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El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Hosting a Party for the Planet

Celebrate Our Earth with Family Activities

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens is hosting a “Party for the Planet” by celebrating wildlife, conservation, and Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12.

The unique event celebrates Earth Day, Endangered Species Day, and World Ocean Day with exciting activities that connect visitors to nature. The educational, family-friendly event will be full of activities where guests can enjoy interactive discovery stations, animal encounters and entertainment in the Wildlife Amphitheater.

“This event brings together our education and conservation partners from across the City,” said El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens Zoo Education Programs Manager Rick LoBello. “Party for the Planet helps to inspire and motivate El Pasoans to make a difference in their daily lives to help our community get involved with local, regional and international conservation efforts. It also helps to showcase the commitment and passion people who come to the Zoo have in wanting to support the zoo and our efforts to save endangered species and their related habitats.”

In addition, guests can enjoy entertainment from the El Paso Symphony Orchestra’s Tocando Music Project and dance group Compañía Cultural.

Various educational partners from around the City will be part of Party for the Planet including the 915 Tree Keepers, Chamizal National Memorial, Chihuahuan Desert Climate Cooperative, Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition, Heart Gallery of El Paso, Franklin Mountains State Park, Tech2o, Frontera Land Alliance and many more.

Party for the Planet is a nationwide celebration of Earth Day, Endangered Species Day, and World Ocean Day. The largest combined celebration of these days in North America.

More information on Party for the Planet and other programs provided by El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens can be found at www.ElPasoZoo.org.

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