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ZOO NEWS



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Check out this addition of Zoo News to learn more about Atticus, one of the Brandywine Zoo's newest additions. Read about Atticus's early struggles that led him to a safe home at the Brandywine Zoo.



TATNALL
College Preparatory Education for Age 3 to Grade 12

Story Time is presented by The Tatnall School.

Story Time at the ZOO

Every Thursday :
10:30 AM (Near the otters)

Enjoy **fun animal stories** read by our own zoo story-telling team! May include music, crafts, activity or live animal presentation. Story time may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Zoo Admission: Adult: \$7, Seniors (62+): \$5

Youth: (3-17) \$5, Youth under 3: free

Zoo Members: with cards **FREE**

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Notes from the Director

By Gene Peacock



Spring is finally here and lots of changes were made in the off season! When you visit, you will notice Eagle Ridge, a project Governor Markell announced in 2014. We spent most of last year in the design phase since building boardwalks and ramps on a hillside presents many challenges.

Eagle Ridge gives all our visitors full access to viewing the bald eagle and otter exhibits, improves the views of the zoo and surrounding park, plus adds valuable space to host events in the zoo.

We also have three new reptile exhibits. This marks the first time that reptiles have been on public exhibit at the zoo since a tree damaged the old monkey house in 2013. In a renovated exhibit (next to the bobcat), we have a Great Horned Owl which you'll read about later in this issue. Along with these exciting new additions, we have a variety of camps, programs and other events planned. Just check our website for information or to sign up.

Finally, 2016 is the year we have our AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) inspection. The zoo has been accredited since the early 1980s, a great achievement for a zoo of our size! During your visits you will see staff working to get things in tip top shape for this process. As you can tell, 2016 is shaping up to be a great year for us. Come visit and we will see you at the Zoo!

Saturday May 14
Noon–3 PM

STAR WARS DAY

Star Wars characters will invade the Zoo!
Authentic costumed characters such as **Darth Vader***, Storm troopers and Boba Fett* will walk among visitors and you are encouraged to take pictures. Wear your favorite Star Wars costume and **bring your camera**. Only Brandywine Zoo members are free. Tickets are available online while they last!

Reciprocal Zoo discounts are NOT valid for Star Wars Day or other special events.
* Characters subject to change.

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Adult (18-61) \$5; Senior (62+) \$4
Youth (3-17) \$3
Youth (under 3) & Members Free.

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Say hello to Atticus, our young Great Horned Owl

By Mark Haddad, Animal Keeper

As a nestling, Atticus was discovered with some serious injuries on the ground in Woodridge, Connecticut after falling from his nest during a bad storm. He was taken to Ansonia Nature Center, a wildlife rehabilitation center, where the rehabbers diagnosed him with torticollis (or twisted neck). His head was completely up-side down and Atticus needed physical therapy to bring back strength to his neck.

After months of physical therapy, the Ansonia rehabbers were able to rebuild some strength in Atticus' neck allowing him to hold his head in a more natural position; although, he would still revert back to tilting his head when he ate. Due to the severity of the injury, it was determined he would be unable to be released back into the wild. Our Zoo was able to offer Atticus a home as both an exhibit animal, located next to the Bobcat, and as a program animal. His Zoo trainers have successfully trained him to go on a scale, and are currently working on getting him to stay on a glove so he can be brought out on programs.



Eagle Ridge

On March 10th, Governor Markell and a host of local elected officials opened our newest improvement, Eagle Ridge. Eagle Ridge creates wheelchair and stroller access to the Brandywine Zoo's otter and eagle exhibits.



(From left to right) Governor Jack Markell, Wilmington City Council Member Nnamdi Chukwuocha, Wilmington City Council President Theo Gregory, City of Wilmington Acting Chief of Staff Gary Fullman, Delaware Zoological Society Board President Megan McGlinchey, and State Representative Charles Potter.



