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NEW ANIMALS**Births and Hatchings**

- 1 East African crowned crane (gender undetermined) – September 4, 2001
- 2 Male and 1 female African warthogs – October 3, 2001
- 1 Male chimpanzee – October 12, 2001
- 1 Male Malaysian sunbear – October 24, 2001 (The first for this pair!)

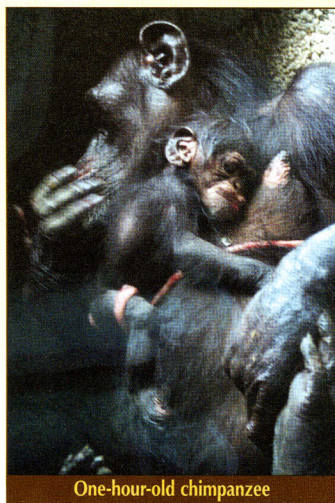
Acquisitions

- 1 Male black-and-white colobus monkey – September 28, 2001
- 1 Female reticulated python – September 30, 2001
- 1 Male and 1 female Arakan forest turtles – October 8, 2001
- 1 Matamata turtle (gender undetermined) – October 13, 2001
- 1 Male and 1 female false gavials (crocodiles) – October 13, 2001
- 2 Female emperor tamarins – October 19, 2001



East African crowned crane

Photo: Dolora Batchelor



One-hour-old chimpanzee

Photo: Barbara Crutchfield



African warthogs with keepers

Photo: Dolora Batchelor

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- To the outgoing members of the ZSF Board of Directors who gave selflessly of their time and services to ZSF and Metrozoo: **Jorge L. Arrizurieta, Sue M. Cobb, Cynthia Curry, David L. Klein and Gonzalo Ruiz.**
- To **Curbside Florist, Broadcast Quality, and Moure Graphic Design, Inc.** for their contributions to the ZSF's annual Board Installation Dinner.
- A great big thank you to **Diana Udel** for providing endless hours of talent and friendship to ZSF and for her invaluable service to the ZSF Board of Directors.
- Our deepest gratitude to **The Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation** for their annual support of ZSF.
- A very big thank you to the **Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs** for its ongoing commitment to ZSF's education programs.
- To **FPL** for its continued support of ZSF and especially to **Manny Rodriguez** for his friendship to the Zoo.
- To **Happy Balloons, Inc.** for the decorations for the Aviary Groundbreaking Ceremony and for the ZSF annual Board Installation Dinner. A special thanks to **Carole Cotton.**
- To **John Seykora** for his long-time support of ZSF's programs and for his involvement in the Board of Trustees.
- A heartfelt thank you to **Libby Madden** for being one of our most devoted friends year after year.
- To **Louis Parks** for your generosity and philanthropy.
- A special thank you to **Miami-Dade County** for its continuing support of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo.
- A special thank you to the **Tropical Flowering Tree Society** and their **volunteers** for developing a landscape design, using the genus **Cassia (Leguminosae)** to accentuate the aesthetics around the eastern section of the lake facing the Lakeside Grille. Ten different species and more than 70 trees were planted on September 15, 2001. The trees when in bloom will create a magnificent panorama of rainbow colors reflected in the tranquil waters of the lake. This was the Tropical Flowering Tree Society's fourth volunteer effort on behalf of Metrozoo.
- To **Verifone** for sponsoring the Howling Bash and **Monika Mucarsel** for making it happen!
- To **Walter Koth** for a generous contribution to ZSF and Miami Metrozoo.
- To the **Wild Bunch members** who made the Howling Bash a tremendous success and **Guillermo Levy** who led the Howling team!
- To **William Rafferty** for his generous contribution to support our education and conservation efforts.



The mind-numbing events of September 11, 2001 renewed our appreciation for things like family, friends, freedom, peace and peacefulness. Metrozoo abounds in these precious assets, and we are grateful for them.

To you our loyal members, whose annual support enables us to prosper and expand our services to the community, thank you! To every individual, corporation and foundation that believed in us enough to contribute financially last year, thank you! To our hard-working staff and volunteer corps, Board of Directors and elected officials who are so dedicated to advancing the work of this institution, thank you! You are the Zoo's precious extended family.

We are grateful to be working for and with the animals. Being around them has a deeply calming effect, especially during these unsettling times. Wendell Berry speaks eloquently of it in *The Peace of Wild Things*:

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Metrozoo is your "wild place." It is a fun, amazing, cheerful, wondrous and peaceful place. I urge you to visit it often this year and enjoy the many positive improvements that are underway.

Thank you all for being there and Happy New Year to each of you.

Sincerely,
Glenn W. Ekey



Executive Director
Zoological Society of Florida



As I write this message, seven staff members from the Zoo and Zoological Society of Florida have just returned from St. Louis, Missouri after attending the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) Annual Conference. This is a very traditional working meeting where a number of short-term and also long-range decisions are made regarding animal collections around the country and the world. Specialists in Marketing, Conservation Education, Fundraising, Communications and Veterinary Care are among the many others that also coordinate their efforts at this meeting.

