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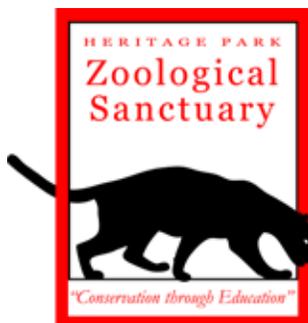
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## These Birds are Proud as, well Peacocks!



Everyone makes a fuss about many of the animals here at the Sanctuary, but know little about the most conspicuous animal residents, the peacocks.

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary has had peacocks since it opened 25 years ago in 1988. For many years, the Sanctuary had both males (peacocks) and females (peahens) who would occasionally have little peachicks. When the decision was made that the Sanctuary would be a non-breeding facility in order to have more room for rescue animals, the peahens were re-homed.

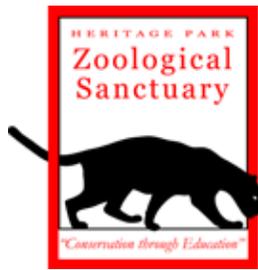
This time of year, all 6 (yes, 6) peacocks can be seen strutting their stuff around the Sanctuary. Although there are no peahens to impress, the peacocks will fan their tails for the chickens, the wild birds, the visitors and sometimes inanimate objects. They have also been known to attack their own reflections in the Gift Shop windows, thinking it is a rival male.

Peacocks only have their long tail feathers of coverts during the breeding season. They typically molt these feathers in June and spend the fall and winter re-growing the feathers in time for the start of breeding in March. Females choose their mates based on the size, color and quality of the males' tail fans.

The peacocks at HPZS are Blue Peacocks, which are native to India and Sri Lanka. Other species of peacock are Green Peacocks, native to Java and Myanmar, and Congo Peacocks, which are native to the forests of central Africa.

As any who has had a picnic at the Sanctuary knows peacocks are not very picky eaters. In the wild, peacocks feed on insects, plants and small mammals and reptiles. Here at the Sanctuary, we feed them a domestic fowl mix under the tree next to the tiger enclosure. Of course they also find lots to eat while they wander around the Sanctuary.

So the next time you visit HPZS and you see the peacocks, you know you are looking at an important part of the 25 year legacy of the Sanctuary.



## Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary

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Prescott Animal Park Association, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is the parent corporation of Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary.

### Zoo Hours

May 1 - Oct. 31: 9am - 5pm  
Nov. 1 - Apr. 30: 10am - 4pm  
June/July/August open until 8:00pm  
on Saturdays (extended hours)

### Board of Directors

Barry Needham, Bruce Trahern, Karin Giani,  
Ben Hansen, Justin Martz

### Zoo Staff

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Becky Salazar/Volunteer & Membership  
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Matt Schultz/Keeper  
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Arlene Zegan/Retail & Admissions Associate

### Mission

Giving refuge to non-releasable, rescued wildlife while providing conservation through exhibition and public education.

Newsletter design by: Lisa Lanning



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## **b** Green Save Paper & Money

Have an email address? Help the environment, save HPZS postage cost and see **Wild Impressions** in color by allowing us to email this newsletter to you.

Please let us know if you would like this newsletter emailed by contacting Membership@heritageparkzoo.org.

## Educational Programs... *Calling all kids!*

# Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary Summer 2013 ZOO CAMP



Get hands on experience with the animals, participate in games, explore wildlife and nature by conducting wild investigations and creating amazing crafts.

### Choose Your Session!

Week 1: June 10- 14  
Week 2: June 17 - 21  
Week 3: July 8 - 12  
Week 4: July 15 - 19  
Week 5: July 22 - 26

- Leaders of the Pack: Discover animal leaders of all kind
- Color Me Wild: Learn about our many colorful creatures
- Animal Tracks: Introduction to animal tracking and signs
- Pack, Herd, Flock: Why do animals find safety in numbers
- Desert Oasis: Learn about the different types of desert animals

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Age Groups: 6 - 8 yrs. & 9 - 12 yrs. • Price: \$150 members per session; \$175 non-members per session  
For more information or to register, call 778-4242

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

## BREAKFAST *with the Animals...*



### 2013 Breakfast with the Animals Schedule

June 8 - Tortoises

Sept. 7 - Bear

Oct. 12 - Wolves

### Join us for Breakfast with the Animals!

Enjoy a continental breakfast while the keepers feed the featured animal, share interesting facts and artifacts and conclude the program with a craft.

