WE MISS you!
I often talk about the Zoo staff, animals, donors, members and visitors as a family and refer to Roger Williams Park Zoo as YOUR Zoo. Now more than ever I want to reiterate those sentiments. As a Zoo family, we are tackling the many challenges we are facing during the COVID-19 health crisis. The Zoo will remain closed until we are confident that it is safe to have all of you begin visiting with us once again.

With the Zoo being closed as we enter our peak attendance season – a time that is vital to our operational budget – we know we will have additional challenges ahead. If you and your family are able to make a gift to our emergency fund, the extra support will make such an important difference at this critical time.

Our two most important considerations are for the health and safety of our animals as well as the health of our staff and their families. Our amazing veterinary and animal keeper teams are at the Zoo daily attending to the needs of each animal and our wonderful operations team continues to work hard ensuring all systems and buildings at the Zoo are working and well maintained. Our staff, many working from home, continue to bring you video and posts of our animals as they go about their daily routines.

Whether a one-time gift or a monthly donation, our zoo family really needs you now. It will give our animals everything they could ever need, will keep our staff employed, and will make sure the Zoo is ready for you when we can open again.

If you’re able, please help. A gift of any size will make a difference.

We truly hope to re-open as soon as we are permitted to do so. We have a wonderful summer ahead with a white alligator exhibit and the opportunity to enjoy, through virtual reality, life under and on the sea.

All of us at the Zoo know this is a stressful time for you, your family, and the community. We hope that once we are all safe you will come back to the Zoo to relax, spend time outdoors, and enjoy all that wildlife and wild places like Roger Williams Park Zoo have to offer.

I look forward to seeing you at the Zoo.

By Jeremy Goodman, DVM
Executive Director, RWP Zoo and RI Zoological Society

CLICK TO DONATE!
It was the opportunity of a lifetime – a trip with Lou Perrotti, Roger Williams Park Zoo’s director of conservation to visit the rainforest of Panama. Together a group of 30 travelers learned about the plight of endangered species as well as the work Lou and his partners in Panama are doing to save endangered species.

Take a look at some of what they saw in the week the group explored Panama.

Geoffroy’s tamarin - small monkey found in Panama and Colombia. It is predominantly black and white, with a reddish nape. This diurnal animal spends most of its time in trees, but does come down to the ground occasionally. It lives in groups that most often number between three and five individuals, and generally include one or more adults of each sex.

There is nothing like seeing a wild sloth in the rainforest. This is a true thrill for travelers. The next best option is to visit our two sloths, Fiona and Wesley who are expecting their first baby in the zoo’s rainforest.

The Panamanian golden frog is a species of toad endemic to Panama. They inhabit the streams along the mountainous slopes of the Cordilleran cloud forests of west-central Panama. This amphibian is listed as critically endangered, but may in fact have been extinct in the wild since 2007. Individuals have been collected for breeding in captivity in a bid to preserve the species. While habitat loss, climate change and pollution all contribute to the threat, researchers have found that a fungal disease known as Chytridiomycosis (chytrid) is proving exceptionally deadly and is believed to be the major cause of amphibian’ decline. Experts agree that the only way to prevent the most threatened of these species from becoming extinct is to breed them in captivity, until the chytrid epidemic either runs its course, or methods can be found to eradicate it.

Between 2007-2010 Perrotti led efforts to establish a program to efficiently breed and provide invertebrates as an excellent food source to help save the golden frog and other species of amphibians.
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO IS COMMITTED TO THE PLAGHT OF ALL ENDANGERED SPECIES.

ENJOY THIS VIDEO AND THEN WATCH PBS NATURE ON APRIL 8 TO SEE HOW WE ARE WORKING TO SAVE THE NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL RABBIT.
Celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd) with this fun collage! Use magazine clippings and scraps to make it your own!