Because of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001, the last day of the AZA Conference, all remaining working sessions and meetings were cancelled. Everyone was glued to his or her hotel room television and many gathered in the conference banquet rooms to watch the broadcasts together. The staff and volunteers of the St. Louis Zoo, who were ready to do anything, sprang into action to try to get people rides back home, provide an emergency message center, and to coordinate information on local blood drives. Their attention to the visiting zoo professionals and their genuine concern for everyone reinforced to me what I have known for some time: zoo folks are an amazing group of people who are passionate, dedicated and more than willing to go the extra mile when the need arises.

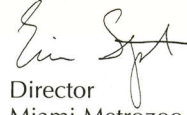
This was evident again upon our arrival home where the aviary demolition work was continuing, Cuban crocodile hatchlings were still swimming in their exhibit with their parents, plans for our aviary groundbreaking were being finalized, and a thousand other projects were being completed.

For many years to come, we will all remember September 11th and the days immediately following. I will also remember the wonderful people from the zoo world, particularly those from St. Louis and Miami.

From all of your friends at Miami Metrozoo, we pledge to work hard to continue to expand your Zoo into a whole new world of experiences. We welcome you, your family and friends to enjoy the wonders of the earth's most fascinating wildlife.

Happy New year!

Sincerely,
Eric Stephens



Director
Miami Metrozoo

2000-2001 ZSF WILDLIFE AMBASSADOR AWARDS

The Zoological Society of Florida is privileged to honor three outstanding long-time supporters of the ZSF, its programs and Miami Metrozoo. It is through the loyalty, financial support and good friendship that the ZSF and Metrozoo have been able to move forward to making Miami Metrozoo a world-class Zoo. We thank you for your support, and look forward to many more years in working together to realize the goals of our Master Plan.



Jerrold Goodman, Ana Palmer (American Express Company), Jane Goodman, Suzette Prude (The John S. & James L. Knight Foundation)

American Express Company

The American Express Company has been a loyal supporter of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo for more than 18 years. The Company created and sponsored ZSF's trademark event, Feast with the Beasts, from 1988-1999 and has been a faithful advocate of ZSF's Education Department sponsoring the Zoo on Wheel's

Outreach program and other educational activities. Thanks to the American Express Company's corporate philanthropy, Miami Metrozoo has reached a level of standard unlike any other zoo in the country.

Jerrold and Jane Goodman

The commitment Jane and Jerry Goodman made to Metrozoo and the Zoo's conservation programs began with a visit to the Zoo 16 years ago to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. Every year since then, they have celebrated their anniversary with a generous sponsorship of Metrozoo's giraffes. The Zoological Society of Florida and Metrozoo have received additional support from the Goodmans for the Koala campaign, An Evening with Richard Leakey, Feast with the Beasts and Ball of the Wild. Jane and Jerry Goodman were among the first members of the Society's Founders Club (1986).

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

For more than a decade and a half, the commitment of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has translated into an outpouring of financial support of the Zoological Society of Florida and Metrozoo, from sponsorships of exhibits to an investment in restoring and replacing signs and graphics destroyed by Hurricane Andrew. Through the Knight Foundation's dedication and generosity, our organization has made implausible strides and has evolved into the world-class Zoo that it is today, with the distinct honor of recently being named one of America's top ten zoos.

Welcome New Board Members

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THE WILD BUNCH

THE HOWLING BASH

On Friday, October 26, untame creatures came out to party wild style at Miami Metrozoo for an unforgettable night of costumes and games. We would like to thank our sponsors and Wild Bunch members who made this a memorable event:

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THE WINGS OF ASIA:

This is the fourth in an on-going series of articles to keep you informed of the creation and development of the American Bankers Family Aviary: The Wings of Asia.

Sultan Tits

By Jeff Sailer, Curator of Birds, Miami Metrozoo

The bird department at Metrozoo is gearing up for the Wings of Asia exhibit and birds are already starting to arrive. In August, the department received several Sultan Tits (*Melanochlora sultanea*), a small rainforest bird from Southeast Asia. We are extremely excited about this first acquisition because Metrozoo is currently the only location in North America where this species is being maintained.

Sultan Tits are the largest and most striking members of the Paridae, the chickadee family. Sultan Tits are nearly the size of a cardinal and have a crest like a cardinal, too. The plumage of the males and females is different. Males are a jet black on the head, breast, wings and tail with a canary yellow crest and belly. The females are a very dark green in the areas where the males would be black, but they still have the crest and yellow belly.

Our Sultan Tits came from Thailand, but the species ranges over much of Southeast Asia including Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. The species is found in the canopy of the rainforest where they search for insects and fruit in small flocks. Very little is known about the natural history of these birds and we are learning new information every day. For example, the males are very vocal and spend most of the day singing



and hopping about their holding enclosure. Females, in contrast, are very quiet and will sit for long periods of time in the foliage.