**Second Saturday of each Month**  
(see schedule)

9:00am — 10:30am

Price: \$15 adult member; \$20 adult non-member;  
\$5 child member (12 & under); \$7 child non-member (12 & under)

For more information or to register, call 778-4242  
Call today to reserve your space!

## Animal Encounters & Outreach Programs

Animal presentations, animal encounters and special appearances are possible all year long through our education department. We will bring educational animals to you, your school, church or special event. You can also celebrate a special occasion here at the zoo and arrange to have your special education animal attend. Call us today (928) 778-4242, ext.18

**All programs require pre-registration! Spots are limited—register early!  
Call 928-778-4242 or visit www.heritageparkzoo.org for registration info.**



By Leah Wacks



Recently HPZS volunteers & staff participated in the Black-Footed Ferret Spotlighting Project (BBFS). Native to Arizona, Black Footed Ferrets are highly endangered and at one time were thought to be extinct. Then a single colony was found. Biologists stepped in to help, and began a captive breeding

and release program. Today, the BBFS has 19 reintroduction sites with approximately 1,000 individuals living in the wild.

The ferrets are nocturnal, so the study takes place at night. Participants are put in teams and are given 3 miles to survey. Using spotlights, teams search for the green eyes of the ferrets. When spotted, the ferret is followed to identify which hole the animal disappeared into. The trap is placed over the hole to simulate the natural tunnel entrance. The other holes are blocked in the surrounding area and then the team heads off to spot for more, periodically checking the trap to see if the ferret has entered it throughout the night.

Once caught, the ferrets are brought back to the field station where they are weighed and scanned (for microchips). If they have none, it means they are wild-born. They are chipped, given a health assessment exam, and then are ready to be re-released back at the burrow they came from. The entire process takes about 15 minutes, and the Ferret is awake by the time that the team is ready to head to the trapping site to release them.

Spotlighting nights are long, cold, and dark. Teams may not see anything throughout the entire night or they may see a lot. Still, it is worth the effort. If a volunteer succeeds in seeing a black footed ferret, they will have come closer to one of North America's rarest, most endangered animals and by being there they are helping to keep this species in the world.

## New Animals at HPZS!



A Goliath Bird-Eater Tarantula (*Theraphosa blondi*) is now on display in the Tarantula Grotto.

The Red Golden Pheasant (*Chrysolophus pictus*) can be seen in the enclosure next to the Event Center Lawn in April. There are 2 females and one male.

## Animal Movements at HPZS!



The Hopi (*Crotalus viridis nuntius*) and Sidewinder (*Crotalus cerastes*) Rattlesnakes were placed on display earlier this spring.

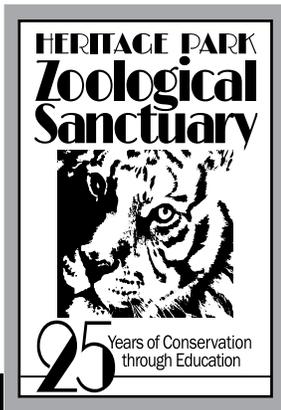
All three ravens (*Corvus corax*) may now be found in the enclosure next to the tarantula grotto.

Mr. Wilson the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) has been moved to the Raptor House.

The Green-Cheeked Conures (*Pyrrhura molinae*) are on back on display for the warm months.

The Desert Tortoises (*Gopherus agassizii*) are out of hibernation and may be seen in their enclosure across from the raccoons.

Radiated Tortoises (*Astrochelys radiata*) are back at HPZS and are living in front of the food preparation area.



**Highlands Center For Natural History** and  
**Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary**  
 are proud to present

## *A Natural* Partnership

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary is once again partnering with Highlands Center for Natural History to offer a dual membership to both institutions. Offered for only \$80, you save \$40 off what it would cost for a Family Membership for HPZS and HCNH if they were purchased separately.

For those who have not discovered the hidden jewel that is the Highlands Center for Natural History, it is a non-profit science and ecological education organization located on Walker Road near Lynx Lake. They offer 3 miles of groomed trails as well as camps, family programs, field studies, lectures and workshops. They also offer a bi-annual native plant sale.

You can learn more about the Highlands Center for Natural History at their website, [www.highlandcenter.org](http://www.highlandcenter.org)

For a limited time (March 1st through September 30th, 2013), join Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary and Highlands Center for Natural History for a dual family membership fee of \$80.

