

# Winged Wonders Open Eyes

**Zoo exhibit features 20 species**

A bevy of beautiful butterflies will flutter by and touch down on visitors this summer at the Oregon Zoo.

Winged Wonders, presented by Meier & Frank, celebrates its grand opening on Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a variety of special activities.

The butterfly garden features more than 20 species of North American butterflies and runs through Labor Day. By mid-summer, the zoo will add a variety of exotic butterflies from around the world.

"The butterflies were such a big hit last summer, we decided to bring them back!" said Tony Vecchio, zoo director. "Visitors were always surprised to be completely immersed in butterflies. It was a wonderful experience."

Grand opening activities will feature fun for all ages. Children can get their face painted and make butterfly finger puppets to take home. Children can also participate in activities like the Flower Game, where they dress up like butterflies and other pollinators and carry "pollen" balls from flower to flower.

Adults can take advantage of the zoo's demonstration garden to learn about attracting butterflies to their garden.

Visitors will follow a winding pathway through flower gardens to the exhibit entrance where they will receive a butterfly identification brochure. Once inside the exhibit, butterflies such as Zebra Swallowtails, Buckeyes and Viceroy's will be the main attraction.

Visitors will meander through beautiful gardens with water features. Some lucky visitors will have butterflies land on them, making this exhibit truly interactive. Lingering areas with benches will allow visitors to sit back and be immersed in a world of winged wonders. Before leaving the main exhibit area visitors can view the life cycle of a butterfly through a pupae display.

An interpretive area will allow visitors to learn more about the butterflies. Interesting, fun hands-on activities also will explain how a butterfly uses its senses of sight, smell and taste.

A new shape-sorter puzzle will demonstrate how butterflies use camouflage to blend into different environments, including tropical forests, alpine meadows and temperate grasslands. The puzzle will also describe basic butterfly needs, no matter what their environment.

The zoo's field conservation projects with endangered Oregon silverspot and Fender's blue butterflies will also be featured. The interactive display will describe how the zoo rears endangered butterflies, as well as explain the life cycle of wild butterflies.



A girl is intrigued by the dynamic colors of an exotic butterfly at the Oregon Zoo.

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The exit area will consist of a butterfly garden stocked with plants native to North America. The flora includes the butterfly bush, cornelian cherry, kinnikinnick, spirea and dogwood, all of which attract butterflies. Here visitors will discover what they can do in their own backyard to create a butterfly-friendly habitat.

"You have to think in terms of plants that will attract butterflies in all stages of their development," remarked Linda Coody Richardson, the zoo's horticultural supervisor. "The caterpillar's plant needs are different from the pupae's, which are different from the butterfly's." The Oregon Zoo and the

American Zoo and Aquarium Association have joined 34 zoos and aquariums from around the country to form the Butterfly Conservation Initiative.

The Initiative is designed to bring government and non-government agencies to aid in the recovery of imperiled North American butterflies. The Oregon Zoo and AZA are committed to butterfly conservation.

A portion of the proceeds from the Oregon Zoo's butterfly exhibit helps support the zoo's butterfly education and con-

servation efforts.

The Oregon Zoo is a service of Metro.

The zoo opens at 9 a.m. daily and is located five minutes from downtown Portland, off Highway 26. The zoo is also accessible by MAX light rail line.

Admission to the butterfly exhibit is \$2 in addition to general zoo admission. General admission is \$8 (12-64), seniors \$6.50 (65+), children \$5 (3-11), and under 3 are free.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the zoo's web site at [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org) or calling 503-226-1561.

# Vancouver Seeks Volunteer Firefighters

The Vancouver Fire Department, in conjunction with Clark County District 5, is accepting applications for volunteer firefighters.

Interested residents who want to learn more about volunteering may attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 N.E. 66 St. in Vancouver.

Applications can be picked up at the Vancouver Fire Department headquarters station, 7110 N.E. 63rd Street, or by downloading an application from [www.vanfire.org](http://www.vanfire.org), or by calling the fire department at 360-892-4323. Deadline for applications is Fri-

day, May 30.

"The Vancouver Fire Department values volunteers and maintains an active volunteer firefighter program," said Ward Knable, training division chief.

He adds that volunteer firefighters deliver an important service to the community and they also build future career skills.

Volunteers participate in a competitive exam process consisting of a written assessment, a rigorous physical agility assessment, background check, and an oral interview process.

Selected individuals are issued uniforms and personal protective gear, and are expected to attend weekly evening training sessions.

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REVIEWS ON EXCITING NEW VEHICLES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MANUFACTURERS

### 2003 HONDA PILOT



Price tested..... \$32,480.00  
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Honda took their time with introducing their Full-size SUV however some things are worth the wait. After driving the Pilot it was clear to me that it was well worth the wait. The amount of attention that I received was amazing. The style of the Honda Pilot is borrowed from the smaller CR-V but with more of an upscale exterior. The interior offers plenty of room for passengers and cargo space. The Pilot offers three rows of seat, however the rear would strictly be for children. It is easily folded up or down. The front console is extra large no more looking for a place to set your purse or day planner. The cup holder can be changed from one compartment to another. Its comes fully loaded with CD, DVD, and power windows and door locks. Even though the Pilot sets a little high but gives the feeling of being a very stable vehicle even while turning. In other SUV's that I have driving I always felt that I was leaning with the vehicle on turns but the Pilot left me stable in the center of the driver seat. The ride compares to that of a midsize vehicle.

The Pilot is a build for every day use. For the mom that seems always to have a couple of extra kids this is a great vehicle. This is the option for those of us that don't want the image of being a mini van mom. I never felt like a mom in this vehicle, it gave me enough style that I felt like I was driving a luxury vehicle. Honda offers a reasonably priced vehicle with exceptionally interior space and good-looking. I believe Honda will due very well with sales once drivers take a test ride.

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