Females are also the more finicky feeders. Our birds are fed a diet of finely ground trout chow with fruits and vegetables and hard-boiled eggs. In addition, the tits are fed a large number of insects each day including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroaches. For large food items, the tits will grasp the item in one foot and pull the food apart into more manageable pieces with their bills. When the aviary is completed, you will be able to watch the tits as they forage for the even larger variety of insects that the plants in the aviary will attract.

The Sultan Tit has never reproduced in captivity. We are very hopeful that in the Wings of Asia, the Sultan Tits will feel comfortable and secure enough to breed. The information that would be gained by our birds reproducing would greatly contribute to our understanding of this interesting and animated bird.

In addition to the Sultan Tits, other birds have also arrived for the Wings of Asia in recent months including: Luzon Bleeding-heart Doves, Sulawesi Ground Doves, and Sulawesi Collared Mynahs. The birds are definitely back at Metrozoo!

Birds for the Aviary:

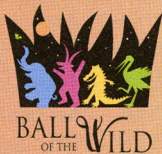
2 Male and 2 female Sultan Tits — August 17, 2001
 2 Male and 2 female Luzon Bleeding Heart Pigeons — September 1, 2001
 1 Male, 1 female Sulawesi Ground Doves (2 gender undetermined) — September 1, 2001

1 Female Sulawesi Collared Mynah — September 28, 2001
 1 Male and 1 female Chestnut-breasted Malkohas — October 3, 2001
 1 Male Sulawesi Mynah — October 3, 2001

Photo: Dolara Batchelor

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Pre-Event Party



More than eighty guests got an early preview of the fun and excitement that will prevail at Ball of the Wild 2002. Thanks to hosts Mike and Constance Fernandez for hosting the party in their home on November 1, 2001.



1. (l-r) Philip Freedman, Constance Tolevich Fernandez, Cesar Alvarez, and Mike Fernandez



2. Jimmy Mourra with Savannah



3. (l-r) Vincent and Shirley Berkeley, Roland & Maria Garcia.



4. (l-r) Sandy Robinson, Robert L. Drew, Constance Tolevich Fernandez, and Todd Payne.



5. (l-r) Silvio & Dee Leal, Claudio and Yvonne Alvarez, Constance Tolevich Fernandez