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary Benefits Include:

- Free general admission to HPZS for members of your household
- Discounts on special events and children's Zoo Camps
- 10% discount in the HPZS Gift Shop
- Free or discounted admission at other zoos around the country
- 10% discount on event venue rentals
- Invitations to Members Only Events
- Subscription to Wild Impressions
- Newsletter

Highlands Center for Natural History Benefits Include:

- Discounts on program fees
- Discounts on children's camps
- 10% discount in the Benson Family Store
- Invitations to Members Only Events
- Monthly E-Visions Newsletter
- Subscription to Highland Visions Newsletter
- HCNH window decal
- Subscription to Wild Impressions

### Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary

# 2013 Calendar of Events

	<b>May</b>	11	Breakfast with Mt. Lion
		18	Member's Night
		24	Zoo by Moonlight
	<b>June</b>	1, 8, 15, 22	Nocturnal Nature Nights
		8	Breakfast with Tortoises
		10-14; 17-21	Summer Zoo Camp
		23	Zoo by Moonlight
		29	A Night at the Zoovies
	<b>July</b>	6, 13, 20, 27	Nocturnal Nature Nights
		8-12; 15-19; 22-26	Summer Zoo Camp
		22	Zoo by Moonlight
		27	A Night at the Zoovies
	<b>August</b>	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Nocturnal Nature Nights
		17	Wet & Wild Water Day
		20	Zoo by Moonlight
		31	A Night at the Zoovies
	<b>September</b>	7	Breakfast with Bear
		19	Zoo by Moonlight
	<b>October</b>	6	Taste of the Wild
		7-11	Fall Zoo Camp
		12	Breakfast with Wolves
		19	Zoofest
		31	Boo at the Zoo
	<b>November</b>	2	25th Anniversary Bash
		9-10	Dollar Days
		29, 30	WildLights
	<b>December</b>	8	Santa with the Animals
		6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28	WildLights
		21-28	Kids get in FREE
		24	Half Price Day

### MEET OUR NEIGHBOR

Heritage Park Zoo has a mission statement that reflects the purposes of its existence. These are education, conservation, recreation, rehabilitation and research. There is another organization here in Prescott that is pursuing many of the same goals. In other words, we have a sister organization. It is the Highlands Center for Natural History. It encourages people to become aware of the wonders of nature.

Both organizations present programs for learning and teaching about animals, plants, and the environment. The last few years have been a time of growth for both organizations. Our director, Dan Mazur, and their director, Nicole Trushell are both forward looking people, who have planned and implemented innovative plans for now and the future.

The Highland Center has recently secured a new three hundred acre site which will help the burgeoning programs of Highland. This site is located on Walker Road about two miles south of Highway 69. It will have an educational complex including an administration building and education facility plus restrooms and a storage building.

The future will include workshops, natural heritage programs, landscaping with native plants, and fire prevention seminars.

The site is already being used for some of the programs. As the new area is readied the programs for the older children will be held there. The younger classes will continue to visit the Williamson Valley site.

Last month, one program called "Things That Go Bump in the Night" which is part of the series called "Wander the Wild" took place at the Williamson Valley location. One station for information was manned by members of the Heritage Park Zoo. We took some nocturnal animals to show the guests and a talk was presented about the habits of nocturnal animals. Bob Mathews took some junior docents for the demonstration and they also handed out zoo brochures

We, at the zoo, hope to continue to interface with Highland Center. We live in a fairly small community of great beauty. Both organizations want our central Arizona highlands to be maintained and protected by educating our children and adults.



*This article was first published in the October 1999 Wild Impressions.*

## In Memoriam



EPHRAIM THE DUCK passed away in February from injuries received after a suspected predator incident.



Arizona Black Rattlesnake passed away in April from age-related natural causes.



Tuzigoot the Rabbit passed away in May from age-related natural causes.

## Sanctuary Construction Zones

Pardon our dust while a couple areas around Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary are undergoing construction.



### Raptor Enclosures

Two aviaries where the Ravens and Mr. Wilson used to reside are being renovated for the possible arrival of rehabilitated eagles.



### 25th Anniversary Patio

Construction is underway on the 25th Anniversary Patio, located between the Tarantula Grotto and the Javelina enclosure. The retaining wall is going up, concrete will soon be poured and the first set of personalized bricks to be placed in the patio has arrived. If you are interested in purchasing your own piece of HPZS history with a personalized brick, call (928)778-4242 or visit [www.heritageparkzoo.org/index.php/support](http://www.heritageparkzoo.org/index.php/support).

