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Zoo Swings into Summer

Special activities fill calendar

The Oregon Zoo's summer season has moved into high gear.

The zoo has an ambitious schedule planned, with a sizzling concert lineup, the return of "Wild Life Live!" shows, a blockbuster dinosaur exhibit, and a variety of educational and conservation-themed exhibits and programs.

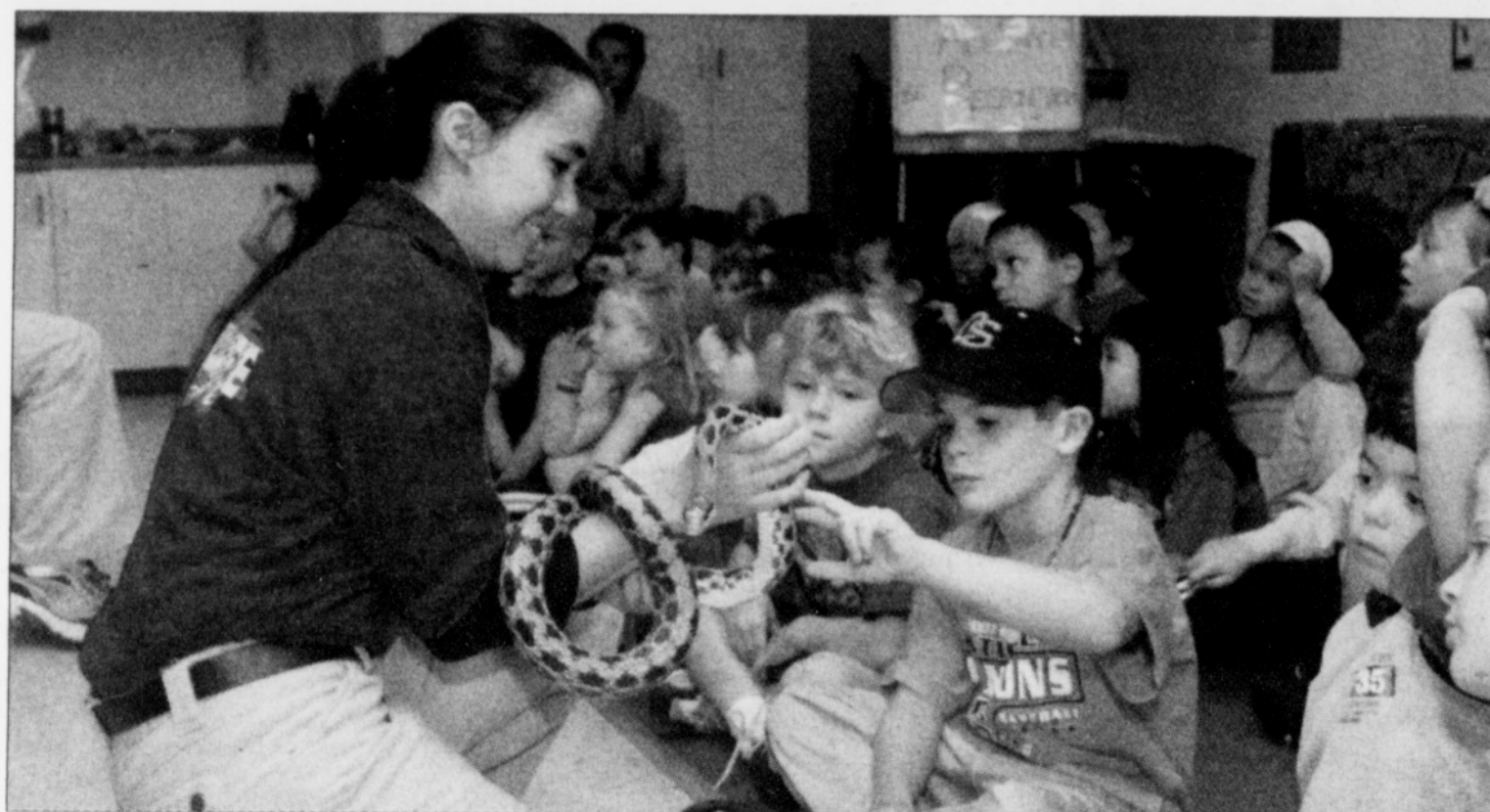
The popular "Wild Life Live!" program, presented by Portland General Electric, features two daily shows, "Predators of the Sky" and "Jungle Journey." Shows highlight some of the zoo's most amazing creatures while encouraging visitors to take action to help conserve wildlife and habitats.

"Predators of the Sky" displays quite graphically that not all meat-eaters live on the ground. Airborne hunters like eagles, hawks and owls

sweep over the audience and demonstrate how they hunt on the wing. This free-flight show complements the zoo's Prehistoric Predators exhibit, highlighting the similarities between modern birds and their prehistoric relatives.

In "Jungle Journey," a humorously adventuresome tourist and tour guide search the rain forest for elusive parrots, encountering many other creatures on the way, including a blue and gold macaw named Pele, Finney the ibis, and Nilda, a prehensile-tailed porcupine.

"Wild Life Live!" shows take place on the concert lawn three times daily — at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. — from June 19 to Sept. 6. Visitors can also "Meet the All-Stars" daily at 3:30 p.m., a chance to see the animals up-close and talk to handlers in an informal setting. Shows will not be performed on concert days, but animals will be on display for an up-close look. All



Students learn about a Taiwan beauty snake from Oregon Zoo conservation educator Tanya Paul. The zoo's popular summer camps return June 21, with programs for children 4 years of age through 8th grade. However, programs are filling quickly, and families should register now to ensure they can take part in the action.

shows are weather permitting.

The Insect Zoo also reopens June 19 with a focus on bugs from around the world. This hands-on exhibit — showcasing invertebrates that share our very own back yards as well as some from far-off lands — will be open daily through Labor Day.

Trillium Creek Family Farm, located in the Great Northwest Exhibit, is hosted solely by ZooTeens. The farm gives visitors of all ages hands-on experience with animals, including a pygmy goat, cows, pigs and other farm animals like rabbits and chick-

ens. In addition to guiding animal experiences, ZooTeens lead guests in a variety of farm-related activities like weaving and spinning. The farm is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Beginning June 19, African pygmy goats are available for petting and grooming at the African Goat Kraal in the Savanna exhibit. The small, lovable creatures are often active and can be seen playing and eating all summer long.

The stars will be out at Steller Cove's tide pool exhibit. Sea stars, crabs and sea cucumbers are among

the many creatures visitors can learn more about. Volunteers will be stationed at the exhibit to give short talks and provide visitors with hands-on contact with biofacts.

Naturalists also roam throughout the zoo daily to answer questions and share information about the animals. Visitors can learn about wolves, cougars, bears and other predators that share the forests of the Pacific Northwest — or explore the wonders of Africa in the Predators of the Serengeti exhibit's Discovery Room.

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