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SCOUTING OUT A GREAT DEAL: GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, CAMP FIRE MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CAN ATTEND ZOOLIGHTS FOR \$2 OFF GENERAL ADMISSION ON DEC. 6

And Columbia Bank will conduct a Warm Hearts Winter Drive to collect coats, hats and gloves for the needy

Tacoma, Wash. – Zoolights at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium can be a very special field trip for Daisies, Brownies and other members of various Girl Scouts of Western Washington troops, as well as for their male counterparts in the Boy Scouts organization, and kids of all ages in the Camp Fire organization.

And there's no better night than Dec. 6 for youth-group leaders to take their members on a field trip to remember.

Scout Night at Zoolights provides a discount of \$2 off per general admission for every registered Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire member in uniform (or wearing his or her pins), plus up to 10 non-registered chaperones, friends and family members per group.

That's just \$8 per participant for an evening of great fun wandering the zoo grounds to look at more than 600,000 sparkling LED lights, ducking into the aquariums to marvel at 16 massive sharks and other sea creatures, or stopping by Kids' Zone to feed the goats.

Tickets for this special night must be purchased at the gate, and the deal cannot be combined with any other coupon or discount.

Visitors can help those less fortunate, too.

Columbia Bank will be on hand Dec. 6 to conduct a special Warm Hearts Winter Drive. They will collect coats and other items like gloves and scarves for the people who need them during cold days and nights. The items will go to the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

Zoolights, sponsored by Fred Meyer with support from KING 5, runs through Jan. 1. It's open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly, with a one-night closure on Dec. 24.

Zoolights regular General Admission tickets are available at the gate for \$10 each. The best bargains may be found by purchasing tickets ahead of time at the Customer Service counter in any Puget Sound-area Fred Meyer store, where they are \$8.50 each. Tickets also are \$8.50 each online at www.pdza.org/zoolights. And for the very best bargain, pick up a zoo membership, and get Zoolights tickets for just \$5 each.

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Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only combined zoo & aquarium, practices and 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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