# KEEPER FOR A DAY

**Ever wondered  
what it would  
be like to be a  
Zoo Keeper?**

**Find out with Keeper for a Day at  
Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary!**

This unique, hands-on program allows adults to experience what day to day life is like for a zoo keeper. Spend the day alongside an HPZS keeper and you will prepare animal diets, help clean enclosures, feed the animals and assist with animal training. If you are an animal lover, Keeper for a Day is the exciting, behind-the-scenes experience you've been looking for!

Call (928)778-4242 to register today. Full payments are due at the time of registration.



## ZOO OVERNIGHTS!

Bring your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy a night at the zoo, we will be experiencing animal shows, observing nocturnal life at the zoo, crafts, nature walks, stargazing and fun. Includes evening snack, and continental breakfast.

Runs from 6pm to 8:30am

Event Cost: \$25 members,  
\$35 nonmembers

Reservations Required

Minimum of seven participants

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary

# Wish List

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary is always in need of supplies. Below is a partial list of needed items, or visit the complete wish list on amazon.com under Heritage Park Zoo.

## ANIMAL DEPARTMENT:

- Bleach
- Animal Crates
- Towels, Blankets
- Stainless Steel Bowls
- Astroturf
- Heating Pads
- New Dog, Cat and Parrot Toys
- Garbage Pails
- 5-Gallon Buckets
- Game Meat
- Beef (non-seasoned, less than 12 months old)
- Medical Triage Supplies

## MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS:

- Corrugated Aluminum or Steel
- Gas Hedge Trimmer
- Gas Blower
- Bobcat
- Fencing
- Plywood
- Clean Fill Dirt/Decomposed Granite/Pea Gravel
- Garden Hoses
- Livestock Panels
- Shelving
- Flashlights
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Irrigation Material
- Plants

## OFFICE:

- White Envelopes
- Postage Stamps
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue (Kleenex)
- Copy Paper (White or Color)
- Laminate Sheets (8 1/2 x 11 or business card size)
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Ledger Size Paper for Printing (Glossy is ideal)
- Scissors
- Staplers
- Photo Paper
- Paper Plates/Cups

# ZOO BY MOONLIGHT

at Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary

sponsored by Tim's Toyota Center

May 24 • June 23 • July 22 • August 20 • Sept 19

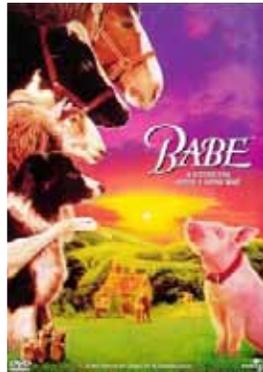
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Members \$3, non-members \$5

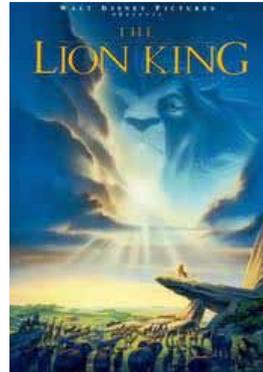
# Nocturnal Nature Nights

Every Saturday night, from June 1 through August 31, the zoo will be open until 8:00 pm

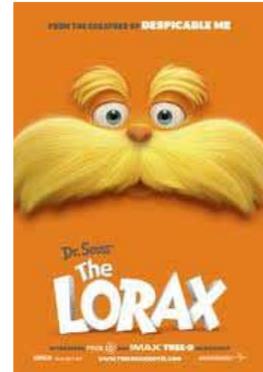
## A Night at the Zooovies



Saturday, June 29



Saturday, July 27



Saturday, August 31

Gates open at 7 pm • Movie starts at 8 pm

\$5 non-members; \$3 members

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**YES!** I'd like to help support Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary!

Please, renew my membership  
(Circle one:)  
Standard: Individual - \$25 Couple - \$45 Family - \$75  
Business: Hawk - \$200 Bobcat - \$500 Jaguar - \$1000

I'd like to make a donation  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to sponsor an animal  
Cost: \$35.00  
(Circle one:)  
I'd like to sponsor: Gila Monster Snake Macaw  
Skink Owl Tarantula Peacock Tortoise

Contact me regarding:  
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\_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **The Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary**  
and mail/drop off with this form to:  
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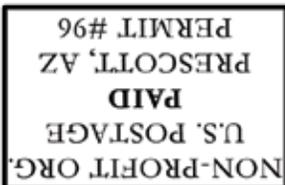
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