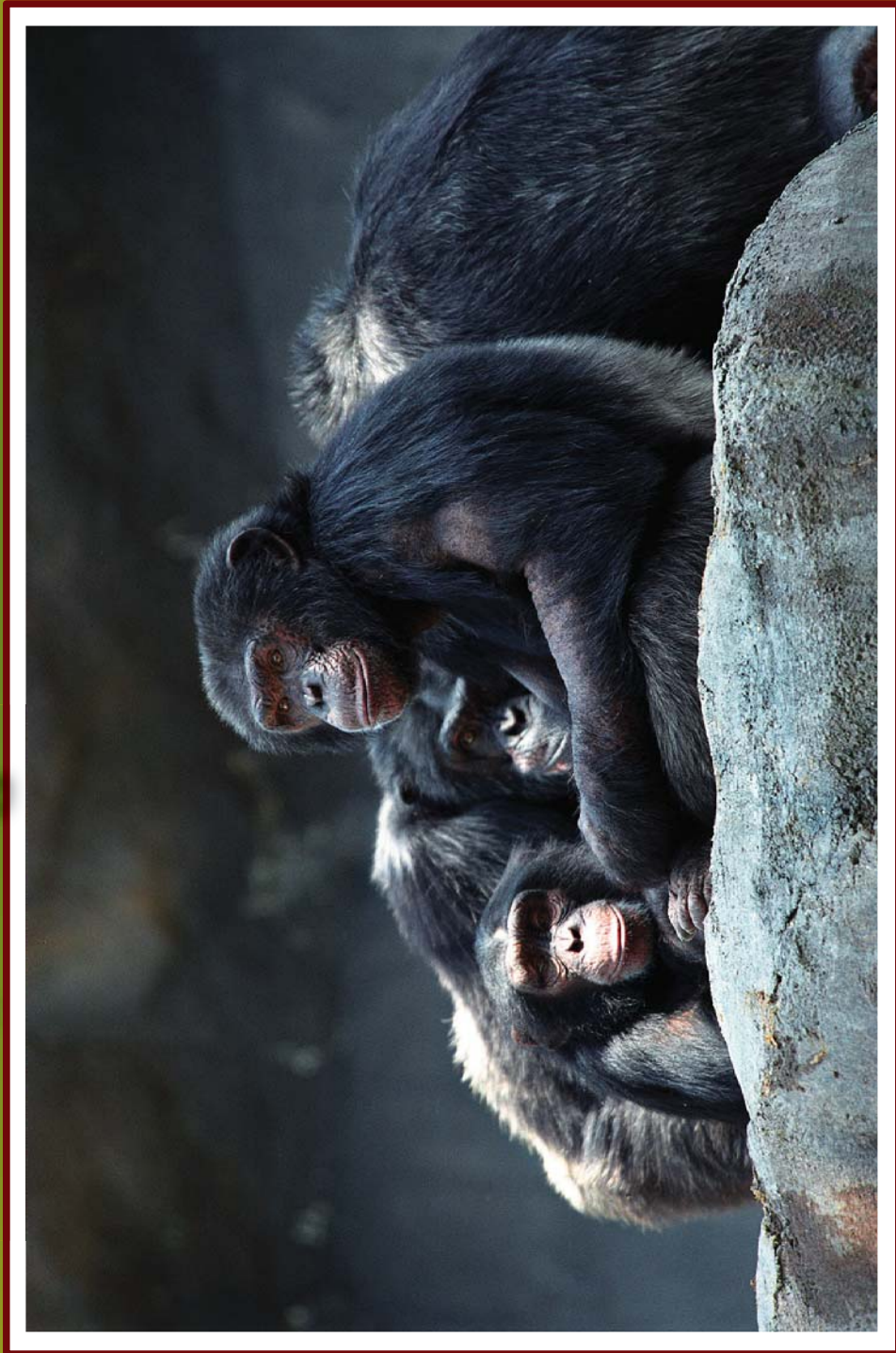




# Chimpanzee Newsletter

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## The 2006 Chimpanzee Conference



*Photo courtesy of Iad Motoyama*

*From L to R: Kipley, Judeo, Jerrard, Joanna*

### WAR OF THE WORLDS

*Chimpanzee Protection versus Chimpanzee Exploitation*

# 2005 ChimpanZoo Conference Morality, Empathy, Reconciliation and Politics as Primate Social Tools



Dr. Jane Goodall addresses students at Chimpanzoo's Roots & Shoots event

It all began with Marbles, in his indomitable fashion, leading a curious and loudly vocalizing chimpanzee group that welcomed ChimpanZoo members to a pre-conference tour of Sedgwick County Zoo. Wichita's ChimpanZoo volunteers led the conference attendees across a fifty-foot suspension bridge to the amazing Nganda Island and African Downing Gorilla Forest.

Sedgwick County Zoo's gorillas now live in a modern and unique enclosure with innovative indoor and outdoor living and exercise areas. Zoo visitors now view the gorilla population socializing and playing in their naturalistic habitat. We would like to thank the management staff of Sedgwick County Zoo for kicking off the 2005 ChimpanZoo Conference, October 21 through October 25<sup>th</sup>, with their usual hospitality and abundance of enthusiasm.

Later that evening, ChimpanZoo Conference delegates arrived at Salina's Rolling Hill's Wildlife Adventure for five days filled with presentations, guest lecturers, a tour of the Rolling Hill's Zoo and Wildlife Museum and a special viewing of *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* IMAX. The 2005 Conference also included a special morning with Dr. Jane Goodall and a Roots & Shoots

inter-active science educational event for 700 students from the greater Salina area.



