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Santa Claus Returns to the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens Visit is Part of the WinterFest Season

EL PASO, Texas—As part of the WinterFest season and ahead of his visit around the world, Santa Claus is making a special visit to the El Paso Zoo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21.

Santa's Zoo visit gives residents another wild opportunity to see the jolly, holiday celebrity up close and personal. Santa invites families to check out the activity booths, music, and more fun.

"It will be a nostalgic experience for our visitors with Santa spreading some holiday cheer," said El Paso Zoo Interim Director Gary Lunsford. "It's about bringing people together in a fun setting, knowing that their visit helps reach our mission to care for wildlife and inspire conservation action."

The Kalahari building will be transformed to a Winter Wonderland where guests can stroll through new light displays and interactive experiences that bring the season's sparkle to life.

More information on Santa at the Zoo and all the programs and events put together by the El Paso Zoo is available at www.ElPasoZoo.org.

About the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens spans 35 acres and is home to over 220 animal species, including many that are critically endangered. The El Paso Zoo celebrates the value of animals and natural resources. It creates opportunities for people to rediscover their connection to nature. For more information, visit www.ElPasoZoo.org.

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