



## Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

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11/22/2019

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#### Volunteer Educator Program Update

##### Shout Outs!!

Shout Out to all that helped put the carts away for the season! We made short work of it and thanks you...

**Sign up for Natural History Lectures for 2020.** Below are the dates for the 2020 Natural History Lectures. You can sign up on MVP now. Below are details on the content of the lectures.

- *Africa* will cover the species and individual animals in the Africa habitat. We will use all the 2 hours to cover this new Wild Discover Zone.
- *All About Primates! Jungle Trails and Gorilla World* in hour 1 we will cover an over view of primates and hour 2 a focus on Gorilla World.
- *Elephant Reserve and Manatee Springs* will cover our current manatee program and a review of Elephant Reserve with a focus on our “animal excellence” program and its role in elephant care.
- *Reptile* will be online training only, no lecture this year.

**CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN  
VOLUNTEER EDUCATOR PROGRAM 2020 TRAINING SCHEDULE  
NATURAL HISTORY LECTURES**

**Natural History Lecture #1**

**Africa**

**Dates Offered:**

Tuesday 1/7 @ 1 pm -3 pm  
Saturday 1/11 @ 1 pm - 3 pm  
Sunday 1/19 @ 10am - noon  
Tuesday 2/4 @ 1 pm -3pm  
Tuesday 2/25 @ 1 pm – 3 pm

**Natural History Lecture #2**

**All About Primates! Jungle Trails and Gorilla World**

**Dates Offered:**

Tuesday 1/14 @ 1pm - 3 pm  
Sunday 1/19 @ 1pm -3 pm  
Wednesday 1/22 @ 1 pm – 3 pm  
Saturday 1/25 @ 1 pm - 3pm  
Thursday 2/6 @ 1 pm – 3 pm

**Natural History Lecture #3**

**Elephant Reserve and Manatee Springs**

**Dates Offered:**

Thursday 1/9 @ 1pm – 3 pm  
Wednesday 1/29 @ 1pm – 3 pm  
Saturday 2/8 @ 10:00 am – 12 noon  
Sunday 2/9 10 am - noon  
Wednesday 2/12 @ 1- 3 pm

## Animal Update

### Animal Management Meeting Updates 11/13/2019

#### ATFs:

- 10.10 Everglades Pygmy Sunfish from Riverbanks Zoo and Garden
- 1.0 Stinkpot from John Ball Zoo
- 74.67.0 American Burying Beetle from The Wilds
- 65.65.0 American Burying Beetle to The Wilds
- 0.0.5 Armadillo Lizard from USFWS

All ATF's approved.

#### Minutes:

- Acknowledgements:
  - o Ron- Thanks to the Jungle Trails team for crate training the bonobos and to facilities for help installing crates and loading. Thanks to vets for being there as a back-up to tranquilize.
  - o Jenny- Thanks to Dr. Levens for being flexible with quarantine timelines as we worked through some issues.
  - o David- Thanks to various departments as the AE team moved sound equipment the past few weeks.
  - o Bob- thanks to everyone for the smooth bonobo transfer and the smooth immobilization for Kimba.
- Browse tracking in ZIMS
  - o Came up with a template last year for staff to fill out as they receive browse. This is to help see where we are and where we need to go.
  - o Staff- Please fill out the ZIMS template when you get browse.
    - On ZIMS, go to Start, Enclosure, Tree View, Browse, and then select the appropriate enclosure. Go down to Notes & Observations, Actions, and Add New Note. Then select the template "(ENT) Browse."
- Animal Welfare:
  - o Looking at welfare of swans, arctic foxes, and reptile house animals during FOL.
  - o Intern projects are wrapping up.
  - o IMLS grant- group of 5 went to Denver and attended a welfare workshop at Denver Zoo. The group is meeting to go over ideas that were discussed at the workshop. We are still looking at participants for logic model session to create goals of where we want to be and timelines for how we can accomplish it.
- Bob visited the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado. The lions seem well fed and got a new boyfriend. The black bears were denned up already but seem to be doing well.
- VIP tour- Bob will be bringing around a donor on the Monday/Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving.
- All Animal Division Meeting- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-12:30pm.
- Time for budgeting is upon us. Curators will submit any substantial changes that could impact next year's budget to Bob.