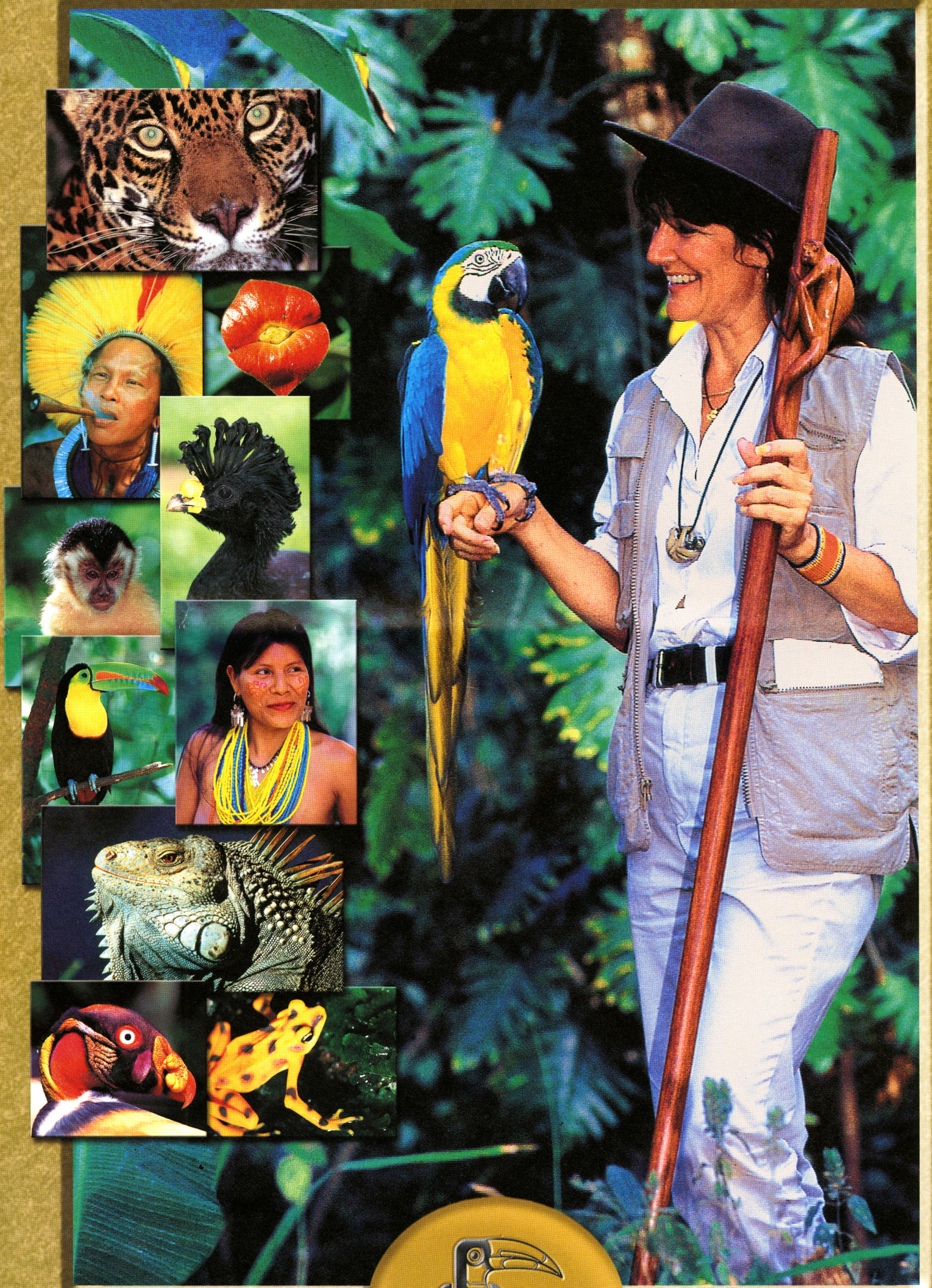


Saturday,
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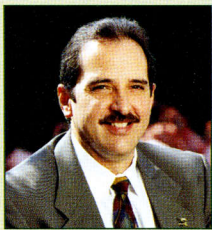
We thank everyone listed here, as well as so many of you who have contributed in other ways.

Dear Members and Friends of the Zoological Society of Florida:

It is my great pleasure to present the Zoological Society of Florida's 2000-2001 Annual Report, providing an overview of the past year's exciting achievements.

This past year has been a banner one for the Zoological Society of Florida in many respects; the most notable being the opening of Dr. Wilde's World, the Zoo's first indoor air-conditioned exhibition gallery and classroom complex. Thanks to the generosity of our friends, many wonderful things have been accomplished.

To all of you I say thank you for having the vision, commitment and dedication to our great cause.



Sincerely,

Dan Licciardi
President
Zoological Society of Florida

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- Carnival Cruise Lines Kids
- Lennar
- Intergenerational
- Internship with Miami-Dade Public Schools
- KAPOW - Kids and the Power of Work
- Zoodler Academy
- Zoo Magnet

October, 2000:

- MetroBOO!

November - December, 2000:

- Miami International Festival of Lights at Metrozoo
- New exhibit: squirrel monkeys
- Winter Camp
- New attraction animal: female Asian elephant, "Nellie"

January, 2001:

- Kid's Fun Fest
- New exhibit: Cuban crocodile

February, 2001:

- Jungle Jog 5K Run and Fun Walk
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- Successful first clutch of eggs: crocodile monitor

March, 2001:

- Ball of the Wild: "Out of Africa"
- Pine Rockland eco-tours/education programs

April, 2001:

- The Great Metrozoo Egg Safari
- Earth Day
- Inauguration: The Wild Bunch Young Professionals Club - community service fundraising arm of the ZSF

May, 2001:

- Expanded animal feedings/keeper talks
- Third Annual Big Bug Out
- Mother's Day at the Zoo

June, 2001:

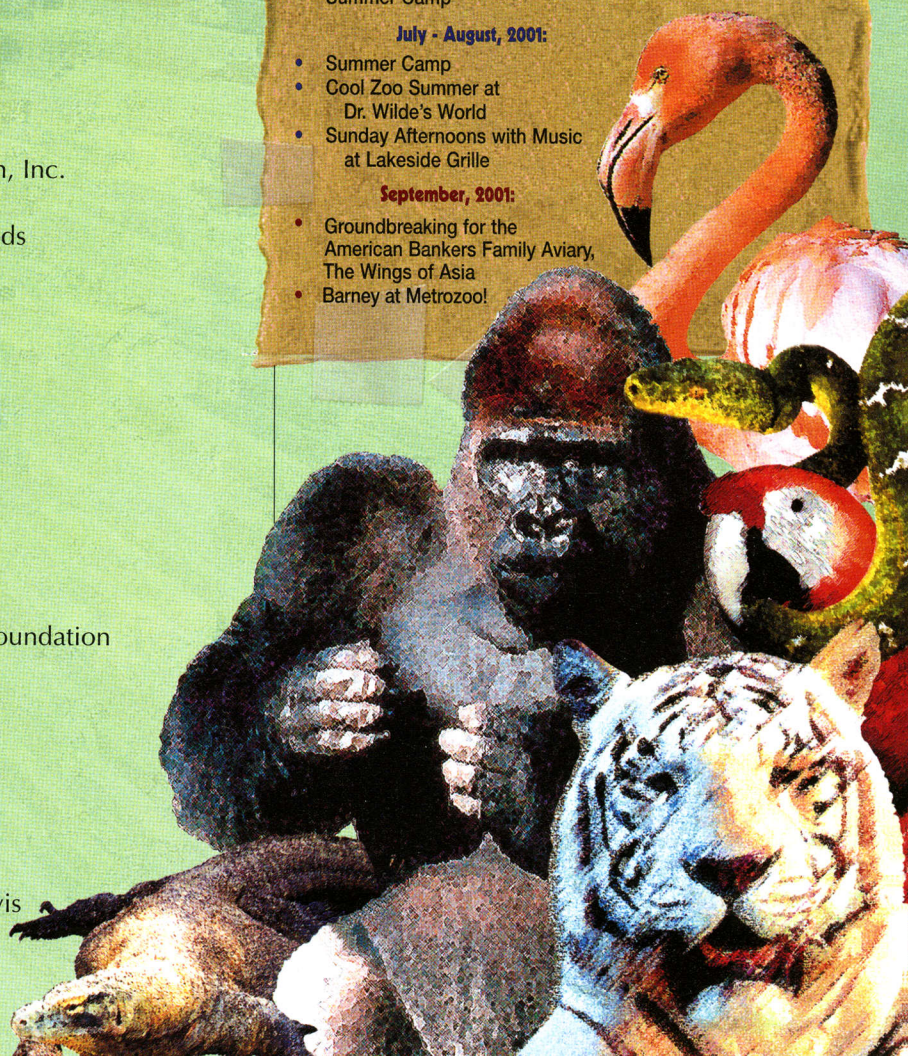
- Grand Opening of Dr. Wilde's World
- Father's Day at the Zoo
- Summer Camp

July - August, 2001:

- Summer Camp
- Cool Zoo Summer at Dr. Wilde's World
- Sunday Afternoons with Music at Lakeside Grille

September, 2001:

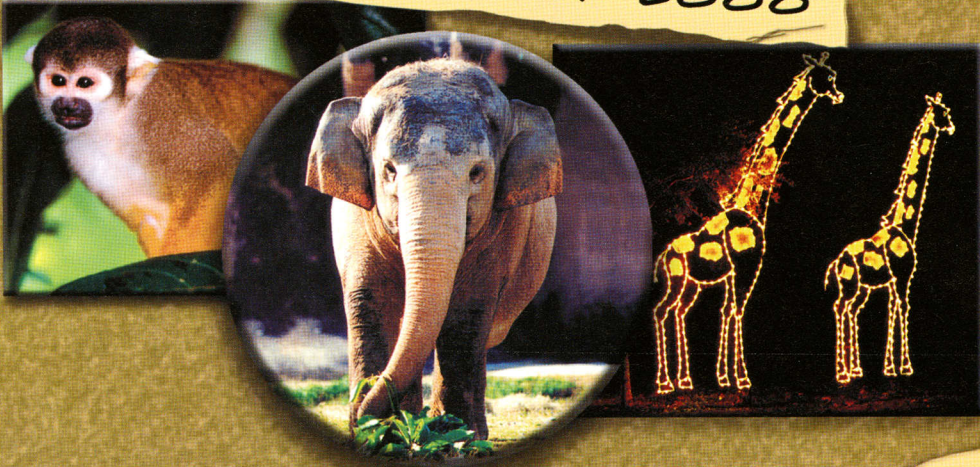
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Zoodler Academy



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Bring your little one to our popular toddler program! Zoodler Academy provides a safe and friendly environment for small children to meet animals and learn about nature. The program includes a story, craft project, touch table, and live animals.

Dates:
2-3-year-olds

- Tuesday, January 8: *The Great Kapok Tree*
- Tuesday, January 15: *If You Give A Pig a Pancake*
- Tuesday, January 22: *The Icky Sticky Anteater*
- Tuesday, January 29: *Let's Take Care of the Earth*
- Tuesday, February 5: *Aesop's Fables - The Lion and The Mouse*
- Tuesday, February 12: *My Animal Valentine*
- Tuesday, February 19: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
- Tuesday, February 26: *Animals In the Forest*

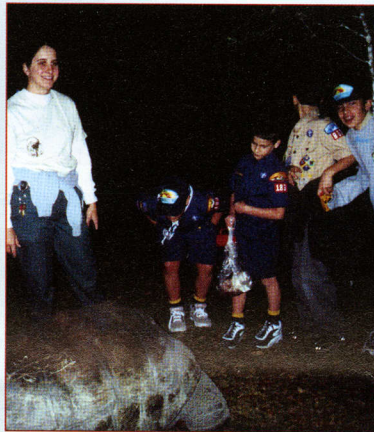
Dates:
3-4-year-olds

- Thursday, January 10: *The Great Kapok Tree*
- Thursday, January 17: *If You Give A Pig a Pancake*
- Thursday, January 24: *The Icky Sticky Anteater*
- Thursday, January 31: *Let's Take Care of the Earth*
- Thursday, February 7: *Aesop's Fables - The Lion and The Mouse*
- Thursday, February 14: *My Animal Valentine*
- Thursday, February 21: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
- Thursday, February 28: *Animals In the Forest*

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cost: Members: One Adult and One Child: \$10.00
 Additional Children: \$4.00 each
 Non-Members: One Adult and One Child: \$12.00
 Additional Children: \$6.00 each
 Alumni of Zoodler Academy's 2000-2001 season receive a \$2.00 discount.

