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**Do you know what beluga whales do for fun?
Find out all about it at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium's Play Day**

Did you know that beluga whales survive the cold, make cool sounds, and play with toys, all before taking an afternoon nap? Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium's Play Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 will showcase how zookeepers keep the beluga whales active, stimulating their natural behaviors. It's a fun-filled day for the animals and for zoo-goers, who will get to learn more about the animal enrichment program at the Zoo.

The hands-on activities for visitors include:

- Discover your hidden shape with our whale mirror.
- Stay warm with your own layer of blubber.
- See if you can "dive" as long as whale.
- Test your skills in our whale obstacle course.
- Draw a picture for your favorite beluga whale.
- Identify whale sounds.

The goal of the Zoo's Play Days is to educate Zoo visitors about enrichment and why it is an important part of the animal's care. Enrichment encourages the animal to use their natural abilities and behaviors to interact with their environment. It offers the opportunity for animals to make choices and experience things like they would in the wild. Enrichment can be a special toy, a food treat or an unusual smell. Zoo staff can even change the surroundings of an animal's exhibit area for enrichment purposes.

This is the second of the Zoo's four Play Days scheduled this year. It will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 in the Rocky Shores exhibit area.

For more information on Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, visit www.pdza.org or call 253-591-5337.

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Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only combined zoo and aquarium, is located in Tacoma's beautiful Point Defiance Park, 5400 North Pearl Street. Point Defiance Zoo & 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).