



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## "FISH SEX" TALK, "EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WEEK", FALL ZOO CAMP, AND MORE HIGHLIGHT SANTA BARBARA ZOO EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2015

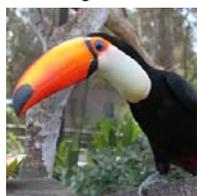
- Saturday, November 7: What Toucan Do: Rainforest Awareness Day
- Monday – Sunday, November 16 – 22: Emergency Responders Week
- Wednesday, November 19: Fish Sex with Dr. Milton Love
- Monday – Friday, November 23 – 25 & 27: Fall Zoo Camp
- Sunday, November 29: I Love My Planet: A Kid's Green Art Contest
- Through January 2, 2016: "Zoo in Bloom" Art Show by Botanic Artists Guild
- Sundays: *Year of the Explorer* Fun Crafts for Kids at the Explore Store
- Saturdays & Sundays: Live Stage Shows, Weather Permitting
- **NOTE: Zoo is Open Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26 – "Pumpkin Smash"**

Santa Barbara, CA, October 30, 2015 – A lecture about the sex lives of fish, a "green" art contest for kids, a week of free admission for local emergency responders, and more events are scheduled at the Santa Barbara Zoo in November 2015; many are free with admission.

Note: The Zoo is open Thanksgiving Day from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See below for details.

### WHAT TOUCAN DO – RAINFOREST AWARENESS DAY

*Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

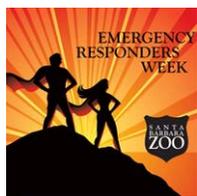


*Free with Zoo admission.*

Keepers offer informal activities relating to toco toucans and other rainforest-dwelling animals. Check online or at the entry kiosk for more information.

### EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WEEK

*Monday – Sunday, November 16 – 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*



Local emergency responders – including EMTs, firefighters, police officers, and sheriffs – receive free admission for themselves and family members at the Santa Barbara Zoo as a "thank you" during the week of Monday, November 16 through Sunday, November 22 only. *Photo ID issued by local medical, fire, police, or sheriff department is required for each emergency responder. Free admission is also extended to one additional adult and two children.*

## FISH SEX WITH DR. MILTON LOVE

*Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*



*\$6; (\$5 for SB Zoo Members)*

Birds do it, bees do it...even little fishies do it. Dr. Milton Love, Research Biologist at the UCSB Marine Science Institute, shares his intimate knowledge of fish reproduction behavior, as well as fish biology and habitat, in an engaging and entertaining presentation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., lecture begins at 7 p.m.

## FALL ZOO CAMP

*Monday – Friday, November 23 – 25, & 27*



*Half day (9 a.m. to noon) \$35 per day (\$30 per day for SB Zoo Members);*

*Full day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) \$50 per day (\$45 per day for SB Zoo Members).*

The Zoo's award-winning Zoo Camp offers fun and learning during Thanksgiving Week, for kids for ages 3 to 12. Includes games, behind-the-scenes visits, up-close animal introductions, hands-on science, and crafts. *Registration required; on-line registration ([www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org)) or contact the Conservation Education Department at (805)(805) 962-5339 or [education@sbzoo.org](mailto:education@sbzoo.org).*

## THANKSGIVING DAY PUMPKIN SMASH

*Thursday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*



*Free with Zoo admission.*

Animal lovers are encouraged to get the kids out of the house this Thanksgiving and come to the Zoo for a smashin' good time! Watch as the elephants, gorillas, and other Zoo animals play and interact with pumpkins. Visit [www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org), or call (805) 962-5339.

*Early Closure: Zoo closes at 3:30 p.m.*

## I LOVE MY PLANET: A KID'S GREEN ART CONTEST WINNERS' CELEBRATION

*Sunday, November 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*



First ever "green" art contest for kids culminates with celebration and announcement of the winners. Contest open to children ages 17 and under.

Artwork must be made up of at least 90 percent recycled material – items that would otherwise be thrown away or recycled after use such as metal cans, plastic bottles and containers, paper, newspaper, magazines, corks, cardboard, etc. Entry forms must be received by November 15, and artwork is to be delivered between November 22 and 29. More information at [www.sbzoo.org/event/art-contest](http://www.sbzoo.org/event/art-contest).

## ZOO IN BLOOM – ZOO PLANTS BY BOTANIC ARTISTS GUILD

*Open Through January 2, 2016. Volentine Family Gallery in the Discovery Pavilion*



*Free with Zoo admission*

The Zoo's first juried art exhibit features more than 20 paintings of Zoo plants created in watercolor, colored pencils, and graphite by members of the Botanic Artists Guild of Southern California. All works are for sale, with prices from \$200 to \$2,000; some artists also offer prints. Proceeds split between the Zoo and the artists.

## ONGOING: YEAR OF THE EXPLORER – CRAFTS FOR KIDS

*Weekly on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Explore Store*



*Free with Zoo admission*

Weekly themed activities include fun games and easy crafts for kids of all ages. 11/1: Fallen leaves are the medium to make a hedgehog; 11/8: toucan headbands are made from cardboard; 11/15: trunk show of green toys; 11/22: little kings and queens make their own crowns; and 11/29: celebration of the winners of the first-ever “green” art contest for kids (see details above).

## ONGOING: LIVE STAGE SHOWS STARRING THE ZOO’S HIGH-TECH PUPPETS

*Weekends Only from Labor Day through Memorial Day at outdoor Rolling Hill Stage  
“How to Train Your Dinosaurs” at 11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.; “California Tales” at 1:30 p.m.*



*Free with Zoo admission*

*Show times may change; rain cancels; check schedule at Admissions*

In “How to Train...,” the Zoo’s three high-tech dinosaurs Duncan the T-Rex, Lily the duckbill, and Tulip the baby triceratops, learn to have their teeth brushed just like some of the zoo’s animals.



“California Tales” features Tiny, an 8-foot tall grizzly bear, who tells animal folktales aided by his co-stars Coyote, Condor, Turtle, and Raven. The Zoo’s puppets were built by a Hollywood special effects house. The dinosaurs are sponsored by the Duncan Family.

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*The Santa Barbara Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; general admission \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 64+, \$10 for children 2-12, and free for children under 2. Parking \$6.*

*The Santa Barbara Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).*

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