

PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes



Berapi and cub "boxing" - Photo by Alan Weiner

Tiger Cub Update

Dr. Stephanie Allard, Curator of Research and Animal Welfare - It is hard to believe that our three rambunctious tiger cubs are already four months old. The boys are getting bigger by the day and each now weighs between 30 and 35 pounds. Over the last several weeks, they have started to learn how to swim...

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Safari Nights



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Wonders of Water Fountain Show - Photo by Alan Weiner

"Every Friday Night Now through October 28th from 5:30 - 9:00 PM

Don't Miss the Wildest Time Around – Safari Nights at the Palm Beach Zoo! September's Safari Nights have been generously sponsored by Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc.



- Meet the newest additions to the Palm Beach Zoo – Three Malayan Tiger Cubs;
- Stroll through the zoo at your own pace while meeting some of our furry, feathered, and scaly friends;
- Take a spin on the Wildlife Carousel and be the first of your friends to “ride” a manatee or even a sea dragon;
- Kick back and relax in the Fountain Plaza while being entertained by some of the best musicians in our area;
- Have an illuminating experience at the Wonders of Water Fountain Show;
- Take home a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork created by one of talented zoo “artists” at our Paws for a Cause: Animal Art Expo;
- Let the little ones get creative in our Nature Workshop where they can choose from a number of different fun projects;
- Make your mouth smile with scrumptious offerings in the full-service Tropics Café or at the open-air Cool Waters Café;
- Shop till you drop in the Amazon Marketplace or Jungle Trader’s Gift Shops.

Please Note: Most exhibits close at 8 PM. Musical performances will last from 5:30 - 8:45 PM and will include one performer/band per evening. The Wonders of Water Fountain Show begins promptly at 8:45 PM. All musical performances, wildlife shows, access to the Nature Workshops, and rides on the Wildlife Carousel are included in your admission fee for Safari Nights.

Boo at the Zoo



Did you know that you can redeem your American Express Membership Rewards points for a donation to the zoo? For every 1,000 points you redeem, we receive \$10. Click the Members Give banner to get started.



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 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





Fairy in the Pumpkin Patch

Friday, October 21 5:30 – 9 PM

Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23 10 AM – 5 PM

Friday, October 28 10 AM – 5 PM & 5:30 – 9 PM

Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30 10 AM to 5 PM

Calling all ghosts & ghouls! Boo at the Zoo was founded 15 years ago to provide the children of our community with a safe place to “trick-or-treat” and to help make Halloween a truly unique experience for children of all ages. The days’ entertainment will include:

Trick-or-Treating throughout the Zoo

- Paint Your Own Pumpkin Patch
- Hay Stack Hunt
- Costume Contests
- Face Painting
- Sand & Spin Art
- Interactive Juggling Demonstrations
- Storytelling
- Bounce House
- Live Music & Children’s Performances
- Games & Crafts
- Roving Animal Encounters
- Halloween-Themed Keeper Talks & Animal Enrichments

Vendor opportunities are available. Don’t miss this opportunity to expose your business to thousands of people and generate new leads. Become an exhibitor at the most anticipated family event of the year! There is no vendor charge for this event however all vendors must provide candy (no nuts or chewing gum please) or other handouts such as toys, promotional items, or coupons, each day while on-site for “trick-or-treating.” For more information or to book your exhibitor space, please drop us a line at info@palmbeachzoo.org.

Spooky Snooze Overnights

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!

Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn, and cauldron bubble! Are you brave enough to spend a night at the zoo? If you are, then join us for a special Halloween-themed Spooky Snooze program! Don't worry, because we'll unmask the creatures of the night and show you that they're not so scary after all. Enjoy an evening of pumpkin painting, crafts, night time tours, a special spooky snack, and story time. Activities are geared for children 6 and up: mummies and/or daddies must attend! Click here for registration form.

» [Spooky Snooze Overnights Reservation Form \(PDF\)](#)

Stroller Safari

Bring your infant or toddler (age 2 and under) to the zoo for an exciting Stroller Safari. Each program is a different zoo adventure, and will include a stroller tour, up-close animal encounter, and activity page to take home. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend this program with children. Programs last one hour. Reservations are required.

» [Click here to for the registration form \(PDF\)](#)

A Better Look at the Zoo

Have you noticed the construction tape around the front restrooms? The restrooms are undergoing a complete renovation with all new plumbing, new partitions, new fixtures, new changing tables, and new high efficiency hand dryers. Most of these renovations are being done by our good friends at General Plumbing and at no cost to the zoo. General Plumbing believes in our community and our zoo. It would be wonderful if we could return the favor, so, "For all your plumbing needs, contact General Plumbing at 561-420-0442 or www.generalplumbing.com." Help us say thanks to this great sponsor.

Green Tip

Are there vampires in your house?

Did you know your home may be loaded with vampires? If you're like most people, you may have as many as twenty! "Energy Vampires" maybe everywhere in your home. Did you know that electronics and appliances can drain energy even when they're turned off or not in use simply because they are plugged in? And the spooky thing is, they can cost you about \$200 a year! Scare off your vampires by unplugging cords you are not using and go green this Halloween!



Report on the Detroit Conference

By Stephanie Allard, PhD, Curator of Research and Animal Welfare -

On August 6 and 7, 2011, the Detroit Zoological Society hosted a symposium entitled "From Good Care to Great Welfare: Advancing Zoo Animal Welfare Science and Policy". This international meeting was attended by Palm Beach Zoo President/CEO Dr. Terry L. Maple and Curator of Research and Animal Welfare, Dr. Stephanie Allard. Dr. Maple was a keynote speaker, as he is recognized in the industry as one of the foremost authorities on captive animal welfare. The symposium brought together professionals from zoos, research facilities both in the U.S. and abroad, academic institutions, as well as from other organizations concerned with the wellbeing of animals...

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Notes From The Field



Dr. Miller with elephant - Photo courtesy of Kathie Comerford

Dear friends of the zoo,

I'm back from Africa and getting ready to make another journey to further the zoo's conservation activities. I wanted to share our progress over the last few months with you. For those that were not able to attend, we had a wonderful turn-out at the Big Cat event in August with a program highlighting our conservation medicine program, entitled "Conservation Beyond the Gates: What a Little Zoo Can Do in a Big World".

Through the support of generous donors and grants, we have been able to... [Read More »](#)

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 endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, field research, and conservation medicine. Our sustainable and responsible business practices and local, national and global partnerships enable the Palm Beach Zoo to support national and international conservation, species survival, and habitat preservation.

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