
- **Mar. 16:** Outrageous Omnivores
- **Apr. 7:** Captivating Carnivores



NATURE PLAY DAYS

FREE with Zoo admission!

Roar into the New Year: Saturday, Jan. 26, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

What does nature sound like to you? Explore the Zoo today with your ears! As you travel around the Zoo, listen for the rustling in the trees, the chirping of the birds, the hissing of the cockroaches. Then stop by our Nature Play area to make your own natural noises.

Green Thumb Fun: Saturday, Feb. 23: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

We're planting a garden. Practice your farming skills in our garden bed, learn about composting and vermiculture, and meet our animal ambassador cockroaches to learn about the important job they perform for our planet!

The Birds and the Bees: Saturday, Mar. 30: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

It's time to learn about the birds and the bees! We'll provide twigs, leaves, pine needles and more to practice your nest building skills, you'll learn how to make your own binoculars, practice your pollination skills, and so much more! You're definitely going to want to flock to the Zoo for this month's Nature Play!



For more information on these and other upcoming events and education programs, please visit our website at:

www.ReidParkZoo.org

Interested in becoming a sponsor at Reid Park Zoo?
Call 881-4753 or email gail@reidparkzoo.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

Sunday, January 27, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

FREE with Zoo admission!

Is your favorite fluffy friend looking a little ... stuffy? Bring your animal – plush only please! – to Reid Park Zoo's Teddy Bear Clinic! Pack up your teddy bear or other stuffed friend for a "check-up" while visiting the Zoo. You will measure and weigh, diagnose maladies, and even bandage your buddy with the help of Zoo staff and volunteers.

WHY A WILL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 PM at the Zoo's Café

Call Gail Brown at 881-4753 or email gail@reidparkzoo.org to register.

Reid Park Zoological Society will partner with Attorney Denice Shepherd to host a FREE workshop on the importance of wills and planned giving in celebration of National Why a Will Month!



ANIMAL PLAY DAYS

See Dates Below, 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

FREE with Zoo admission!

Join us for our new Animal Play Days at Reid Park Zoo! The Zoo animals receive enrichment every day to keep them mentally and physically strong – and Animal Play Days give guests a special opportunity to watch enrichment and engage with the animal care staff during Keeper Chats. Come join in the fun and learn why it's important for the animals, too.

Sunday, February 10: I LOVE ZOO!

Saturday, March 16: In celebration of World Frog Day (3/20)

Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21: Weekend EGGstravaganza!

Saturday, May 18: Celebrate & Advocate for Endangered Species

COMING TO REID PARK ZOO:

ASIAN LANTERN FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE: February 2 - March 23, 2019

\$18 per Non-Member Adult

\$16 per Non-Member Child

Members Receive \$2 off Admission!

Reid Park Zoo is partnering with the Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona, Tianyu Arts & Culture Inc. and Tucson Chinese Cultural Center to bring over 40 colorful, customized lantern displays to Southern Arizona. Save the date for this event that will transport you across the world with Asian-inspired entertainment, cuisine, and culture.

Throughout the evening, you'll enjoy:

- Over 40 larger-than-life lanterns
- Authentic Asian cuisine for purchase
- Chinese name writing, calligraphy, painting, performances, music, crafts and so much more!



SAVE THE DATE:

ARIZONA GIVES DAY: APRIL 2

WINE GONE WILD: APRIL 6

PARTY FOR THE PLANET: APRIL 20

EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST: APRIL 20 AND 21

BAYOU PARTY: APRIL 26



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