Students from the greater Salina area listen to Dr. Goodall's message of hope

*Morality, Empathy, Reconciliation and Politics as Primate Social Tools* were the focus of the 2005 conference presentations. Among the papers presented were: *Somebody's Been Sleeping in My Bed*, *Politics in the Oregon Zoo Population*, and *Asali's Journey Home*, all of which deal with chimpanzees living in social groups. Dr. Dieter and Netzin Steklis from the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International gave a special evening presentation, *Sex and Politics in Mountain Gorillas*, to an overflowing crowd. Included in their talk was a movie on conservation/current gorilla research in Rwanda. In addition there were a number of presentations on new perspectives in enrichment and other salient topics that keep zoo staff and researchers up to date.

We would like to thank the generous and knowledgeable staff of Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure for hosting the conference and making all of us feel at home.

Photos of 2005 ChimpanZoo conference courtesy of Eric C. Matthews



Dr. Goodall explains the message of the Peace Dove to the Salina audience

Getting fit with the Alphabet yoga at Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure



ChimpanZoo Northwest Regional Coordinator Kristina Casper-Denman presents her research to the audience



# 2006 ChimpanZoo Conference

## War of the Worlds: Chimpanzee Protection versus Chimpanzee Exploitation

Imagine having an early morning breakfast with some friends - Bonnie, Pandora, Gracie, Zoe and Jerrard just to name a few - at the Los Angeles Zoo *Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains* exhibit. To add to the excitement of having a sumptuous breakfast in an exotic African setting with a few very vocal chimpanzees, in walks Dr. Jane Goodall for an informal chat!

For the millions of people who have watched Dr. Goodall on National Geographic television specials, learned about her adventures with wild chimpanzees in her many books and shared her African experiences on the large screen of an IMAX theatre, it would indeed be an experience of a lifetime.

Breakfast with Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE and the chimpanzees at the Los Angeles Zoo will be just one of the many events of the 2006 ChimpanZoo Conference. The Conference hosted by the Los Angeles Zoo,

September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, will focus on a serious and timely issue as the title *War of the Worlds: Chimpanzee Protection versus Chimpanzee Exploitation* suggests.

The professionals, volunteers and students from many organizations and zoos attending the conference are striving to extend the legal protection of chimpanzees who are in private ownership. Laboratory, pet, and entertainment chimpanzees in substandard and inappropriate living environments need new legislation written and enforced that will provide for them an opportunity to lead a normal social life.

Upon completion of the conference, attendees will have obtained the necessary information to **take action** in their home states and aggressively pursue the passage of new laws to end the exploitation of thousands of chimpanzees.

### Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens



*Photo of Judeo, Jerrard, Pandora and Gracie courtesy of Anita Michalis*

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is the proud host of the 2006 ChimpanZoo Conference. The Zoo moved to its present 80-acre location in 1966. The zoo population includes over 1200 animals and 7400 plants. The Zoo is a leader in conservation programs working with other AZA institutions and wildlife agencies to bring species such as the California condor, golden lion tamarin, and Arabian oryx, back from the brink of extinction.

The Zoo's *Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains* exhibit opened in August of 1998. The habitat houses one of the largest Zoo communities of chimpanzees in the United States, offering views in a lush outdoor exhibit and a penthouse playground for the chimpanzees to enjoy. Also, make sure to check out the Red Ape Rain Forest, a multilevel home for the Zoo's extraordinary orangutans. Besides the great apes, the Zoo displays nearly 20 species of primates including sifaka, mandrill, blue-eyed black lemurs, and siamang.

During the ChimpanZoo Conference, we hope you will take time to enjoy all the sights and sounds of the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens.

Chimpanzee Exploitation



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*James E. King*  
Photo courtesy of Penny King

### EIGHTEEN YEARS OF THANKS

We have been fortunate to have Dr. James E. King, professor of psychology, at the University of Arizona as our Research Advisor for eighteen years. A doctoral graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Dr. King (Jim) joined the faculty at the University of Arizona in 1963. Jim has studied a wide range of primate species from monkeys to apes.

In 1988 he signed on to help develop the ChimpanZoo research methodology and database while teaching at the University of Arizona. He and his students have devoted countless hours and brought innovative ideas to ChimpanZoo. His graduate students now work as zoo curators, professors and as ChimpanZoo staff in Tucson, Arizona.

Jim has had at least two separate distinguished careers. He began in primate learning studies and in recent years he has developed a personality assessment test that has been used by numerous zoos in many countries to better understand the behavior of their chimpanzees and orangutans. His paper *A Chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes) Analogue of Cross-National Generalization of Personality Structure: Zoological Parks and an African Sanctuary* was the first research study published on ape personality in a journal of human personality. He continues to study primate personality and to expand our knowledge and ability to better understand and care for chimpanzees.



*Christopher B. Wencker*  
Photo courtesy of Lance Fairchild

### WELCOME ABOARD!

ChimpanZoo would like to welcome Christopher B. Wencker, an Associate at Benavidez Law Group, P.C. in Tucson, Arizona as a much-needed advisor on primate welfare issues. Chris earned his law degree at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona where he distinguished himself as a writer for the Arizona Law Review during his second year.

Chris' legal education and practice have also reflected his love for animals. He founded the University of Arizona's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, which is a student chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a national organization dedicated to representing the interests of animals. Chris is a member of ALDF and regularly attends the annual Animal Law Conference in Portland, Oregon. After Chris graduated from law school, he continued to pursue his interest in animals and the law. Chris was one of the first members of the Executive Council of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona. Additionally, Chris has served on the board of directors of local animal welfare groups, and often provides advice to local animal welfare professionals. This focus has given Chris a great deal of experience in the field of Animal Law in so much that he serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Arizona, teaching Animal Law to future lawyers, and has taught Continuing Legal Education seminars to other lawyers regarding Animal Law topics.