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El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Invites Community to Explore Wildlife During August Events Highlight Conservation & Animal Awareness

EL PASO, Texas—From fascinating tarantulas to endangered orangutans, the El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens invites the community to discover the wonders of wildlife through two fun and educational events this August.

Visitors of all ages can meet Zoo experts, learn fascinating animal facts, and explore how they can help protect wildlife around the globe through two special conservation-themed celebrations.

“Every visit to the Zoo is an opportunity to discover something new and develop a deeper appreciation for wildlife,” said El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Director Gary Lunsford. “Whether you are learning about one of the world’s largest spiders or watching our orangutans, we hope these experiences inspire guests to explore, ask questions, and become champions for conservation.”

National Tarantula Appreciation Day **Saturday, August 8 | 2 p.m.**

Tarantulas may look intimidating, but they’re among nature’s most fascinating creatures. Celebrate National Tarantula Appreciation Day by getting an up-close look at these incredible arachnids while Zoo Keepers share fun facts about their behaviors, adaptations, and important role in healthy ecosystems.

International Orangutan Day **Sunday, August 16 | 12:30 p.m.**

Celebrate one of the world’s most intelligent and endangered primates during International Orangutan Day. Guests will learn about orangutan conservation, the threats facing their rainforest homes, and discover that the word orangutan means “person of the forest.”

During each event, Zoo Keepers and Education staff will host interactive animal chats, answer questions, and share ways visitors can help protect wildlife and their habitats. Guests will leave with a greater understanding of animal behavior, biodiversity, and everyday actions that can make a positive impact on conservation.

The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens is open daily from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and is home to hundreds of animals representing species from around the world. Throughout August, the Zoo invites the community to explore, learn, and connect with wildlife through unforgettable experiences for the whole family. Visit the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens at ElPasoZoo.org for more information.

About the El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens

The El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens is home to hundreds of animals representing species from around the world and is committed to conservation, education, exceptional animal care, and creating meaningful experiences that inspire visitors of all ages.

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