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TACOMA RESIDENTS CAN ENJOY TWO FREE DAYS AT THEIR ZOO IN JANUARY

TACOMA, Wash. – Tacoma residents will be admitted to Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium at no charge on Sunday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan. 25. They are two of 12 Tacoma Resident Free Days scheduled at the zoo in 2014 to thank voters for their approval of a 1999 bond issue that paid for improvements at the zoo.

With money from that \$35 million bond issue, the zoo built Kids' Zone and Animal Avenue, Asian Forest Sanctuary, the Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater, a new animal hospital, a new front gate, education center, gift shop and café.

The Zoo also rewards Pierce County residents with discounted admission prices every day. That discount recognizes the support of Pierce County voters, who approved a sales tax in 2000 that contributes to zoo operations.

To be admitted for free, Tacoma residents 18 and over must provide proof of residency at a physical Tacoma address (not a post office box).

If a resident's photo ID doesn't have a physical Tacoma address, alternate proof of residency is required. That can be a utility bill or legal document with a Tacoma address that matches the person's photo ID.

Children under 18 do not have to provide proof of residency.

A complete list of Tacoma Resident Free Days in 2014 and more information can be found at www.pdza.org.

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Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only combined zoo and aquarium, promotes responsible stewardship of the world's resources through education, conservation, research and recreational opportunities. The zoo, a division of Metro Parks Tacoma, is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA).