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**PARTY FOR THE PLANET, WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A YEAR-OLD TIGER
AND MORE DURING A BUSY, FUN-FILLED APRIL AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM**

Tacoma, Wash. – There’s a lot to see and zoo in April at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

The busy month is chock-full of activities for kids and families, including a two-day Earth Day Party on April 12 and 13 and a birthday party for 1-year-old Sumatran tiger Kali on April 19.

So, what’s in store during April? Here’s a calendar of events:



April 1-4: Spring Break Superstars. This weeklong event celebrates a different species each day during a week when many kids are out of school. Highlighted species are sharks on April 1, elephants on April 2, polar bears on April 3 and wild cats on April 4. Each day, those animals will receive special enrichments in the form of food or toys, and visitors can enjoy themed keeper talks and other activities.

April 9: Tacoma Resident Free Day. Visitors who live within the city limits of Tacoma will be admitted free as a thank you to taxpayers who have supported zoo improvements over the years. Adults 18 and over must provide proof of City of Tacoma residency. This can be a current driver’s license with a Tacoma address or a photo ID and Tacoma utility bill that matches the name on the ID. Children under 18 do not need to provide proof of residency.



April 12-13: Earth Day Party. Time to learn. Time to reflect. Time to take action. The two-day Earth Day Party features information about the very real difference each person can make at home and in their neighborhoods.

Small changes can reap big rewards for the plant people and animals share. Visitors will have the opportunity to take action with Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium to help build a sustainable, green, healthy city.

Many of the zoo's animals will receive special toys and treats during the weekend as conservation measures are highlighted.

April 15: Free Day for Seniors and People with Disabilities: Senior citizens (65 and over) and people with disabilities are invited to spend a day at the zoo at no charge.

April 19: Kali's 1st Birthday: Hard to believe the cub who weighed just 2.5 pounds at birth on April 17, 2013, is now a big-pawed, strong-legged Sumatran tiger with a commanding presence and a playful streak. Her birthday celebration will feature a huge card for visitors to sign, "cub cakes" for people and special treats and toys for Kali.

All special activities are free with zoo admission.

Zoo hours from April 1 to April 27 are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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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).