Zoo-Inn

Bring your scout group, youth group, or biology class to spend the night! In this sleepover program, you'll have a



behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark, a morning animal presentation, and more. Available for adults and children six years and over. Price includes a T-shirt, badge, two meals, and one snack.

Dates: Program offered Fridays and Saturdays throughout the school year.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$42.00 per person.

Minimum group size: 15

Maximum group size: 30

Have A Wild Wonderful Winter At Zoo Camp!

Join us this holiday season on a fun-filled adventure as we learn about the incredible variety of animal sizes, shapes, and patterns. Campers will explore animals' skeletons, and their furry, feathery, or scaly "wrappers." In this unique program, your child will literally learn the "ins and outs" of Zoo animals!

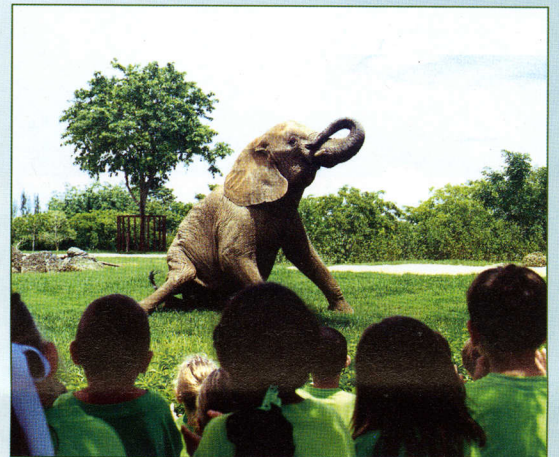
Ages: 4 - 11 years old

Dates: December 26 - 28, January 2 - 4

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (early drop-off is at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: In the classrooms at Dr. Wilde's World

Cost: Members \$130.00
 Non-members \$150.00



Pre-registration is required for all programs.

Zoological Society of Florida All-Program Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Are you a ZSF Member? Yes ___ No ___ Membership # _____
 Payment Enclosed: Check # _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ AMEX _____ Credit # _____ Expiration Date _____
 Customer Signature: _____ Total Camp or Program Fee: \$ _____

Participant Information

Parent/ Guardian's Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____ Age/Grade of Child _____
 Program: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____

Campers Only/Camper's Medical Information

Physician's Name _____ Phone: _____ Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____

In an emergency, if the parent, guardian, or designated physician/dentist cannot be reached, I authorize the Zoological Society of Florida to transport and/or obtain medical services from any physician/dentist for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Please indicate any medical conditions or health problems of which the Camp staff should be aware. Please describe: (if you require further space, please use a separate sheet of paper):

Allergies _____ Handicap _____ Prescribed Medications _____ Other _____

(Your signature below gives permission to Camp staff to dispense only required medications you send with your child. Please provide the prescribed container, paraphernalia necessary for taking medications, and explicit instructions on a separate sheet of paper.)

Name of Person(s) Who Will Pick Up the Child

Name _____ Relationship _____ Second name _____ Relationship _____ Phone# _____

Vehicle Information: Make _____ Color _____ Tag # _____ 2nd Vehicle: _____ Color _____ Tag # _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Zoological Society of Florida camp or other program as indicated above. I have read the registration and medical sections and have supplied accurate information. My child can be photographed and his/her picture used for public relations purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, and registration cannot be processed unless this form is completely filled out.

For reservations, call (305) 255-5551 and mail registration form to Zoological Society of Florida/Education Department, 12400 S. W. 152nd St, Miami, FL 33177-1499 or fax to (305) 255-7126.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY MEETS MIAMI METROZOO

Through a Special Pine Rockland Program and a Wild Night Evening

By Lily M. R. Forni, Recreation Specialist



On Wednesday, September 12, 2001, a group of twelve children and two adults from the Children's Home Society came to Metrozoo to learn about the pine rockland habitat as well as some of our Zoo animals like lions, tigers and bears. The group spent nearly five hours learning in an up-close-and-personal manner in a classroom, among the pines, and behind-the-scenes at several live animal exhibits.

In preparation for the field experience, the group studied twelve pineland plants, including a few considered dangerous, such as saw palmetto, poisonwood, and prickly pear. In the safety of the classroom, the group enjoyed learning about these tropical and sub-tropical plants. This knowledge evolved into an understanding and respect for the importance and power of local pine rockland plants.

