



CHIMPANZOO: Research, Education and Enrichment

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Arizona Welcomes Jane Goodall Home

2007 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) so it is only fitting that founder Jane Goodall should stop by an early site of her Institute during the year's celebration. The Jane Goodall Institute moved to Tucson in 1986 where the JGI established itself as a worldwide presence. Today, the Ronald McDonald house, another non-profit, humanitarian organization, occupies the lovely Spanish-style building on Speedway Blvd. the Institute once called home.

Although the Institute has moved its main office to Arlington, Virginia, the world-renowned primatologist's presence remains a part of Tucson where her ChimpanZoo: Research, Education and Enrichment program is housed. ChimpanZoo along with the Blake Foundation, Reid Park Zoo, the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Los Ranchitos Elementary School and San Xavier Mission worked together to allow as many Arizonans as possible to meet Dr. Goodall during a series of events spanning four days. During her April visit, Dr. Goodall spoke with thousands of college and university students and dedicated two community gardens as well as speaking to the students of Los Ranchitos Elementary School. Los Ranchitos students spent the morning with Dr. Goodall at the Reid Park Zoo during an interactive learning conservation day. She also hosted a luncheon and chatted informally with teachers, district supervisors, professors, principals and other educators from Yuma, Arizona to Sonora, Mexico. Dr. Goodall, a United Nations Messenger of Peace (www.janegoodall.org) introduced her guests to her youth program called Roots & Shoots. Her message to all those she met was that we must each be conservators of our planet – every individual counts.



From her first glimpse of wild chimpanzees atop her Gombe Peak in Tanzania to Jane's Peak in Tucson: Jane Goodall returns to visit her commemorative rock and the staff of the Ronald McDonald House.
Photo by Ron McCoy



Karen Toca introduces Pip, a young king vulture, to students (From R to L, Anthony Amivisca, Mario Celaya, Dalton Melvin, Manny Montano)
Photo by ChimpanZoo



Planting a tree for the future: (From R to L, Tim Rivera, Jane Goodall, and a neighborhood friend at Caliche Gardens)
Photo by SAGE/Blake Foundation



Young artists Penny King teaches students to mold clay chimpanzees while Jane Goodall, Karen Lee and Kirsten Gillette watch
Photo by SAGE/Blake Foundation



The promise rock A fourth grader paints his promise to help the environment
Photo by ChimpanZoo



A chat with Jane Goodall Kathleen Bethel and Arizona educators shared lunch and ideas for teaching science and compassion in the classroom with Roots & Shoots program founder Dr. Goodall
Photo by Margaret Wilch

BIOS Sedgwick County Zoo

Sedgwick County Zoo was established by the volunteer efforts of civic-minded citizens who formed the Sedgwick County Zoological Society in 1963, many years before the Zoo would take shape. A visionary director, Ronald L. Blakely, presented a master plan that was approved in 1969 and construction began in earnest.

The Zoo has seen steady progress through the past three decades with major exhibits opening every few years. Under the leadership of the current Executive Director Mark C. Reed, a new era of change was initiated. A major effort has gone into improving the Zoo and enhancing the existing exhibits. New areas opened including the KOCH Orangutan and Chimpanzee Habitat in 1996, the Oliver Animal Hospital in 2000 and The Downing Gorilla Forest opened to record setting crowds in 2004.

The newly expanded Cargill Learning Center is a modern complete education facility. The Center is also considered a "green" building – recycled glass, flooring, countertops, natural lighting, and other environmentally friendly products.

The Sedgwick County Zoo was founded in 1971 with a strong priority of providing outstanding informal learning experiences for guests of all ages. Much has been accomplished in past years, but great opportunities await us.



Kacy Chamberlain and Kijana
Photo by Devin Bailey



Danielle Ricklefs with Blanda
Photo by Devin Bailey



Schaneé Anderson and Marbles
Photo by Devin Bailey

Schaneé Anderson joined the Sedgwick County Zoo family as Curator of Education in July 2003. As Curator, she is in charge of all education aspects of the Zoo including children's classes, outreach, and school programs. Schaneé is an active member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education.

