

PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

Please Help Bring Koalas to the Palm Beach Zoo

We are now in the final sprint to raise \$100,000 for the new koala exhibit at our zoo. We have received generous support from many good friends who want to achieve our goal of building a first-rate habitat and bringing a breeding pair of koalas to the Palm Beach Zoo.

Please add your contribution to this effort by clicking the "Donate Now" button.

Also, plan to attend a celebration of the arrival of koalas on Friday, May 14th hosted by Outback Steakhouse at the zoo's Tropics Café. Reception from 6 to 7, dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$95 per person.



Photo – Courtesy of Riverbanks Zoo

Together, we can make this happen.

You and your children may enjoy reading and contributing to the "[Oz Blog](#)" as "Oz" is the male koala we will be bringing to the Palm Beach Zoo.



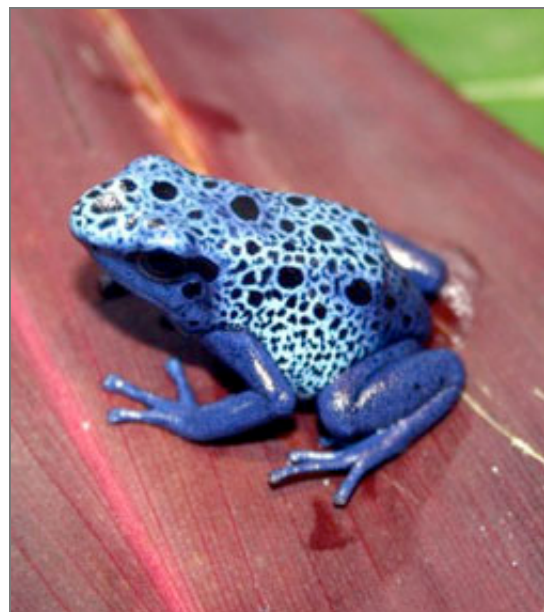
Plan Ahead to Attend Earth Day Festivities at the Zoo

Party for the Planet
Friday - Sunday, April 16 - 18
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Palm Beach Zoo, along with more than 75 members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), is continuing the celebration of "Year of the Frog" this Earth Day. This nationwide event was designed to help zoo and aquarium visitors discover ways to connect to their local environment and to spark a major conservation effort to address the amphibian extinction crisis.

Entertainment and activities will include:

- Take part in amphibian-themed games and crafts at the "Year of the Frog" Nature Stations.



- Stop by the Florida Reptile House, Amazon Marketplace, and Caracol Observatory to get an up-close look at the zoo's resident amphibians where visitors can meet amphibian keepers and learn about what can be done to help conserve the world's amphibian population.
- Children's entertainment including performances by the Pied Piper of Percussion, roving animal encounters, giveaways, and more "froggie" fun will be available all day.
- Soar above the water at the "Wings Over Water" (WOW) free-flight bird show and experience the majestic yet sometimes comical behavior of birds as you learn about the importance of environmental conservation.
- Learn about recycling and have a "howling" good time at the "Wild Things" Show with "Mic" and "Sydney", our New Guinea singing dogs.

Blue poison arrow dart frog

Frogs Matter - Jump In! For more information on what you can do to help your "froggie" friends, please [visit this link](#).

Big Changes in Your Zoo Shops

The gift shops at the Palm Beach Zoo are now under the management of Wildlife Trading Company, a firm that manages retail operations at zoos, aquariums, museums, botanical gardens and other attractions across the United States. WTC has won recognition as the leader in retail operations for cultural attractions by developing the highest quality retail experiences for patrons. With a highly experienced retail staff, WTC continues to be the



Koala plush toy by Wildlife Artists Inc.

innovator in store design, product development, operations and customer service. Wildlife Trading Company is celebrating over 35 years of service in leisure attraction retail. Watch for big improvements in the merchandise offered at the Palm Beach Zoo, including new product lines that will brand the Palm Beach Zoo and its mission. The zoo shops will be redesigned to offer dynamic and fun retail environments and store identities that will enhance the zoo experience. Improvements at Jungle Trader Gifts (the zoo's main store, located near the zoo exit) will include, fresh paint, new wall units and floor displays, dynamic signage and graphics, and a new innovative merchandising concept. At the El Mercado Del Amazonas (Amazon Marketplace, located in the South American area of the zoo), WTC will add color along with new signage and graphics to make this shop more appealing. The stores will be revamped over the summer months.

Conserve Wildlife & Money

Save Money on Sugar and Help Save Jaguars!

In an effort to save one of Earth's majestic big cats, the jaguar, Florida Crystals has teamed up with the Palm Beach Zoo. For every [coupon](#) redeemed for any variety of Florida Crystals® Natural and Organic sugar, Florida Crystals will donate an amount chosen by you to the Jaguar Conservation Fund at the Palm Beach Zoo.



Membership in the Big Cat Society places you in an elite group of zoo insiders, allowing you the unique opportunity to have interaction with zoo animals and special behind-the-scenes tours. As a Big Cat you never pay for admission & receive discounts in the Cafe and Gift Shops. Call today for more information and get your FREE behind the scenes tour.