Board of Directors, Delaware Zoological Society (From left to right) Linda Gray, Mike Allen, Bob Grove, Greg Ellis, Megan McGlinchey, William Montgomery, Richard Rothwell, Susan Moran.

John Rozich, Owner of Harbor Stone Construction, which served as the contractor for the Eagle Ridge project

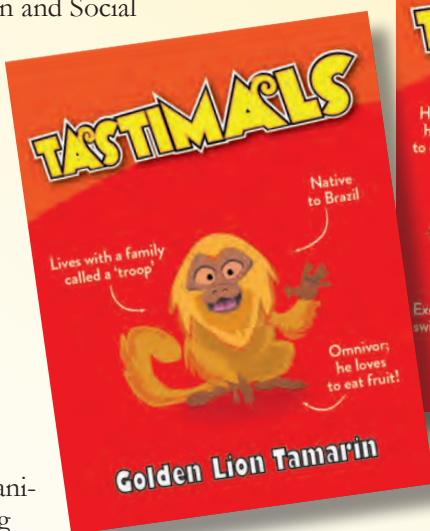


Could Animals Help Kids Want Their Broccoli and Eat it, Too?

By Allison Karpyn, PhD and Samantha Marks,
University of Delaware's Center for Research in Education and Social Policy (CRESP)

This past summer, the Brandywine Zoo, along with researchers at the University of Delaware's Center for Research in Education and Social Policy (CRESP) worked together to learn how animals might help kids eat more fruits and vegetables. Between the years of 2007 and 2010, 60% of children aged 1-18 years did not meet the USDA fruit intake recommendations, and a staggering 93% did not meet vegetable recommendations.

However, we know that animals are uniquely enticing for kids. Across centuries, researchers have documented the special relationship that children often have with animals and if you think about the packaging of many foods in the supermarket, animals are often part of the mix.



Zoo experts teamed up with public health and marketing experts, at the University of Delaware, to develop a set of animal characters called **Tastimals** that would appeal to kids, and that shared information about animal habitat, diet and conservation.

What we found was staggering! When an animal was paired with

produce, kids were 66% more likely to choose it than when the same produce didn't have an animal next to it. Simply put, children may find the snack more appealing when they see that it is associated with an animal. Whats next? Keep your eye out for our Tastimal Friends. We hope to see them soon in the Community Education Building cafeteria in Wilmington and even in the Brandywine Zoo concession stand.

Brew at the Zoo and wine, too!

By Jennifer Lynch, Marketing & Special Events Mgr.

September 25th marked our 4th annual **Brew at the Zoo and wine, too!** event which raised over \$25,000. Each year, we strive to improve the visitor's experience to make for an enjoyable evening with the animals and taste the fine beer, wine and light fare provided by our fabulous sponsors. It's always a little bit magical seeing the zoo in the twilight hours. Preparing for the event takes a lot of time, organization, and team work. The Zoo closes at 1pm in order for the vendors to start setting up. The staff and volunteers help with arranging the tables, lights, and cleaning the zoo grounds days before the official event. A special task force of volunteers from Bank of America helped tremendously setting up the beverage stations, tables and so much more.

This year, we would like to thank the following restaurants and breweries for their participation and providing a taste of their fine food: Kid Shelleen's with their famous nacho bar, Ernest & Scott Taproom and Chelsea Tavern provided Pork Belly over salad, as well as a Blue Marlin drink. Ulysses served a roasted butternut squash soup and scrumptious Tiger striped brownies. Sante Fe Wilmington provided chicken quesadillas and a delicious strawberry and jalapeno margarita. New this year was Bangkok House, Einstein Bros., Big Oyster Brewing, Argilla Brewing Co, and Dogfish Head Brewery. We look forward to seeing these establishments at our next **Brew at the Zoo** on September 30, 2016.

