

A close-up photograph of a red panda with reddish-brown fur and white markings on its face and chest. The panda is perched on a wooden structure, looking towards the camera. The background is filled with green foliage.

**WILDLIFE
SAFARI**

**Annual Report
2021–2022**

From the Director



I'd like to take a few minutes to share my appreciation for all the support given to Wildlife Safari from our guests and donors. Safari is a unique experience for thousands of individuals from around the world. During times of trouble, whether it be financial or physical, time with animals is always the cure.

Upgrades to the park not only provide a wonderful experience to the public but ultimately enhance the safety and care of all our animals. These upgrades are only possible through the generosity of our donors. This year we were able to completely renovate our lion huts, add hydraulic gates to our elephant barn, and upgrade a massive amount of perimeter

fencing throughout the drive thru. We also completed a number of major projects in the Safari Village, including new sidewalks and updated enclosures for our smaller animals to provide a safer and more comfortable environment for them to live in.

I would really like to invite you to the park to come see our new upgrades and participate in new animal encounters. We and the animals are looking forward to seeing all of you at the park this next year.

Thank you again for all of the wonderful support.

Dan Van Slyke
Executive Director, Wildlife Safari

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A New Home for Bandit

Bandit is our 13 year old American badger and has lived at the park for over 10 years. Badgers are known for their intelligence and ferocity. In the wild, they are apex predators that have been seen chasing off bears. Rescued by a family in Eastern Oregon and then later donated to Wildlife Safari, Bandit has been raised by humans since he was a cub. He is a unique individual as we are able to work hands on with him and feature him in our on site and off site educational programs. For the past decade, Bandit lived behind the petting zoo and the only way the public was able to see him was during walks in the Safari Village; or when he was digging in his Village dig box.

Through generous donations from the Cow Creek Foundation, Pacific Power Foundation, Keith and Donna Eibel, and others, Bandit has a new upgraded habitat! Located at Raptor Ridge, his new area is not only larger but also viewable to the public! Being a fossorial species, badgers have 3 inch nails and live life in burrows underground. The entirety of his new habitat is covered in soil, which means that he has more digging opportunities and park guests love watching him dig!



In the wild, American badgers spend their winter months in torpor - a type of pseudo hibernation where they become less active to save energy. This is exactly what Bandit is practicing at the moment. While he is currently spending most of his time in his house, sleeping in his hay, come Spring he will be up, active and ready for Village walks! If you would like to see him in his new habitat, jump on our train and keep an eye out for his head peeking out of his house as you enter Raptor Ridge!

Safari's Newest Additions

This was a very big year with our Sumatran tigers! Phoebe, one of our 2021 cubs turned 1 year old on July 11th and is now the same size and weight as her mom Riya. Adult female Sumatran tigers can weigh anywhere from 160-220 pounds. In addition to Phoebe's milestone birthday, Wildlife Safari has also had the privilege of having another litter of Sumatran tigers born to mother Kemala and father Dumai! This litter of two females were born late in the night of October 29th, 2022. Not only is it exciting for the park to have more cubs, but it is also a very large step in the role of conservation for the Sumatran tiger species. Unfortunately, Sumatran tigers are critically endangered as less than 400 individuals remain in the wild. There are a variety of conservation efforts being made in an attempt to save the species from extinction including educating the public on the palm oil trade, working to decrease the number of individual tigers being poached, and creating a genetically valuable population in zoos. With there being such a small population size in the wild, these two litters born in the last two years make a large impact in worldwide tiger conservation.

Sumatran tigers are the smallest subspecies of tigers left in the wild and are also the most orange/black contrasting and have the highest number of stripes. Tigers have what are called "true stripes" meaning that their stripes go all the way down to their skin and therefore stay the same throughout their lifetime. A tiger's stripe pattern is unique to each individual and is one of the ways to identify one versus another, even as cubs. Wildlife Safari's newest litter of cubs are already easily identifiable with not only their stripes but personalities as well. Currently, their favorite activities consist of wrestling with one another, batting mom's tail around, taking multiple short "cat naps", and learning to climb small logs in their outdoor enclosure!