#### Elephant:

- All elephants are doing well, and My-Thai's eye is getting better.

**Bearline:**

- Male Mexican Wolf, Jack, had a pre-shipment physical done on him on 11/7/19. Still waiting to hear from USFWS regarding transportation of Jack to Albuquerque and our three males from the same region.
- Female polar bear, Anana is off of all food except chow now and, as of 11/12/19, will no longer be disturbed for cleaning purposes until further notice.

**Night Hunters:**

- Started accessing Malayan tigers (singularly) to 24 / 7 access to exhibit # 1 as of 11/10/19.

**World of the Insect:**

- PPQ Permit Update (2020) – Submitted to Mary lists of insect species to be removed from and added to the permit.
- Zebra Longwing Butterflies – First eggs were laid late last week.
- Peruvian Firesticks – Culture seems to be thriving (Kudos Kelli), will get back on display soon.
- Indian Ornamental Tarantula – Looking to get animal back on display.

**Manatee Springs:**

- Staffing – April to be off work until at least late-November. Lauren Paytes elevated to Temporary Keeper to help fill in during April's time off.  
Manatee Behavior – Making some progress with regards to securing them in the off-display feeding pool. Both boys are very active and spending a lot of time in optimal viewing areas.
- Professional development – Working on plans to send MS keepers to the Crystal River manatee health assessment and Miles/Matthew release.

**Wings of the World:**

- Female bald eagle is doing great in the habitat with the boys.



- 4 little penguins hatched over the weekend and 1 egg is due at the end of the week. The hand-rearing team is in full force!



- Kea “Newton” is slated to leave Wednesday for Tracy Aviary.
- Keas are outside for the season and VIPs have begun. Our juveniles had their first taste of snow!



#### **Bird Encounter:**

- Bald Eagle “Sam” moved to new mew. Is adjusting well. Before move Sam had a work up and beak coping by Dr. Nollman. Bird is in good condition.
- Blue and Gold Macaw “BG” moved to bigger space more centralized with the thought she can see people more which will hopefully deter her plucking behavior.
- Eastern Yellow Billed Hornbill “Dorsey” was shipped out to San Diego Safari Park 10/31 and appears to be doing well.
- Striped Skunk “Delilah” moved from Education Interp to Bird Encounter 11/1 and has settled in and is doing well.
- Many birds shifted around with the departure of Dorsey the Yellow Billed Hornbill and the cold weather coming. All birds are doing well in their new homes.

### **Cat Ambassador Program:**

- All animals doing well. Kris cheetah continues her training and has been great so far. She and Remus will be exploring the large yard when we have nice weather but there is no set schedule for them to be out.
- Thanks to Alicia Sampson for filling in as cheetah cub feeder (with Dawn and Michelle) for the new 1.0 cheetah born at the Mast Farm.

### **Primate:**

- 1.2 bonobos Zeke, Kibibi and Kimia successfully crated and transferred to Jacksonville. Big thanks to the JT team, Steph, Matt Spence and Victoria successfully voluntarily crating the primary targets of the smaller younger bonobos. Thanks to the vets for working with the team for our back-up plan B to tranquilize if needed. Once again facilities came through in pre and post transfer work, building and installing crates and helping with the efficient loading. Lisa Sparks and Alex Myrick also came through last minute with some critical assistance as well. All of you guys make this stuff look way, way too easy, when it is not.
- Ndume gorilla continues to make progress on his indoor habitat acclimation. We have been able to open up the viewing sections more.
- Had some significant aggression between the pygmy slow loris during introduction attempts in the small animal cage run at Gorilla World. Wise to have tried it there so we could quickly intervene as needed. Nothing slow about a pygmy slow loris when they want to really move!! Will reassess the plan moving forward.
- Mueller gibbons brought in for the winter. Excellent work by the JT team on this annual tricky job.

