

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Lily, a young Asian elephant calf at the Oregon Zoo, splashes with her big brother, Samudra. Zoo visitors can check on the progress of Lily and the rest of the herd during the zoo's annual Senior Safari on Tuesday, Sept. 17

Free Senior Day at Oregon Zoo

Local seniors can reconnect with wildlife Tuesday, Sept. 17, during Senior Safari, a free day at the Oregon Zoo for anyone 65 or older.

"People often think of the Oregon Zoo as a great place for kids to learn about wildlife — and it is — but it's also a great place for older adults to connect with animals," said Kim Smith, zoo director. "People of all ages love the zoo, and this day has been planned especially for the seniors in our community."

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seniors (who may each bring along one free companion for the day) can pet animals at the Trillium Creek Family Farm, attend animal talks, ride the zoo train and take in a special animal painting demonstration near the picnic shelter. A senior lunch special will be available at the Tiger

Plaza picnic shelter and in zoo restaurants.

The Zoo Store has wheelchairs and electric scooters for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. The supply is limited, so visitors who need wheelchairs are urged to bring their own if possible.

Diversity Films Each Thursday

The Washington State University Vancouver Diversity Council will present its sixth annual film festival over four weeks this month and in October. This year's festival will focus on diversity of faith. All screenings are free and open to the public.

The films will be shown on Thursdays at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12, 19, 26, and Oct. 3.

The first installment "Life of Pi" will be shown at the Kiggins Theatre in Vancouver.

The last three, "Water," "Arranged," and "The Perfect Family," will be shown in order on the WSU Vancouver campus.

The goal of the diversity festival is to select films that encourage and promote awareness of diversity issues both on the WSU Vancouver campus and the world beyond it.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205.



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