By the Numbers



108

Staff



200,996

Visitors



7,666

Students reached



56

Animals born



18,776

Volunteer hours



92

Species



578

Animals in
the Park



230,000

Social media followers



158

Animals acquired



\$400,534

Raised for the new
Long Neck Lodge



Sippin' Safari



Wildlife Safari celebrated its 50th anniversary in style! This new 21 and over event brought in favorite local wineries, food trucks, and music for an evening of celebration. Guests enjoyed wine tastings from many wineries to go along with animal encounters all evening. We are looking forward to expanding this and making Sippin' Safari a can't miss, annual summer event in July!



Save the Dates



February

10th: Valentine's Dinner

March

Spring Break

April

9th: Easter at Safari Encounters

22nd: Patron Member Event

May

8th: Day of Discovery

20th: Run Like a Cheetah 5K

July

21st: Sippin' Safari

August

5th: Dreamnight

September

8th: Annual Benefit Dinner

October

14th: Boos and Brews

20th-21st: Zoobilee

November

23rd: Turkey Trot

December

15th-17th: Wildlights

16th-17th: Breakfast with Santa

16th-17th: Elephant Elves



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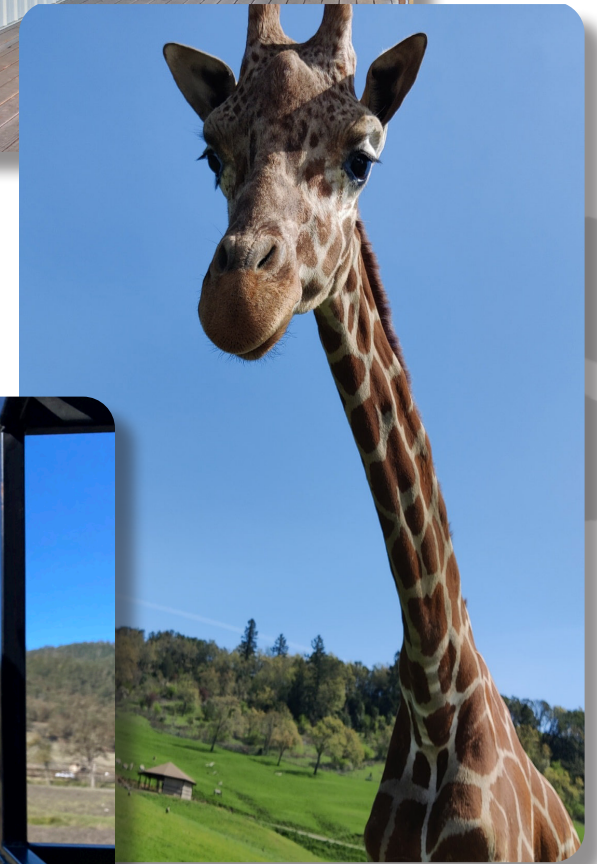
Long Neck Lodge

Set to open in Spring 2023, supporters of the park have made a new interactive giraffe barn a reality! The Long Neck Lodge will inspire lifelong commitments to animal conservation by bringing people and wildlife together in a new and exciting way.

Soon you will be able to feed the giraffes from a viewing deck built on the outside of the barn. The Long Neck Lodge will host public encounters for giraffe feeding and there will also be a wheelchair accessible lower patio area designed to give the same view and feeding options from the ground level.

Overtime, the Long Neck Lodge will expand the ways people can interact with these majestic creatures and the number of giraffes we can house at the park.

Giraffe encounters are one of the most requested encounters at the park. Our giraffes Konza (pictured to the right), Margie and Raza will be galloping into their new home soon.