A special appreciation to all our silent auction donors that included: a lunch with Congressman John Carney in the US Capitol, a 3 bedroom condo at the Beach, Haircut by Fabrizio, a Limited edition print from William Montgomery, an A.R. Morris black ceramic watch, wine baskets, Animal Artwork, a Swim with the Sharks package at Adventure Aquarium, Disney-World park passes, Pinot's Palette Gift Basket, Sante Fe Basket, 99 bottles of beer in wheelbarrow **and more!**

Be sure to thank the sponsors for their participation the next time you visit their establishments. Tickets for the next Brew on September 30th are on sale now at brandywinezoo.org/brew



Thursday, June 2
6 PM-9 PM

Go a little wild!

The Delaware Zoological Society supporting the **Brandywine Zoo** and the **BBC Tavern and Grill** invite you to a **Guest Bartender Night** at BBC on **June 2** from 6 pm till 9 pm.

Join the BBC and Guest Bartenders to help raise money for the Brandywine Zoo.

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A photograph of two young women with brown hair, wearing blue t-shirts with a logo, posing with a large gorilla mascot and a beaver mascot. The gorilla is in the center, and the beaver is on the right. They are all smiling.

Thank you to our 2015 Annual Fund Donors

The Delaware Zoological Society recognizes and thanks the companies, foundations, members and individuals who have so generously contributed to our 2015 Annual Fund. This support helps the Zoo continue to offer exceptional programs and services to our community.

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As a non-profit organization, the Delaware Zoological Society relies heavily on the support and generosity of local businesses and organizations. We recognize and thank all those who continuously contribute their time, efforts and expertise to help our Zoo thrive.

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AAZK, Brandywine Zoo Chapter	Kid Shelleen's
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Alapocas Run State Park	Layton Preparatory School
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Argilla Brewing Company	Lums Pond State Park
Arlene Reppa	Med Express
BBC Tavern and Grill	MiniMelts
Bank of America Volunteers	Misplillon River Brewing
Bay Country Landscape	Molly's Old Fashioned Ice Cream
Bed, Bath and Beyond	Morgan Stanley
BJ's Club, Newark	Mount Cuba Center
Bellevue State Park	Newark Natural Food
Big Oyster Brewery	News Journal
Brandywine Creek State Park	Nolan Painting
Brew Ha Ha	Party Business
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Faithful Friends	The Bangkok House
Flint Woods Preserve	Tiger Kicks Martial Arts
Garrison Carida	Timothy's Riverfront Grill
Ghost Base Rebel Legion	Trap Pond State Park
Giant Foods	Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research
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Hagley Museum	United Distributors
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Hodgson Vo-Tech High School	White Clay Creek State Park
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Jennifer & Bill Lynch	Wilmington Western Rotary Club
Jim Dawson	Wilmington State Parks
Joan and Dr. Stanley H. Goloskov DDS	WJBR
Jonathan Schoolar	WSTW

Meet Mandy Fischer



We are pleased to announce the addition of Mandy Fischer as our new Assistant Curator. Mandy began her zoo career 17 years ago at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium where she worked as a children's zoo attendant, as well as part of the education staff.

Her interest in marine mammals allowed her to intern with the Pittsburgh Zoo's California sea lion program while she attended the University of Pittsburgh for degrees in Environmental Studies and Biology. That internship led to a position with the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut as part of the sea lion training team. Mandy then moved to Philadelphia to work as a keeper at the Academy of Natural Sciences, and then onto the Philadelphia Zoo. For eight years she was the Lead Keeper of Primate Reserve working with monkeys, lemurs and great apes.

Mandy brings with her a vast knowledge of exotic animal care and global conservation initiatives.

As an active member of the AZA Prosimian Taxon Advisory Group, she serves as an Education Advisor as well as a member of the Behavior Advisory Team working with zoos to better the husbandry of lemurs while creating a healthy captive population. Mandy is truly motivated by worldwide conservation concerns and how zoos can educate their visitors to be better environmental stewards. She is greatly looking forward to working with such a highly competent and passionate staff here at the Brandywine Zoo and helping them achieve their animal husbandry goals.