Hiking along our pineland trail, the group worked in pairs with pencils, index cards, and reference materials, carefully identifying the numbered subject plants, and experiencing the wild habitat all around them. This pine rockland sits high on the Miami Rock Ridge and is but a fragment of the original 4,000 acres that once existed in Miami-Dade County. It includes land in Larry and Penny Thompson Park, our neighboring U. S. Coast Guard and the Zoo. This stand of 850 acres is called the Richmond Pineland, and is the largest tract of pine rockland in the county.

Historically, the pine rockland has been home to a wide variety of animals. For instance, the sulfur, monarch and gulf fritillary butterflies, gopher tortoises, eastern indigo and red rat snakes were all common at one time. Black bears, gray foxes, bobcats, and even Florida panthers once roamed the pine rocklands in large numbers. In

the slash pines, tall snags and their under-story, a wide variety of hawks, owls, woodpeckers, warblers, and sparrows also make their homes.

Once again in the classroom, the group discussed diagrams of

the geologic processes that formed the oolitic limestone of the Miami Rock Ridge, and then prepared for the behind-the-scenes portion of the program. The group had pizza and soda to build up energy reserves for the remainder of their time at the Zoo. There would be a significant amount of hiking yet to come, but their enthusiasm for striking out again was high, and carried them well into the balmy evening.

For the next two and a half hours, Zookeeper Chris Taylor led the group on a tour of exotic Zoo animals in their own night houses. Details were flowing freely about size, weight, lifespan, diet, special adaptations and their usual behavior. Bengal tigers and African lions mesmerized the group. A moment was taken to stop at the aviary site to point out where construction on the Zoo's newest and biggest exhibit is imminent. Next, Dahlip, an Asian elephant, was thrilled to have a branch of an umbrella tree as a treat. He ate the woody part first and saved the luscious leaves for last. Dromedary and bactrian camels were happy to see their visitors and to snack on the carrots that they brought along. The sloth bears sucked up grapes like natural dust busters. The group loved the swooshing sound as the grapes disappeared, one by one. The highlight of the evening was a visit to the Indian rhinoceros night house. Behind-the-scenes, we waited in the dark so Chris could let BJ, the Indian rhinoceros, know that people were near his space. Silently, each member of the group lined up to receive a carrot from Chris, and then stepped closer to hand-feed the huge rhino. This was truly an unforgettable moment for those who attended this Wild Night program.

The Children's Home Society of Florida was chartered in 1902, and helped establish the Child Welfare League of America. Early years were mostly focused on serving the large number of local orphans and the development of the American Children's Home. Over time, their services expanded to meet a myriad of social challenges. Today, the Society and the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services work together in partnership, providing child abuse prevention, crisis intervention, emergency shelter care, specialized group care, adoption, foster care for children with AIDS, working with drug-addicted mothers and their children toward recovery, and case management and support services for the emotionally disturbed. Their mission is "to provide effective solutions to build and support healthy families for Florida's children." Participants of the Children's Home Society attended these two pine rockland workshops and the Wild Nights program through the support of Miami-Dade County.



Photos: Lily M.R. Forni

Radio Disney's Birthday Bash at the Zoo

Sunday, January 20, 2002
12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Come celebrate two years of Disney magic! Pajama Jen and the Radio Disney Fun Squad will be celebrating Radio Disney AM 990's second birthday right here at Miami Metrozoo. There will be all kinds of awesome games, musical and variety acts on stage, contests, prizes and other exciting interactive entertainment.



Start the week with an invigorating 5K (3.1 miles) run among the animals at Metrozoo. For serious runners this is an USATF certified course. Be warned! It will be hard to run and not be tempted to stop and observe our wonderful animal ambassadors from around the world.

A fun walk will follow five minutes after the race. Entertainment from the animals is a sure bet.

All participants are welcome to wear animal costumes.

After the run/walk, runners and walkers are encouraged to catch your breath and enjoy breakfast, music and the Zoo.

COURSE: 5000 meters inside Miami Metrozoo, by beautiful exhibits and refreshing misters.

TIME: Registration: 6:00 a.m. • 5K Race: 8:00 a.m. • 5K Fun Walk: 8:05 a.m.

FEE: 5K Race & Fun Walk: Pre-registration \$20.00
Day-of race Registration: \$25.00 • ChampionChip owners: Deduct \$2.00

Zoo Admission: Free to all Jungle Jog participants and their families until 9:00 a.m. the day of the race.

Valentine's Day Pineland Hike-for Adults

Date: Thursday Feb. 14, 2002

Time: 5:00 p.m. sharp to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Members: \$12.00 per Adult • Non-members \$14.00 per Adult Adults only

Give a special valentine surprise to your nature lover! In the late afternoon we will hike into the pineland, discover its unique ecology, and enjoy a gourmet snack. We'll gaze at the night sky with its young moon and its ancient myths, viewing through powerful telescopes. Wear sturdy shoes; the road is rocky!

METROBOO...TREATS FOR ALL!



