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ZOO MIAMI'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

PRESENTATIONS

WILDLIFE PRESENTATIONS AT THE SAMI AMPHITHEATER

During animal presentations at the Sami Amphitheater, visitors can witness the natural behaviors of a number of exotic birds, reptiles and mammals. Guests will be amazed and learn from the experienced animal trainers with every encounter. Visit zoomiami.org/activities for times and availability.

CRITTER CONNECTION ANIMAL CLOSE-UPS

During these animal encounters, guests can learn from knowledgeable zookeepers about local and exotic wildlife. Visit zoomiami.org/activities for times and availability.

MEET THE ZOOKEEPER

Talk to the animal keepers and learn more about the zoo's fascinating animals. Meet the Zookeeper begins at 11:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. daily. You'll find it hard to pull yourself away from the keepers and African elephants, chimpanzees, sloth bears, tigers, and many more fascinating animals. Visit zoomiami.org/activities for the complete schedule.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Learning was never as much fun as the zoo's highly interactive, animal-related education programs, including night tours and a host of other family and adult programs. Zoo Miami award-winning camps provide children with a unique and fun experience while they learn about wildlife and conservation during school breaks. Field trip and Outreach programs are designed for audiences of all ages. For information, visit zoomiami.org under "Learn" or call the Education Department at (305) 255-5551.

ANIMAL FUN FACTORY

Presented by the **José Milton Foundation**, Zoo Miami's Animal Fun Factory is a one-of-a-kind interactive exhibit where zoo visitors can learn about animal welfare and environmental conservation through hands-on creative play. Enrichment is used to promote the natural behavior of the animals at Zoo Miami. Visitors are guided by Zoo Miami Foundation's educators to create enrichment items that provide this physical and mental exercise for Zoo Miami's animal residents. The Factory is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CONSERVATION

Zoo Miami does more than simply display animals. Zoo Miami's mission is to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and help conserve it for future generations. The zoo plays an

integral role in the ever-growing global effort to understand, preserve and propagate the world's rare and endangered wildlife. The zoo's collection of more than 2,500 specimens represents over 400 species of animals, 120 of which are listed in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-approved studbooks, and 46 AZA Species Survival Plans (SSP). Each SSP is designed to maintain the genetic diversity and stable population demographics of some of the most critically endangered animals on our planet. Not only are our animals managed with studbooks, but we have a few studbook keepers at the zoo who manage these important populations.

Many of Zoo Miami's conservation and research efforts are spearheaded by the zoo's own dedicated professionals. Zoo Miami has a Conservation and Research Department which is involved in regional, national and international projects. You can learn more about these programs at https://www.zoomiami.org/saving-wildlife. The zoo also directly supports programs around the globe led by world-renowned conservation organizations and conservation experts. In all cases, we form critical partnerships with other scientists, conservationists, and governmental and non-governmental organizations to help save the endangered plants, animals and ecosystems of the world.