The Zoo is proud to display Thomas Burke's "Monkey House", Wilmington's acclaimed birdhome designer, located between the Serval and our Golden Lion Tamarins. His custom made birdhouses can be found along the Riverfront and throughout Wilmington.



End of School Year
CELEBRATION!
with
99.5 WJBR

**Saturday,
June 4:
Noon-3 PM**

99.5 WJBR
BLUE ROCKS
87ers

Celebrate the beginning of summer at the zoo with music, games and a visit with J. Bear, WJBR's mascot, along with Rocky Bluewinkle from the Delaware Blue Rocks and Caesar from the Delaware 87ers. Find out about the family fun activities you can do this summer!

Listen to WJBR for details.

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Brandywine Zoo AAZK Chapter (BZAAZK) Happenings

By Sharon Smith, Animal Keeper

The Brandywine Zoo AAZK Chapter celebrated its' two year anniversary in September and have accomplished quite a lot in that time. We hosted our 2nd annual Bowling for Rhinos and Tango For Tamarins events raising over \$4,500. Monies from our bowling event went directly to various rhino conservation projects. Proceeds from the Tango went to the "Save the Golden Lion Tamarin" Radio Collar Project. This effort helps to save the species from extinction by monitoring and protecting all wild golden lion tamarins and their forests.

For the first time our Chapter was able to send one of its members to the National AAZK Conference in St. Louis. You can read more about this conference and the importance of us attending, in this issue of the Zoo News. We continue to host our free "Guest Speaker" events, which are great opportunities to learn about various conservation, and educational topics. Our latest event was with Dr. Ben Beck, a noted scientist and author who discussed his latest book '13 Golden Monkeys.'

BZAAZK has tables set up at various Zoo events throughout the year, including Family Fun nights,

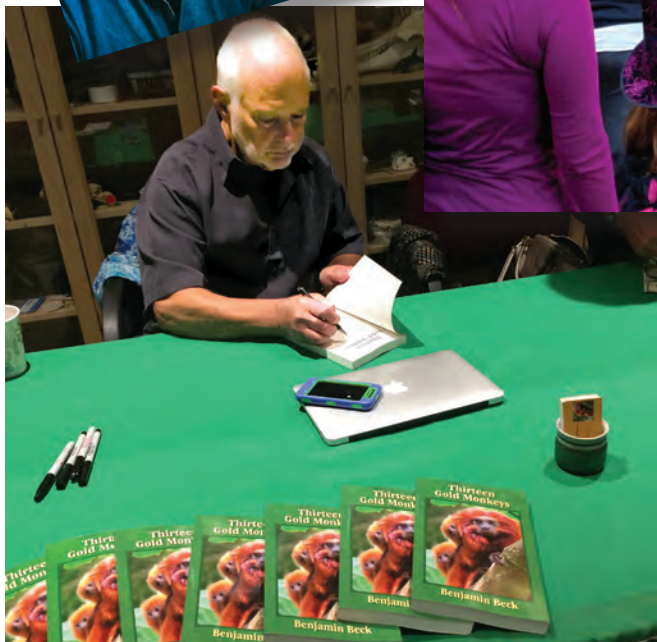
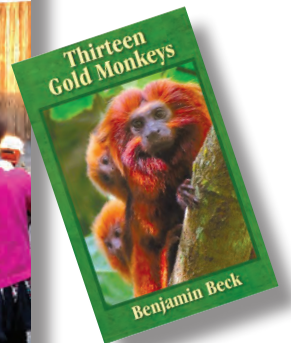
Member Night, Boo At The Zoo, Breakfast with Santa and Noon Years' Eve where we

sell original animal artwork, t-shirts, magnets and bracelets. By purchasing these items, or attending one of our fundraisers, you help support the professional development of our members and help our chapter raise funds to contribute to

numerous conserva-

tion causes both locally and

globally. Please join us on May 21 for our next Bowling for Rhinos from 7-9pm. For more information on BZAAZK, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BZAAZK.