Become more involved in your Zoo: VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers contribute in many different ways. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, come to one of our upcoming Open Houses. For dates and times, call the Volunteer Services Office at (305) 255-5551, ext. 124.

The Sights, Sounds and Sizzling Samba Spirit of Brazil's Carnival Come Alive at Miami Metrozoo's



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Saturday, March 2

Colorful costumes, samba dancers and high-energy rhythms, all add up to the excitement of Brazil's world famous Carnival, the inspiration for Miami Metrozoo's 2002 *Ball of the Wild*, the moonlight gala hosted by the Zoological Society of Florida. The annual event, which will be held from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, is Metrozoo's largest fundraiser and South Florida's premier social event, drawing more than 600 party animals from Palm Beach to South Dade.

"Carnival is a celebration of life and the perfect backdrop for an evening that supports our world-class Zoo," said **Constance Tolevich Fernandez, 2002 Ball Chairperson**. Guests will stroll through Dr. Wilde's World, among stilt walkers and flag dancers, in a "street-party" atmosphere, while sipping exotic cocktails made with **Matusalem Rum**. A creatively choreographed culinary experience by **Lasso the Moon** will add to the authentic Brazilian flavor of the evening. After dinner, a samba band will lead guests to the stage for a night of spectacular live entertainment coordinated by **Gina Martell, Love 94 DJ** and Ball of the Wild committee member. Zoo favorites, including "King George" the Cheetah, will be on stage with emcee **Ron Magill**, Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador.

New to this year's *Ball of the Wild* is a fast-paced live auction, featuring such sought-after items as a 15-day voyage around the French and Italian Riviera aboard **ResidenSea's The World**, the first ocean-going luxury resort community. The trip, valued at **\$35,000**, departs from Cannes and visits nine exotic ports-of-call, including Monte Carlo, St. Tropez, Portofino and the Island of Capri. A one-year lease on a **2002 Land Rover**, provided by **Land Rover of South Dade**, voted the *best Land Rover dealership in the United States*, will also be auctioned live during the evening. An auctioneer from **Christie's** will help Metrozoo bring in top dollars. A silent auction, rich with weekend trips, dinners at Miami's best restaurants and fine jewelry, will give guests another opportunity to support **Metrozoo**.

Created three years ago by **Jennifer Getz**, president-elect of the Zoological Society of Florida's Board of Directors, *Ball of the Wild* supports a variety of Zoo programs, including conservation, education, marketing and advancement. *Ball of the Wild 2002* is presented by **Claudia and Alan Potamkin**. Sponsors include **Equitable Mortgage, Matusalem Rum, Land Rover of South Dade and ResidenSea**.

Tables of 10 are \$10,000 and \$5,000. For more information about *Ball of the Wild* or to make reservations, call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit www.zsf.org.

Live Music On Sundays

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For your relaxation and entertainment, we are pleased to bring you a variety of live musical performances on Sundays at the Lakeside Grille.



SPECIAL OFFER

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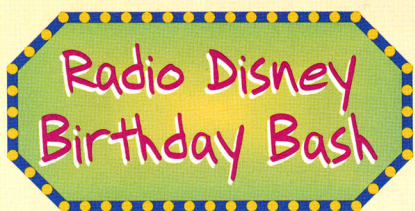
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WITH PURCHASE OF
\$20.00 OR MORE**

*Offer valid until February 28, 2002, a \$12.50 value, while supplies last.

ZOO CALENDAR

Events and dates are subject to change.

JANUARY 2002



Sunday 20

Live Music on Sundays at Lakeside Grille
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2002

HUMANA JUNGLE JOG
5K RUN & FUN WALK

Sunday 10



MARCH 2002



BALL OF THE WILD

Saturday 2

THE GREAT METROZOO
EGG SAFARI

Sunday 31



APRIL 2002



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
AT METROZOO

Sunday 21

MAY 2002

Fourth Annual
BIG BUG OUT
Saturday 4 - Sunday 5



Bring Mom to the Zoo
on Mother's Day

Sunday 12

JUNE 2002

SUMMER
ZOOFARI CAMP

June 18 - August 17



ENJOY FATHER'S DAY
AT THE ZOO

Sunday 16

JULY 2002

COOL ZOO SUMMER

Dr. Wilde's World and Summer Camp

July - August

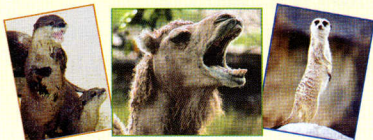


AUGUST 2002

SEPTEMBER 2002

COME SEE THE
KEEPER TALKS

Daily, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



ENJOY
GRANDPARENTS'
DAY AT THE ZOO

Sunday 8



OCTOBER 2002

MetroBoo!

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27



NOVEMBER 2002



Damien Kong
Jamaican
Iguana
Fundraiser

TBA

The Zoo will be open on
Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, 22

DECEMBER 2002

CELEBRATE
THE HOLIDAYS AT
METROZOO

TBA



For information on any of these events, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305)255-5551

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