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**CALLING SIXTH-GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS:  
GET THE SCOOP ON ZOOLOGICAL CAREERS - FOR FREE**

*Career Day offers students an up-close look at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium on Nov. 12*

TACOMA, Wash. – Students have met the polar bears. They’ve been enthralled by clouded leopards. And mesmerized by swimming sharks. Now, they have a chance to learn what it would be like to work with animals up close.

During Career Day at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium on Nov. 12, students from sixth-grade through college can see firsthand what it takes to be a zookeeper, zoo veterinarian, marine biologist or environmental educator.

They’ll see special animal presentations, learn how staff biologists care for animals, pick up free information and have opportunities to visit behind-the-scenes areas of the zoo.

Admission to the zoo and Career Day activities is free for sixth-through-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and those who are college age. However, students under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m., with activities running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is not required, but all students, including zoo members, must check in with Career Day staff before getting their tickets.

Spaces on behind-the-scenes tours are limited.

For an even more exclusive behind-the-scenes look at zoological careers, students can register for a Keeper for a Day or Marine Biologist for a Day experience, scheduled throughout the year. For more information about these and other fee-based Career Discovery programs, visit [www.pdza.org/teen-career-discovery-programs](http://www.pdza.org/teen-career-discovery-programs).

For more information on Career Day, visit [www.pdza.org/career-information](http://www.pdza.org/career-information).

Parents and siblings who aren’t eligible for free admission on Career Day can get discounted tickets to the zoo online at [www.pdza.org](http://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).*

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