Who Is New In The Zoo?

By Lynn Klein, General Curator

New animal arrivals at the zoo are always a reason for excitement and our newest arrival is no exception. Meet Juniper, our eight month old North American porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*). She arrived at the zoo in August of 2015 and entered her mandatory 30 day quarantine period, which all new mammals to the zoo must serve. Due to her friendly nature, our staff has been working with her to become one of our ambassador animals.

Ambassador animals are residents at the Brandywine Zoo that go with educators and keepers to meet visitors in more of an “up-close” setting, either at the Zoo or around the state, to spread the word about the Zoo, our mission, and all our animal friends! So don’t be surprised if you visit the zoo and you don’t see Juniper. She could be resting behind the scenes or out on an adventure with her Traveling Zoo friends!



Fun Facts About North American Porcupines

- Porcupines DO NOT shoot their quills! When threatened they will turn and raise their quills in the direction of the perceived threat. The quills are barbed and will stick in the attacker, removal is difficult and painful.
- They are arboreal (live in trees) and rarely move around on the ground.
- They are nocturnal (active at night).
- Porcupines are excellent diggers.
- In the winter they eat pine needles and tree bark.
- In the summer they eat buds, tender twigs, roots, leaves, berries, nuts and seeds.
- Porcupines are near sighted and overall have rather poor eye sight.
- They can range in weight from 8 to 30 lbs.
- When born, the quills are soft but harden within a couple of hours.



ZOO EdZOOcation *Go a Little Wild at the Zoo!*

APRIL 2016

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Earth Day



Internships for HS and College Students (Ages 14+)

Earth Day Event for School Groups
10:00am - 12:30pm

Special: Arbor Day Story Time at the Zoo
10:30am

Scout Day
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Animal Science Workshop: Animal Behavior
10:30am - 12:00pm
Intern Open House: Summer Internships
10:30am - 12:00pm

Earth Day Celebration
10:00am - 3:00pm

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29	30	31				

Keeper Talks
Weekends in MAY
Fee: Free with paid admission to the zoo

Story Time at the Zoo
Thursdays
May through Sept.
at 10:30am

STAR WARS DAY

Story Time at the Zoo
10:30am

Story Time at the Zoo
10:30am

Story Time at the Zoo
10:30am

Story Time at the Zoo
10:30am

Reptile Show
12:00pm

Star Wars Day
12:00pm-3:00pm
(Public Photo Event)
Reptile Show
12:00pm

Endangered Species Day School Event
10:00am-12:30pm
(Rain date Monday 5/23/16)

Reptile Show
12:00pm

Reptile Show
12:00pm

Star Wars Day
12:00pm-3:00pm
(Public Photo Event)
Reptile Show
12:00pm

Career and Animal Science Workshop
10:30am-12:00pm
BZAAK Presents Bowling for Rhinos
7:00pm-9:00pm

Reptile Show
12:00pm

Reptile Shows
Saturdays & Sundays
in May at 12:00pm



Questions? For a complete listing of our programs and events, visit our website at www.brandywinezoo.org. Calendar of Events. If you have any questions, please email our Education Department at EDUCATION@BRANDYWINEZOO.ORG



JUNE 2016 (Zoo and Aquarium Month!)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Story Time at the Zoo 10:30am Guest Bartending Night at the BBC Tavern in Greenville 6:00pm-9:00pm	Reptile Show 12:00pm	Reptile Show 12:00pm END of School Year Party with WJBR 12:00pm-3:00pm
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JULY 2016

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American Kestrel Research Program Volunteers

By Jacque Williamson, Curator of Education

Research programs at the Brandywine Zoo, like our American Kestrel nest box project, often depend on the time and expertise of volunteers.

