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Jackson Zoo Newsletter

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Chimps Receive a Special Gift From Zoo Docents!!

The termite mound was the 'brain child' of Jackson Zoo Keeper Lisa Hunt. Lisa got the idea from a Chimp Species Survival Program (SSP) conference she attended this past October in Little Rock, Arkansas. After approval from her supervisors, she found funding for her project from the Jackson Zoo's Docent



Council. The Docents unanimously approved the \$1500.00 needed for the project. Lisa then contacted Tim Buneta with Cemrock Construction (who was at the Jackson Zoo doing work on the new Tiger exhibit). Tim finished the project in 4 days! Lisa uses different treats inside the mound to enrich the Chimps daily lives (bananas, peanut butter, cane berry sauce, crushed pineapple). The Zoo chimps use small sticks to retrieve the treats- just like chimps in the wild would do to eat termites from a real termite mound. Way to go Lisa!

'Groundhog' Day at the Zoo!!

'Zoey' the mastermind prairie dog to predict weather



Come celebrate and observe Groundhog Day with the Zoo staff and special guests on Tuesday, February 2nd between 9-11 a.m. with a very special forecast of how long this cold winter weather may stick around! We will have donuts courtesy of Scurlock's Donut Shop & Eatery and coffee from Seattle Drip Coffee available.

Adopt-An-Animal for your Valentine!

By choosing a favorite animal at the Zoo, gift recipients are designated a guardian of that species at the Jackson Zoo for one year. Benefits for all donation levels, ranging from \$25 to \$500 and above, include a personalized adoption certificate, recognition on zoo signage, zoo newsletter and animal fact sheet with a photo of the animal "ambassador." One-of-a-kind benefits are available at other levels. For more information, please contact Felesia McAllister at fmcallister@jacksonzoo.org



Zoo admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 2-12, and \$5.40 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 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 America'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.
