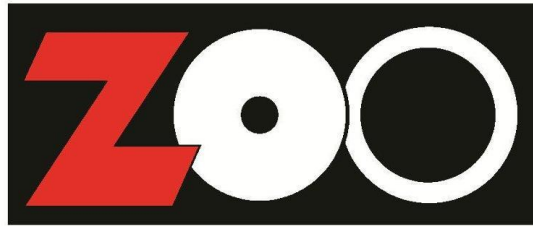


# THE JACKSON



## Jackson Zoo Animal Update

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Special thanks to  
McDonalds (Lakeland  
Drive) for this beautiful  
feature wall of the zoo in  
their restaurant.

The Jackson Zoo is proud to care for 24 species which participate in a very sophisticated breeding program named SSP which stands for Species Survival Plan. These species (and their gene pool) are monitored very closely by experts managed by the AZA (American Zoo and Aquarium Association) due to their endangered, threatened or rare status in the wild.

In the coming months, I will be sending you regular updates along with exciting changes and additions we will be having to our collection and give you a bit more information on our animals.

The Jackson Zoo currently houses the following SSP animals: Fishing Cat, Chimpanzee, Black & White Colobus, Wattled Crane, White Naped Crane, Addra Gazelle, White Handed Gibbon, Diana Guenon, Pygmy Hippo, Red Ruffed Lemur, Amur Leopard, Lion Tail Macaque, Golden Bellied Monkey, Brown Handed Spider Monkey, Schmidt's Monkey, Red Fronted Lemur, Orangutan, Red Panda, White Rhino, Cotton Top Tamarin, Malayan Tapir, Sumatran Tiger, Red Wolf and Grevy's Zebra.



**Young Male Tapir Leaves Jackson**

### **Youngest Chimp turns 2 Two Troops Become One**



### Zoo For Mexico

#### 'Elvis' sent on special breeding loan

We said farewell to our youngest male Tapir on March 2nd as he traveled to Mexico on breeding loan. Shown here enjoying watermelon with his mother, 'Elvis' was born at the Jackson Zoo on 8/16/08 and will be joining his new female mate in hopes of breeding. Considered one of SE Asia's most endangered species, the Tapir is a large, hooved, hoglike mammal whose closest relatives include the horses and rhinos. Good Luck Elvis!!

'Mojo' will celebrate his 2nd birthday with a party at the zoo **this Sunday at 10 am.**

In other chimp news, the group had formerly been divided into two troops which had to be separated due to aggression between the males. Since 'Jackson' passed away last year, the keepers have slowly introduced the two troops to become one big family group who now enjoy each others company and are able to use the outdoor island every day!

### Rhino Exhibit Coming this Spring!

#### Zoo to receive new male rhino from Florida



A new Rhino habitat is in the works for the former elephant exhibit at the zoo. Although these rhinos will be too old to breed, the zoo also performs a very important role in holding the animals and educating the public on their plight in the wild.

### Zoo Hopes Red Wolves will Breed

#### A creature more rare than the Panda!



The Jackson Zoo is home to a 'breeding pair' of red wolves. With only 115 -130 left in the wild (found only in a small area of North Carolina). About 170 are found in zoos across the country and are being bred in hopes of being returned to the wild, a program for them which began in 1987.

Unfortunately, much of their destruction is due to gun shot wounds as people still have the misperception of the 'big bad wolf'.

## Summer Camp Registration is Open



Visit with animals, play games, make crafts and discover more than you imagined about nature!

Week long day camps for ages 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12 start June 6th..

For more information visit

[www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org)

or call 601.352.2580 ext. 241.

Zoo admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$7.20 for senior citizens (65 and over). Children under the age of 2 and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free of charge.

The Jackson Zoo is located at 2918 West Capitol Street in Jackson and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org) to check out exciting special events, animal updates, one-of-a-kind education programs, membership and adoption packages, and so much more. The Jackson Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The AZA is America's leading accrediting organization that sets rigorous, professional standards for zoos and aquariums. The AZA is building North American's largest wildlife conservation movement by engaging and inspiring the 143 million annual visitors to its member institutions and their communities to care about and take action to help protect wildlife.