Kestrel Field Volunteer

Jonathan Schoolar took on the monstrous project last year of installing kestrel nesting boxes all across the State of Delaware. Jon has personally installed and monitored over twenty boxes since last summer, and is working on locations for another thirty!

Box-Building

Students in the carpentry class of Mr. Tucci at Hodgson Vo-Tech, for example, have donated their time to make 37 nesting boxes for the project. Thank you – we couldn't do it without you!



Hodgson students with newly constructed nest boxes. From left to right: Matt Zavala, Brett Tomczak, Devin Haigood, Patrick Peters, Bryon Cowen. Not Pictured: Dommonic Duncan, James Kelleher, Esteban Mendoza, Reynold Olliver, Rhasaan Ransom, Kevin Stichberry

Kestrel Box Monitors needed!

Do you have a love of the outdoors and an interest in birding? Then, we could use your help! Volunteers are needed to 'Adopt a Box' – a kestrel nest box, that is! Nest box monitors will help our kestrel team by checking on nest boxes weekly during nesting season to reduce competition with invasive starlings and monitor boxes for kestrel activity. Box monitors can start with one box or take on several, depending upon availability and box locations.

Email
Education@BrandywineZoo.org
for more information
on how you can help.

Friday thru Sunday
Starting May

HAVE NO FEAR our REPTILES ARE HERE!

Get up close with some slithery snakes and lizards, and maybe a turtle or two. You may even learn a few fun facts about our cold blooded friends! 12PM

Reptiles will vary depending on availability and day of the show. Show takes place in the Otter Circle. Shows may be cancelled due to weather.

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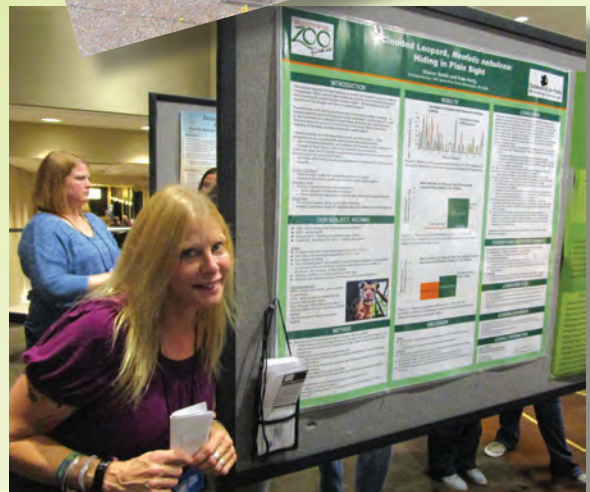
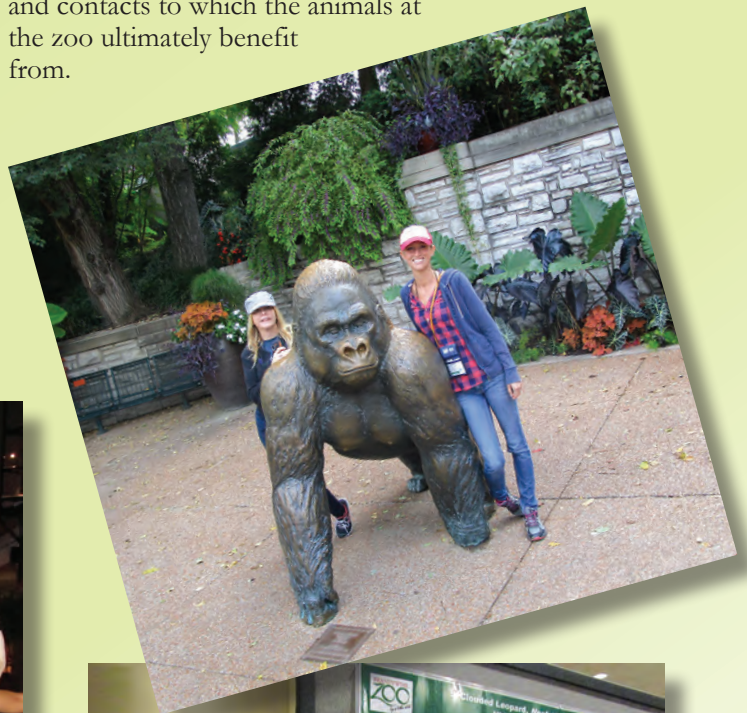
Inspiring Conservation through Conferences