Devin Bailey is the primary keeper and trainer for both the chimpanzees and the orangutans. She started volunteering at Sedgwick County Zoo in 1993 and later became an animal care specialist in the U.S. Army. She has been employed at the zoo for 6 1/2 years and has been working with the apes for four years.

Roger Blurton has been at the Sedgwick County Zoo since 1979. He has worked in many areas throughout the Zoo, but has spent the majority of his career with the chimpanzees. He has worked with the chimps for approximately 15 years. Roger became a senior keeper in 2005.

Kacy Chamberlain has been working with apes since she started in 2005. She began in the Downing Gorilla Forest and has been working as a relief keeper with the chimpanzees and orangutans for about two years.

Laura King started her career at the Sedgwick County Zoo in 1984. She has been a keeper in many areas of the zoo including the chimpanzees and orangutans, and in 1991 she transferred to the Education Department. She is the Coordinator of Early Childhood and Special Needs Programs. Laura is one of the original members of our ChimpanZoo group. She serves as Sedgwick County Zoo's ChimpanZoo Coordinator and is also a Regional Coordinator for National ChimpanZoo.

Danielle Ricklefs has worked at Sedgwick County Zoo for two years. She is a new addition to the area and is working as an ape relief keeper. She has several years volunteer experience with orangutans and gorillas. She also has a Master of Arts in Primatology.



Audra
Photo by Devin Bailey



Gomez
Photo by Yang Zhao



Chance and Sukari
Photo by Yang Zhao



Tammy
Photo by Devin Bailey



Chance Displaying
Photo by Robert Legrand

Audra was the first chimpanzee at Sedgwick County Zoo. She was wild born in 1970 and was brought to the Zoo at two years of age. She has given birth six times; three of her children are still here. She is currently the highest-ranking female in our group.

Marbles was wild born in 1970, but was a pet before coming to the Zoo in 1972. Marbles was our only male for the first ten years and was housed with two females. He was able to remain alpha until 2001, almost thirty years after he arrived. He has fathered four offspring and is still a favorite playmate of the younger chimps.

Gomez joined the family in 1982. He came here from Little Rock just shy of his fifth birthday. He has been a very successful member of the group. Although he has never been alpha he has fathered ten, possibly eleven, offspring.

Mwana was the first chimpanzee born at Sedgwick County Zoo. He was born in 1984 to Audra and Gomez. Mwana has never been alpha, nor does he try. He is a pretty easy going kind of guy. He has a great sense of humor and a predictable display.

Bahati was born here in 1986, another of Gomez's sons. He was the chimp that finally took the alpha role from Marbles in 2001. He maintained that status until 2005 when our dominant female died. He is currently one of the three that are contending for alpha.

Kijana is a full brother to Bahati and was born here in 1992. He is fascinated with human babies and is wonderful with the younger chimps. Kijana was

Bahati's main challenger for alpha for several years and now is one of the three competing for the job.

Moshi was born here in 1995, also Gomez's son. Before his mother died in 2005, he was known for starting trouble and letting her finish his fights. Nowadays he is much more grown up. He is growing quickly and will soon be our largest chimpanzee. He is very serious and is most often the front runner for the alpha position. Moshi is tall, dark, and handsome and he has the most impressive display of all of our males.

Sukari was born to Marbles and Audra in 1997. She is the best problem solver in the group. Others often learn from watching her; they also try to steal her rewards. She has always helped her mother with her younger sibling Chance and is now his favorite playmate.

Tammy came to Sedgwick County Zoo in 1999 from Hogle Zoo. She was raised as a pet and later did chimp shows and parties in the 70's and early 80's. She is the only member of the group who is not related to anyone. She loves babies, both human and chimpanzee. She is likely to clap her hands to get your attention and greet you with a nod.

Chance was a surprise in 2002. He is the youngest of our chimps and full brother to Sukari. Chance has an endless amount of energy and enjoys making the rounds among the adults and demanding playtime. He loves being the center of attention and putting on a "show" for guests. He is currently learning to be a big chimp and is fine-tuning his display.

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