### **Reptile:**

- 4 Reindeer arrived the 11<sup>th</sup> and are viewable down in the Safari area.
- On the 9<sup>th</sup> 3.2 Armadillo Lizards were retrieved from Fish and Wildlife after they were confiscated.

### **Animal Excellence:**

- AE Assessment was done on warthog Walter on 11/11.
- David created and distributed a sign-up for the IMLS Logic Model. The logic model will also help to identify various metrics and an evaluation framework for measuring our progress along this 2-year grant. **If you have interest in participating in this process, please sign-up [here](#) by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**
- David, Rhiannon, Bob, Mark C., and Sandy traveled to Colorado during the first week of November for 1 of 2 IMLS “best practices” research trips. Members of the group visited Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and Denver Zoo to learn about their staff culture and animal welfare programs. David, Rhiannon, Bob, and Mark C. also attended the “Implementing Your Animal Wellness Program” workshop at Denver Zoo from November 6-8, 2019. A great week with a lot of insight and ideas to bring back to Cincinnati!
- The AE team continues long-term behavior observations on 1.3 Asian elephants and on 5 species in Night Hunters: potto, ocelot, sand cat, clouded leopard, and caracal.

- Kelly J. distributed the Interpretive flamingo behavior mega-report on to various stakeholders on 11/04.
- Intern project update. Active projects: warthog, Asian elephant, black rhino, greater galago, striped skunk, and CAP ocelot Santos, and NH ocelot Sala. Kelly J. is sending out meeting invites to interns for training on how to analyze data and generate reports.

## Press Releases & Marketing

11/13/2019

Wild Encounters – [Cincinnati.com](#) | [Cincinnati.com video](#)

Bearcat – [Cincinnati.com](#) | [WCPO](#) | [WLWT](#) | [Fox19](#) | [CityBeat](#) | [WVXU](#) |

[Summary of Mediacoverage](#)

Kris & Remus – [Newsweek](#) | [MSN](#) | [Washington Post](#) | [USA Today](#) | [News 18](#) | [Yahoo!](#)

[BoingBoing](#) | [Fox19](#) | [summary of coverage](#)

Hippo – [Social Buzz](#) | [Cincinnati Family Magazine](#)

Kimba Procedure - [WLWT](#) | [CBS News](#) | [CBS Detroit](#)

Giraffe Baby – [WLWT](#) |

Veterans Day – [The Points Guy](#) |

Sumatran Rhino IVF – [Mongabay](#) |

PNC FOL – [Cincinnati.com](#) | [Cincinnati.com 2](#) | [CityBeat](#) | [WKRC](#) | [Dayton.com](#) | [365 Cincinnati](#)

[Fox19](#) | [Cincinnati Magazine](#) | [Summary of Coverage](#)





Tanzi on TV – [Local12](#) |

90 Second Naturalist – [Wood Thrush](#) | [Glyptodon](#) | [The Human Story](#) | [Habitat](#) | [Saving Forests](#)

Blog – [Wetland Restoration](#)

Youtube – [Kris Outside](#) | [Charlotte](#) | [Video Social Narrative](#)

Social Highlights:

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<https://app.betterimpact.com/Organization/Main>

[Zoo Educator Resources - The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden](#)

Or

<http://cincinnatizoo.org/zoo-educator-resources/>

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### **Our Strategic Objective**

To Inspire Every Visitor with Wildlife Every Day

### **Our Mission**

Creating Adventure | Conveying Knowledge | Conserving Nature | Serving Community

## **Our Values & Behaviors**

Collaborative Relationships | Positivity & Energy | Accountability, Mutual Respect & Trust | Progressive Thinking | Pride, Passion & a Sense of Ownership