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Santa Barbara Zoo Hosts Turtle Talk With Sy Montgomery

Celebrate World Turtle Day at the Zoo with FREE author event on May 23

(May 11, 2023) Santa Barbara, CA – [The Santa Barbara Zoo](#) is celebrating World Turtle Day with naturalist and author Sy Montgomery and illustrator Matt Patterson, who will host a Turtle Talk on Tuesday, May 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. These “turtle-y” passionate folks will talk turtles during this exclusive stop on the tour promoting their latest collaboration, *The Book of Turtles*.

The Book of Turtles, a picture book suitable for both adult and children audiences, features Patterson's lifelike art, alongside astounding facts about turtle evolution, turtle talents, celebrity turtles, and important information on how to help protect turtles.

Did you know that the Western Pond Turtle, California's only native turtle species, is in trouble, and the Santa Barbara Zoo is part of a national effort to help save it from extinction. To find out more about the Zoo's efforts, [click here!](#)

The Turtle Talk event is free, but reservations are required. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served and copies of *The Book of Turtles* will be available for purchase. The event will be held in the Zoo's Discovery Pavilion. For more information about the Turtle Talk and to reserve a spot please email RSVP@sbzoo.org.

The Santa Barbara Zoo strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage and participate fully. To request accommodations or for inquiries about accessibility, please email welcome@sbzoo.org.

About the Santa Barbara Zoo

The Santa Barbara Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. for members and 9:30 a.m. for general admission until 5 p.m.; general admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 2-12, and free for children under 2. Parking is \$11. The Santa Barbara Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). AZA zoos are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great visitor experience, and a better future for all living things. With more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation and is the public's link to helping animals in their native habitats. Visit www.sbzoo.org.

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