

Star Wars Day at the Sacramento Zoo May the Forest be With You

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Meet your favorite Star Wars characters without making a trip to a galaxy far, far away. This Sacramento Zoo will bring the big screen to life with a visit from Darth Vader, Kylo Ren, Stormtroopers, Sandtroopers, Biker Scouts, and other Imperial characters. The day's festivities will also focus on conservation and education with Star Wars themed enrichments for the animals and children's crafts.

WHERE: Sacramento Zoo, at the corner of Land Park Dr. and Sutterville Rd. in William Land Park.

WHEN: The event will occur from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday, April 30. Costumed characters will be available for photo opportunities from 10 am to 2 pm.



May the forest be with you at the Sacramento Zoo on Saturday, April 30th. The Zoo will celebrate galaxies near and far with some of your favorite Star Wars characters. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture a memorable photo with the costumed characters from 10 am to 2 pm.

Guests will learn how animal adaptations and behaviors in our galaxy relate to the creatures from the Star Wars universe through stage shows, crafts and other activities. The animals will join in on the fun as they enjoy special Star Wars themed enrichment items throughout the day, and Star Wars music will play on the Conservation Carousel. Themed food items in Kampala Café will include Boba Fett Burgers, 7 Leia Nachos and R2D2 Club Sandwich.

Costumed characters are members of the 501st Legion, Central California Garrison and Rebel Legion, Endor Base, groups of Star Wars fans who contribute to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work. The 501st Legion is the preferred costuming organization of Lucasfilm Ltd., producer of the Star Wars film series. Expected to appear are Darth Vader, Kylo Ren,

Stormtroopers, Sandtroopers, Biker Scouts and other Imperial characters. Visitors are encouraged to don their own Star Wars attire to celebrate the occasion. The opportunity to meet Star Wars characters is included with general Zoo admission and free for Sacramento Zoo members.

NOTICE: Due to animal safety, you may be asked to remove full head costume pieces in certain areas of the Zoo. Lightsabers are allowed, but cannot be extended over any fences or barriers. Costume blasters and guns are NOT allowed.

Schedule of Enrichments

All enrichments will happen at the animal exhibits.

10 am Wolf's Guenon - Millennium Falcon piñata and boxes with treats inside

11 am Black & White Ruffed Lemur - "Welcome to Endor" with cardboard speeder bike and Field Generator Bunker

12 pm Snow Leopard - "Welcome to Hoth" with cardboard Tauntaun, ice and spices

1 pm Ground Hornbill - Kylo Ren helmet piñata with crickets inside

2 pm African Lion - BB-8 droid piñata, cardboard R2-D2 and boxes with spices

3 pm Grevy's Zebra - Death Star piñata and boxes with browse

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Sacramento Zoo – Wildly Inspiring!

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to more than 500 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Daily admission is 9 am to 4 pm, Zoo grounds are open until 5 pm. General admission is \$11.75; children ages 2-11 are \$7.75 and one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus #6. For information, call 916.808.5888 or visit saczoo.org.

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