By Sharon Smith and Laura Hovis, Animal Keepers

Even a visit to Philly by The Pope couldn't keep us from making our early morning flight out of Philadelphia International Airport to St. Louis for the 2015 American Association of Zoo Keepers Conference. We arrived in St. Louis on a Sunday and with a few hours before registration and the Ice Breaker, we took in some of the sights that St. Louis had to offer. Our hotel was directly across the street from Busch Stadium, where the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball. We were also in direct proximity of the famous Gateway Arch also known as "The Gateway to the West". What an incredible sight this was. From Sunday evening's icebreaker at the Anheuser-Busch Biergarten, where we got up close with one of their famous Clydesdales, through Thursday when the conference concluded, we were inundated with a packed schedule of events. Bright and early on Monday morning the conference kicked off with this year's inspiring key note speaker, Jenny Gray, from Australia's Zoo Victoria. After that we attended several workshops and paper and poster presentations that covered topics such as extinction, conservation, training, enrichment, and how science and technology are being used more frequently by zoo keepers to enhance animal welfare. This conference was jam packed with learning and networking opportunities.

At this year's conference, Sharon Smith was chosen to present a poster on the findings of the visibility study performed on the Brandywine Zoo's clouded leopard, Kiching. The study focused on how often the clouded leopard was visible in her enclosure and the locations she was seen in during the fall of 2014. The information gleaned from this study was shared with other zoos that house clouded leopards to help them in their management and husbandry techniques.

The time spent meeting new people and networking with other zoo professionals was vital in keeping up to date on zoo practices in this ever growing field. By being able to attend conferences, such as the AAZK Conference, zoo keepers are able to gain and share a wealth of knowledge, ideas, and practices, as well as build friendships and contacts to which the animals at the zoo ultimately benefit from.



Delaware Zoological Society Executive Director's Letter



Dear Members,

We are looking forward to another great year at the Brandywine Zoo. It was an honor to have Governor Markell and many of our local elected officials at the zoo for the ribbon cutting of Eagle Ridge. I enjoy hearing so many people praise the work that our team at the zoo does.

Have you considered supporting the zoo after you're gone? You can provide support to the zoo's mission by naming the Delaware Zoological Society as a benefactor of your will, trust, retirement accounts or life insurance. We have been very fortunate to have several late donors who cared deeply for the zoo and left a portion of their assets to the Zoological Society. You can specify whether you would like us to use the funds for operation, capital projects, or to help us create an endowment for the long-term sustainability of the zoo. As one of our members or supporters, if you have any questions about how to support the zoo, please feel free to contact me at (302) 571-7788. We appreciate your past support and hope you will continue to support us in the future.

Best regards,
Mike

As Tax Day approaches, we think about ways to reduce our taxes for the next year. The Delaware Zoological Society is the non-profit partner of the Brandywine Zoo and donations to the Society are tax deductible. Over the last year, we have enhanced our ability to receive donations, renew memberships, and register for education programs and camps on our website, brandywinezoo.org. One of our new features is the ability to set up recurring donations. For example, you can set up a \$10 monthly contribution that will pull automatically from your bank account or credit card. This year, we will also be launching a new website, so look forward to seeing some exciting changes over the next few months.

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Thursday Evening, August 11
6 PM to 8 PM

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- Mini Camps: Ages 4–5
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