Thank you to the following donors who generously supported our new Long Neck Lodge



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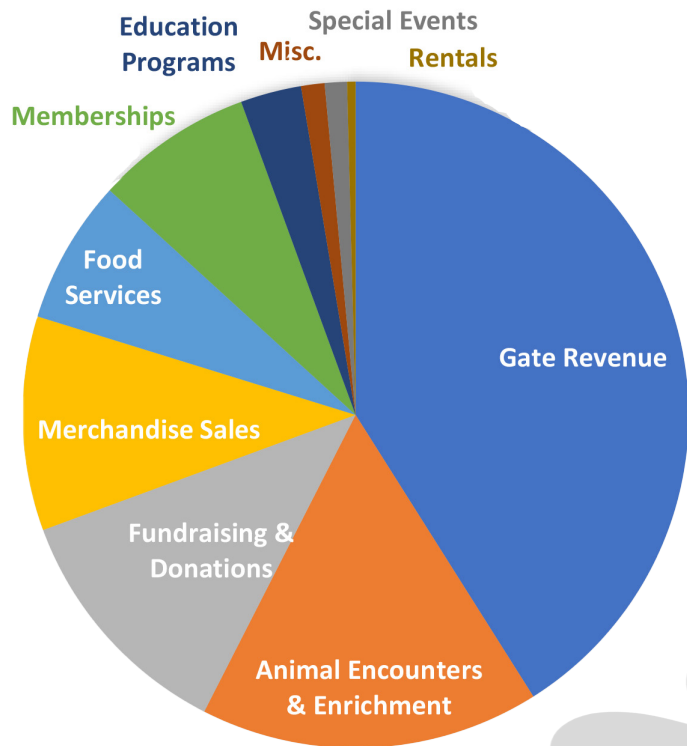
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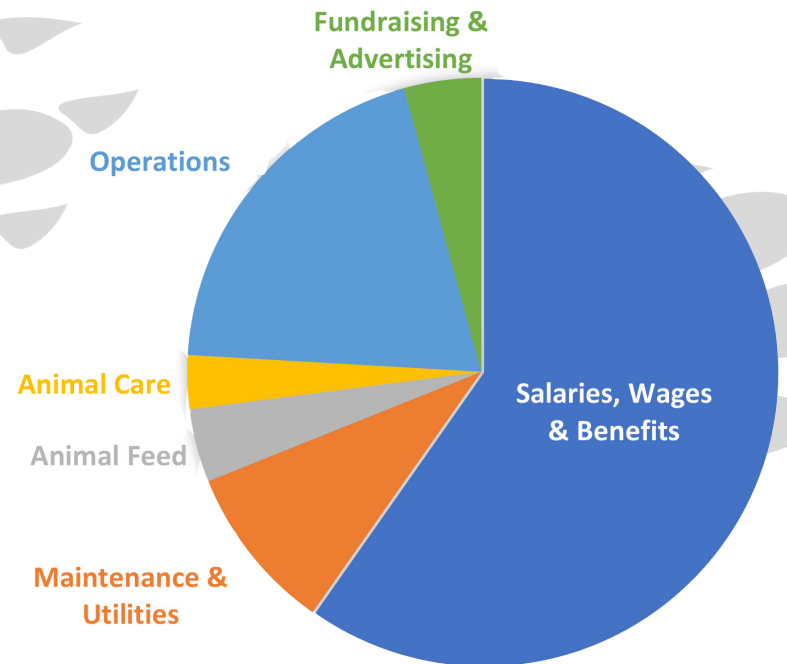
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Get Involved

Donors like you enable the park to further our mission to “provide the highest quality interaction with wildlife to inspire lifelong commitments to conservation, education and the preservation of native and exotic species.” Thank you.

Looking for more ways to show your support for Wildlife Safari?

- Join our email list to get details for all of Safari’s events sent right to your inbox.
- Become a volunteer helping out in areas like our Children’s Zoo or preparing diets for our Village animals.
- Become a Docent so you can share information about our animals with guests and assist with our annual events.
- Adopt an animal and receive quarterly updates from your favorite animal’s keepers.
- Become a Sponsor for one of our events and share your passion for the park with the entire community.
- Donate to the park’s mission of conservation, education and the preservation of wildlife.

If you would like to learn about how you can get more involved in Wildlife Safari please contact development@wildlifesafari.net.

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