Become a Member:

Palm Beach Zoo membership is a wonderful



Disney Day Program



Horticulture Volunteers

In January and February the zoo participated in the Give a Day Get a Disney Day program. More than 50 people signed up to "give a day" by volunteering with the zoo's horticulture department. Volunteers performed a variety of duties including trimming palm trees, replanting the butterfly garden, mulching various show areas, and cleaning up the Harriet W. and George D. Cornell Tropics of the Americas nursery. The time donated by these volunteers is greatly appreciated and they certainly earned a day at Disney for all their hard work!

Breakfast with the Bunny is BACK!

Hop into the zoo and join us for egg-citing Egg Hunts, an eggs-cellent hot breakfast buffet at the Tropics Café, and egg-xtra special guests - the Easter Bunny and some of his animal friends! Register early, space is limited!

Dates:

Saturday, March 27

Sunday, March 28

Saturday, April 3

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)




Time: 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Age appropriate Egg Hunts will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Fees: - Includes zoo admission for the remainder of the day!

- Non-Members
 - Adults - \$24.95

way to make  the natural world a priority in your family life. It's also a great way to save money. Your zoo membership card gives you unlimited free zoo admission all year round, discounted or free admission at 140 other zoos and aquariums across the country, discounts at zoo gift shops and restaurants, and discounts on special programs such as Summer Camp, Zoo Overnights, Home School Classes, and much more. Zoo membership is a great investment in your zoo, and a smart buy for your family budget.

[More Details »](#)

Make a Donation

The Palm Beach Zoo relies on charitable contributions to



close the gap between earned revenues and operational expenses. Your tax-deductible gift will help us to provide the very best facilities, health care, and nutrition for the over 1,400 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.

What is Zoo Bytes?

Zoo Bytes is our on-line newsletter designed to keep you informed about "what's new at the zoo." We will be sending more e-mail updates in the coming years to reduce paper waste, conserve our natural resources, and save the cost of printing and mailing. This is just one of many steps we are taking to honor our commitment to conserving our resources and our environment. Please pass it along to friends and family. Go Green!

- Children (3-12) - \$18.95
- Toddler (0-2) - Free (limited to 2 free "toddlers" per family)
- Additional Toddlers - \$4.00
- Members
 - Adults - \$15.95
 - Children (3-12) - \$9.95
 - Toddler (0-2) - Free (limited to 2 free "toddlers" per family)
 - Additional Toddlers - \$2.00

Reservations

For reservations please call 561-547-WILD (9453) x 238 or email us at info@palmbeachzoo.org.

Please Note: Due to limited space, advanced registration and payment are required for all Breakfast with the Bunny programs. The Palm Beach Zoo reserves the right to limit Breakfast with the Bunny program enrollment and to cancel the program completely if registration is below the required minimum. Cancellations must be made 24-hours in advance to scheduled program date to receive refund.

Notes from the Field

Dr. Michele Miller, our Chief Veterinarian and Director of Conservation Medicine, recently sent this message back from her African travels:



"Here are a few photos from my week in Zimbabwe where I helped teach a wildlife capture course to African veterinarians and researchers. As you can see, it is quite an adventure with immobilization of elephant, lion, giraffe, buffalo, wildebeest, and rhinos. The participants were incredibly grateful for the expertise that I could provide from the international zoo/wildlife side. Notice the Palm Beach Zoo hat! This is considered to be the world's premier course in wildlife capture so it was quite an honor to be representing our zoo. I think that this is a wonderful tribute to the

start of our foray into conservation medicine." - Dr. Michele Miller, D.V.M.

Zoo Camp 2010

Summer will be here before you know it! Act now to reserve a place for your child in Zoo Camp 2010. You know your kids belong at the zoo! Join us for one week or the entire summer. Each week offers a unique wildlife theme as participants experience zoo-keeping activities, behind-the-scenes tours, scavenger hunts, and enriching conservation education activities. Every day, participants will enjoy up-close animal encounters, animal exhibit visits, crafts, games, interactive fountain time, and much more! This program is for ages 5 - 14. Before and aftercare services are available. For prices and registration information [click here](#).



Read what parents are saying about our Summer Camp:

- "My child's favorite activity was the animal encounters."
- "Now my children want to grow up and be zoo keepers."
- "We have recommended this camp to our friends and family. You are affordable and educational".
- "My son loved zoo camp! He learned a lot about animals and their environments and he had so much fun!"
- "Great program!"
- "Thanks so much! My daughter had a wonderful time and we will definitely be back next year!"
- "Great camp! Love the safety of our child that was provided. Very educational and fun, will do this again next year!"
- "My daughter loved the camp - activities, teachers and all. I've been very pleased with the experience!"
- "Thanks for helping to make my son's summer fun!"
- "The options for lunch are awesome."
- "My son was happy to go to camp every day!"

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches exists to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. We advance our conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, and conservation medicine.

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