

# ZOO & YOU

★ HAPPY 20TH  
BIRTHDAY!!! ★

The Zoo's jaguars,  
**NIKITA** and **SIMONE**  
turn **20** years old  
this spring!



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR!

We hope that all of you have time to come out to the Zoo this spring. We are continuing to make progress on the design of the new gibbon habitat. We plan to begin construction this summer and will be ready to move the Zoo's gibbon family in the Fall.

Progress is also going well for the Zoo's new Animal Health Center, with plans to break ground this year. This is an especially important project for the whole-life care of our animals. The Zoological Society was pleased to host renowned author and cardiologist Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz as a special guest lecture on the connection between animal and human health as we turn our focus to the Animal Health Center.

There are a number of fun events coming up this spring including an unveiling of a very special painting of elephant calf "Nandi" by local artist Diana Madaras, Fit Fest, and Wine Gone Wild.

See you at the Zoo!



**Tawnya Tretschok, Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Reid Park Zoological Society**

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Chuck Pettis is a Tucson icon in the world of real estate, but that's not his only claim to fame. Over the years, he has been a driving force behind many local business and civic organizations; and one of his favorites is Reid Park Zoo. As a Kiwanis President 50 years ago, he presented Gene Reid with a donation from Kiwanis members so Reid could buy black bucks. The photo below is Chuck with Gene at the Zoo.

His love of animals may have started with his love of a very large mouse - Mickey, that is. Chuck and his wife, Pat, once owned one of the larger mouse-memorabilia collections in the country.

For the past several decades, Chuck and Pat have watched the Zoo prosper, and today they still frequently visit to watch Nandi grow and for a spin on the Wildlife Carousel. Last year, Chuck and Pat sponsored two carousel animals - the giraffe and the elephant. When asked why they support the Reid Park Zoo, Chuck says "the Zoo is not only important for little ones, but for the Tucson community."



**ZooFriendZ is a very special circle of people who are invested in the future of Tucson's Reid Park Zoo by donating \$300 or more annually.**

**Join ZooFriendZ Today!**

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### ReidParkZoo.org

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June - Sept: 8 am to 3 pm  
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Reid Park Zoological Society's Zoo & You prints quarterly



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT...



...YOUR ZOO



#### LION UPDATE

Regular Zoo visitors will have noticed some recent changes at the lion exhibit. Parents Shombay and Kaya are currently on exhibit with female offspring Nayo, while male cubs Jelani and Sango are being housed behind the scenes. We are working with our colleagues at other accredited zoos to find great homes for the male cubs as they approach maturity.



#### SNOW DAY!

The Zoo's animals enjoyed a Snow Day...



#### HOLIDAY GIFTS!

... and wonderful holiday gifts from supporters.



# GOOD TIMES AT ZOO EVENTS



RPZS Board Members Mica Bane, Denice Shepherd, & Tawnya Tretschok

**JACK HANNA** brought his “Into the Wild LIVE” to a sold-out crowd at the Fox Theatre in January.

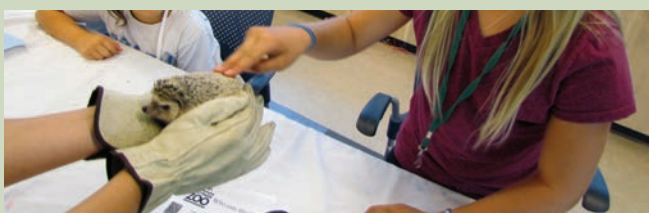


Members of the **FRIENDZ Giving Circle of Reid Park Zoo** got an update on the upcoming gibbon habitat at their annual meeting.

## SUMMER CAMP AT REID PARK ZOO

Treat your kids to a big adventure this summer without leaving Tucson! Reid Park Zoo offers action-packed day camps for kids entering grades 1-5 in the fall. Games, crafts, scavenger hunts, and opportunities to meet Zoo Keepers – and even help out Behind the Scenes—make this camp unlike any other. Each camp group contains just 20 kids, so there’s lots of individual attention and room for flexibility. Camp sessions will sell out, so reserve your space today!

For more information go to [www.reidparkzoo.org](http://www.reidparkzoo.org).



## A FESTIVE MONTH OF ZOO LIGHTS

December brought in cooler temperatures and rain but that didn’t stop visitors from enjoying a Tucson holiday tradition. Thousands of twinkling lights, cocoa, cookies, live entertainment, falling snow and Santa highlighted this annual event that benefits the Zoo’s education programs. Thank you to Title Sponsor BMO Harris Bank and to Cookie Sponsor Trader Joe’s.