**Supplies you will need:**
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Old magazines
- Pencil
- Glue
- Parental Supervision

**Directions:**
1. Start by cutting out a piece of cardboard for your background about 12-inches by 14 inches. On top of this, place a cardboard circle around 10 inches in diameter.
2. Using a pencil, sketch part of the world onto your circle. It doesn’t have to be perfect. Use a map to help you if you’d like.
3. Look through old magazines and tear out (with permission) pages that have lots of black, green and blue on them.
4. Trace your circle Earth onto your cardboard background then remove it. Tear little pieces of the black colored magazine pages and glue them around your cardboard backing, leaving the circle empty in the middle for your planet Earth.
5. Glue down scraps of blue and white magazine paper to your cardboard planet Earth until it looks the way you want, then glue the cardboard circle in place on the black board.

**Hibernation Trivia**

During the cold winter months, when temperatures drop and food sources are in short supply, some animals have a way of dealing with the changes. Hibernation is a deep sort of sleep that helps animals conserve energy and survive in the wintertime. These trivia questions may teach you a little bit more about hibernation!

1. Black bears are known to gain up to 30 pounds per week before hibernating. Why do animals pack on the pounds before hibernation?
   - a. They can’t sleep without having a good meal first
   - b. They use the stored fat to keep their bodies energized while they hibernate
   - c. Gaining weight keeps them warm enough to fall into a deep sleep
   - d. They want to get as large as possible to fill up and insulate their dens

2. Some animals like salamanders, crocodiles and some types of hedgehog rest during the hot and dry summer months, and not during the winter. Similar to hibernation, this is called:
   - a. Invernation
   - b. Opposation
   - c. Estivation
   - d. Snoozation

3. Which of these things generally happen to an animal’s body while it is hibernating?
   - a. Their heart rate slows down
   - b. Their body temperature decreases
   - c. Their rate of breathing slows down
   - d. All of the above

4. Since snakes are cold blooded, they need the warmth of the sun to keep their bodies at a healthy temperature. During cold months, some snakes will gather together in groups (sometimes thousands and thousands of them) and rest. This is known as:
   - a. Brumating
   - b. Slitherating
   - c. Dormanting
   - d. Serpentating

Try this:

Try to make other planets using the same methods—you could even create a whole paper collage solar system!

**Wild Trivia Answers:**
1: B  •  2: C  •  3: D  •  4: A

**Guess Zoo Answers:**

**Kids’ Corner**

Kids eat Free every Tuesday (with the purchase of an adult meal)
Kids under 12 FREE on all NASCAR Saturday and Fast Friday shows!

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**2020 EVENT SCHEDULE**

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For ticket, date, and rain out information: Phone: (508) 336-9959

www.seekonkspeedway.com
Providence, RI has long been known as one of the top food cities in the US. Now some of that culinary magic is coming to the Roger Williams Park Zoo! We are pleased to announce we have a new food service partner, Service Systems Association, better known as SSA, who will be providing very tasty, food experiences for our guests.

For those of you who enjoyed sitting and watching the elephants at the Serengeti Café – wait until you taste the sumptuous offerings at the newly refurbished Tuskers Café. SSA is also re-inventing the Sweet Shop – think, pizza. Nourish 401, formerly known as Wilderness Café, will offer appetizing healthy food. Equally delicious will be offerings from a host of food carts throughout the Zoo, appealing to everyone from little ones to their great-grandparents.

People dining in the Zoo will be treated to meals with fresh ingredients prepared just for them. Also, in the Zoo’s on-going effort to further our green practices, meals will no longer be served in disposable packaging with disposable cutlery. Instead SSA will use eco-friendly flatware and dinner ware. In your feedback you, our valued members and guests, said that we had to step up our game and provide enjoyable, healthy and diverse food offerings. We listened, and you will be pleased with the changes. Make sure to try them out and let us know what you think!

Your Zoo has always been a great place to spend time with family and friends as well as for education and conservation. Now we are also a place where you can enjoy some edible delights!

Bon Appetit!