

Keeper Talks and Demos Winter 2011/2012

Orangutan Demonstrations

When: Daily, 11:00 a.m. (Available if the orangutans are unable to do their outside "Orangutans are Awesome" natural behavior show)

Where: Primate World

What: If the weather won't allow the orangutans to do their natural behavior show outside, stop by to see them staying sharp with a variety of enrichment items or a painting demonstration.

Snow Leopard Enrichment Demonstration

When: Fridays, 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Where: Snow Leopard Exhibit

What: Our Animal Care Staff works hard to keep our cats active and thinking. Come watch the leopards interact with our staff or some fun enrichment items.

Related Web Sites: <http://www.snowleopard.org/>

Amur Tiger Enrichment Demonstration

When: Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Where: Amur Tiger Exhibit

What: Our Animal Care Staff works hard to keep our cats active and thinking. Come watch the leopards interact with our staff or some fun enrichment items.

Related Web Sites: <http://amur-leopard.org/index.php?pg=1271755800>, www.21stcenturytiger.org

Amur Leopard Enrichment Demonstration

When: Sundays, 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Where: Amur Leopard Exhibit

What: Our Animal Care Staff works hard to keep our cats active and thinking. Come watch the leopards interact with our staff or some fun enrichment items.

Related Web Sites: <http://www.amur-leopard.org/>

Hippo Training Demonstration and Keeper Talk

When: Daily, 2:00 p.m.

Where: Aquatics building, at hippos

What: Are hippos smart? You be the judge. Come see our Animal Care Staff train and practice various interactive exercises with the hippos.

Animal Feeding Shows

Grizzly Bear Enrichment Feeding and Demo

When: Daily, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, at grizzly bear viewing

What: Come get an up close view of our Grizzly Bears. Stop by to check out what new behaviors the boys are learning. On Tuesdays and Thursdays see them playing with enrichment made to bring out the best in our bears.

Related website: http://www.npca.org/wildlife_protection/wildlife_facts/grizzly.html

Monkey Pavilion Training Demo

When: Daily, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Monkey Pavilion (Animal Care Staff may be indoors or outdoors)

What: Come watch as our Animal Care Staff teach the resident primates some cool new behaviors. From swinging to leaping, you will be amazed at what these primates can do.

African Bird Feeding and Keeper Talk

When: Daily, 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Where: African Rift Valley, in the Giraffe statue entry plaza

What: Learn more about some of our African bird species as you watch them eat their lunch. You may even catch a sneak peek at some of our Animal Care Staff working on new behaviors.

Moose Feeding and Keeper Talk

When: Sunday - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, at moose

What: Let us introduce you to "Tahoma", our resident moose. Join our Animal Care Staff to learn about the largest member of the deer family.

Otter Feeding

When: Wednesday - Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, at otters

What: Our aquatic acrobats will amaze you as they look for an underwater mid-morning snack. Animal Care Staff will be on hand to share just how outstanding otters are.

Wolf Feeding and Keeper Talk

When: Daily, 2:30 p.m. (weather permitting)**Note:** Time changed to 2:15pm from 3/24/2012 on.

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, at Wolf Woods

What: Catch a glimpse of the elusive Mexican grey wolf. This afternoon feeding is a great time to see one of the rarest animals in North America.

Related website: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/>

Mountain Lion Enrichment Feeding and Talk

When: Daily, 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, at mountain lions

What: Let our Animal Care Staff introduce you to Colorado's big cat. Through interacting with enrichment, from bones to papier-mâché, we hope you will gain an appreciation for how well mountain lions are adapted to their mountain home.

Natural Behavior Animal Shows

The colder weather is coming! Please note the updated schedule of our Natural Behavior Shows. Winter is a great time for our animals to learn new behaviors with their Animal Care Staff members. As the shows wrap-up for winter be sure to look at our training demonstration schedule and stop by to see if you can get a sneak peek at what cool new behaviors our animals are practicing.

Loft Show

When: Daily, 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Where: Rocky Mountain Wild, the Loft on the west side of The Lodge at Moose Lake

Message: How does a Raven build her nest? Can an opossum really balance on something as thin as a rope? Are Barn Owls really silent when they fly? Stop by the Loft and see if you can find the answers to these questions and more.

Related Web Sites: <http://www.epa.gov/kids> ,
<http://library.thinkquest.org/6076/New%20Pages/KidsDoIntro.html> , <http://birdwebsite.com/backyard.htm>

Orangutans are Awesome!

When: Daily, 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting, if show is canceled due to weather see the information under Animal Demos)

Where: Primate World orangutan exhibit

Message: Have you ever thought about why orangutans have such huge hands? Come see just how "handy" they are as our orangutans share how some of their cool adaptations help them live in the rainforest. Find out how you can help make sure orangutans are around for years to come by learning about palm oil and how it affects their habitat. We think that by the end of the show you'll agree that orangutans are awesome!

Related Web Sites: <http://www.cmzoo.org/conservation/palmOilCrisis/>, <http://www.rspo.org>,
<http://www.forests4orangutans.org/>, <http://www.sumatranorangutan.org/>, <http://www.hutan.org.my>

Wings of Africa

When: Saturday and Sundays through the end of September, 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Where: African Rift Valley, in the Giraffe statue entry plaza

Note: Check the dry erase board by the Baobab tree for additional information on happenings in African Rift Valley.

Message: Did you know that birds play a beneficial role in the environments all over the world? Meet six of our African bird species and see fun natural behaviors while learning how they help out around our planet. You may even learn some differences you can make right in your own backyard.

Related Web Sites: <http://www.nwf.org/backyard/index.cfm>, <http://www.birdsareforwatching.org>,
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/FEATURE/backyard/wildhab.html> , <http://www.parrots.org>,

Treetop Acrobats

When: Saturday and Sundays through the end of September, 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Where: African Rift Valley, Colobus Monkey Exhibit, next to the view tower and elevator

Note: Check the dry erase board by the Baobab tree for additional information on happenings in African Rift Valley.

Message: Colobus monkeys are a unique and amazing primate. Come watch as our Colobus troop shows off some of their amazing tree-top acrobatic skills.

Related Web Sites: <http://www.colobustrust.org> , <http://colobus.wildlifedirect.org/2008/06/25/claires-blog> ,
<http://www.kenyabeach.com/colobus.html>