## CAFÉ UPDATE

Come check out the new menu at Zoofari Market. Service Systems Associates & “Taste” Catering @ Reid Park Zoo now have a new, fresh face as culinary theater takes on a whole new meaning. The café features delicious deli sandwiches, specialty salads, homemade bread and pizza, pasta dishes plus so much more.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## WHY A WILL WORKSHOPS: MARCH IS NATIONAL WRITE A WILL MONTH

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

Reid Park Zoological Society will partner with Child & Family Resources, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, Humane Society of Southern Arizona, and YMCA to host 6 workshops on the importance of wills and planned giving. These FREE workshops are presented by local experts in the field of Wills and Trusts.

**Friday, March 4th: 11:00am-12:30pm, Northwest YMCA, attorney Robby Adamson**

**Tuesday, March 8th: 9:00-10:30 am, Easter Seals Blake Foundation Meeting Room, attorney Elizabeth Spilotro**

**Friday, March 11th: 1:00-2:30pm, Child & Family Resources, attorney Jim Marvel**

**Wednesday, March 16th: 6:00-7:30 pm, Reid Park Zoo, attorney Denice Shepherd**

**Monday, March 21st: 10:30am-12:00 Noon, Junior League Office, attorney Kay Richter**

**Tuesday, March 29th: 1:30-3:00pm, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, attorney Robby Adamson**

## FIT FEST

Date: Saturday, March 5th  
Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Try out a variety of fitness formats, get a wellness check and visit health related vendors at the annual Zoo Fit Fest. Licensed and certified fitness instructors from all over the state will showcase Jazzercise, PiYo®, Turbo Kick®, Hip Hop Cardio, Insanity®, Zumba®, and Yoga. Children's Area includes gymnastics, capoeira and jujitsu. This multi-dimensional fitness event will feature something for every age and fitness level. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Presale tickets are available for \$15 at [reidparkzoo.org](http://reidparkzoo.org). Day-of-event tickets will be sold at the door for \$25. Children tickets are \$10 (5-13 years old); under 5 are free. Funds raised will benefit the new animal health center at the Zoo.

## DIANA MADARAS "NANDI" EVENT

Date: Sunday, March 6th  
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join renowned Tucson artist **Diana Madaras** in Expedition Tanzania for an unveiling of her eagerly anticipated "Nandi" painting. You'll have the opportunity to meet Diana Madaras, as well as watch the elephants enjoy enrichment items on exhibit, and enter our Nandi coloring contest to win prizes. Elephant keepers and Education staff will be on hand to share information about the Zoo's elephant herd, and how the Zoo contributes to elephant conservation in the wild. This event is free with admission to the Zoo.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Dates: Fri/Sat/Sun, March 25th, 26th, 27th  
Times: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

The Zoo will host THREE Easter Egg Hunts again this year, so pick a day and treat your whole family to a fun morning at the Zoo. The egg hunt will begin at 8am, but stick around for live animal encounters, crafts, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! Children between 2-14 must register for this program and must be accompanied by a registered adult. Infants under 2 who are not hunting for Easter eggs may attend at no charge. This program will fill fast, so register now at [reidparkzoo.org](http://reidparkzoo.org). \$9 adults, \$5 member adults, \$8 children 2-12, free for children under 2 who are not hunting for eggs. Pre-registration is required.

## WINE GONE WILD

Date: Friday, April 1st  
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sample a variety of wine and spirits from distributors, wineries and distilleries at Wine Gone Wild. Enjoy activities, animal encounters, live entertainment and keep a commemorative wine sampling glass. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$55 per member, \$25 per designated driver. All funds raised will benefit the new animal health center.

## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 26th  
Time: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Make the most of your membership and attend Reid Park Zoological Society's annual member meeting. Presentations from key Zoo and Society staff will bring you up to date on last year's accomplishments, the status of current projects, and exciting plans for the future. Appetizers and beverages will be served. Please enter through the Zoo's front gate. Free for Members ONLY. RSVP to 881-4753 or [gail@reidparkzoo.org](mailto:gail@reidparkzoo.org).

## PARTY FOR THE PLANET

Date: Saturday, April 23rd  
Time: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us as we Party for the Planet on Earth Day! First, consider riding your bike to the Zoo - just show your bicycle helmet at the front gate for one free admission. 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. Activities are free with admission to the Zoo.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Sunday, May 8th

Treat your Mom to a scrumptious start to Mother's Day at beautiful Reid Park Zoo. Reservations are required. Visit [reidparkzoo.org](http://reidparkzoo.org) for more information, menu and pricing.

## SUMMER SAFARI FRIDAY NIGHTS

Date: Fridays, May 20th - July 8th  
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

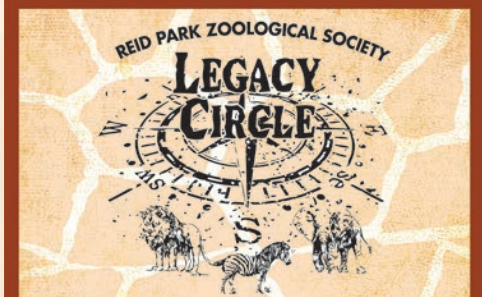
Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Nights are back with more entertainment and activity options than ever! Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options, and gift shop discounts.

Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or 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, and wildlife activities. The entertainers and animal themes will change each week so check our website at [reidparkzoo.org](http://reidparkzoo.org).

## GRIZZLY BEAR PICNIC

Date: Sunday, May 22nd  
Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

You probably know that it's important to "bearproof" your campground, but now's your chance to see what could happen if you don't! Guests will have the opportunity to help Zoo Keepers stage a campground inside the grizzly bear exhibit (while the bears are safely locked in their night house, of course). Then we'll watch as bears Ronan and Finley are given access to the yard, and see how quickly they dismantle our work. Picnic includes appetizers and wine and beer bar. \$100 per person, \$75 for Zoo members. Spaces are limited, so visit [reidparkzoo.org](http://reidparkzoo.org) for more details and to buy your tickets today!



REID PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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**A STRONG FUTURE FOR REID PARK ZOO**

The Legacy Circle recognizes those who generously choose to make a planned gift to the Reid Park Zoological Society. Making a planned gift can be as easy as naming RPZS as a beneficiary to your life insurance or 401(K) plan.

**For more information call (520) 881-4753**

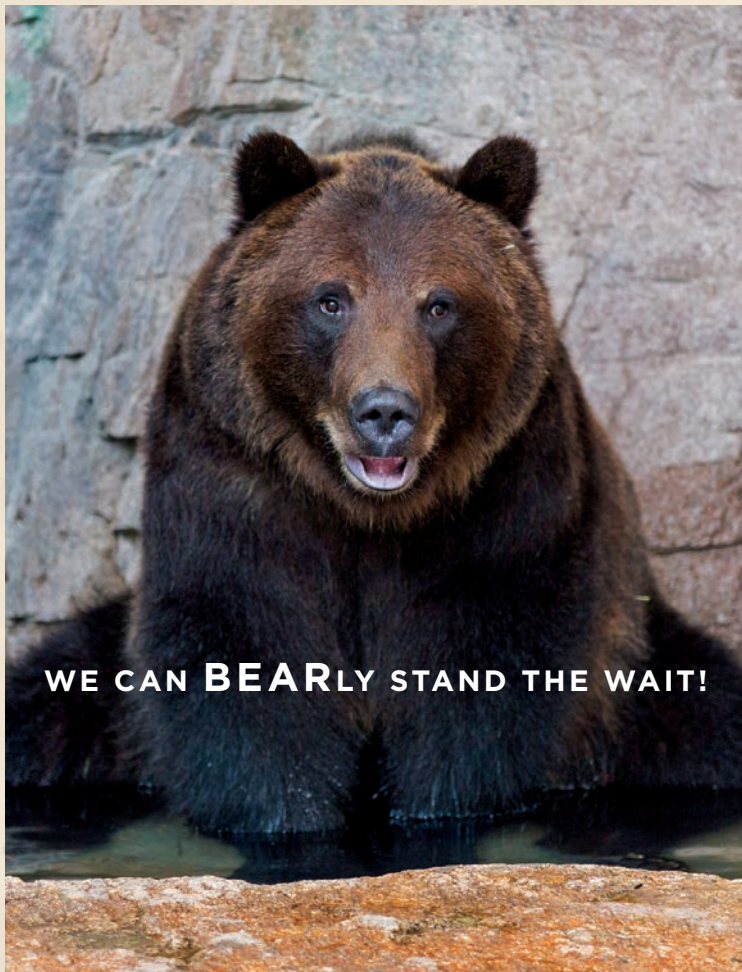
Reid Park Zoo's education department offers a variety of fun and educational programs for all ages! Visit our website at [ReidParkZoo.org](http://ReidParkZoo.org) under the "Events" tab to see what's coming up! As programs fill, we often add additional dates or times. Check back often to see what's new at the Zoo! All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted.





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# SAVE -THE- DATE!

## WINE GONE WILD

Friday, April 1, 2016

## BREW AT THE ZOO

Saturday, June 18, 2016

## ZOOCSON

Friday, October 14, 2016