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**WHAT A GREAT DEAL: FOUR-AND-A-HALF HOURS AT THE ZOO FOR HALF OFF GENERAL ADMISSION**

*We call it Half-Day for Half-Price, but it's so much more than that; visitors get four-and-a-half hours to enjoy the zoo, its exhibits and amazing animals during a special pre-Zoobilee opening on Friday, July 17*

Tacoma, Wash. – What's greater than a mid-summer bargain? How about a mid-summer bargain that includes tigers, polar bears, harbor seals, walruses, red wolves, penguins, sharks, stingrays, jellies and much more?

That's what Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is serving up on Friday, July 17. It's called Half-Day for Half-Price, but it's a bit sweeter than that. Half-Price General Admission gets visitors four-and-a-half hours of Jammin' with Jellies, stingray touching, polar bear, clouded leopard cub and meerkat watching and more. Keeper talks and our live animal show, Indiana Bones and the Golden Treasure, also will be presented.

All for special general admission prices of \$4.25 for tots, \$6.50 for youths, \$8 for seniors and \$8.50 for adults. Children 2 and younger get in free.

July 17 visiting hours for the general public are 9:30 a.m to 2 p.m.

The zoo closes early so The Zoo Society can prepare for its annual gala fundraiser, Zoobilee.

Although most of the zoo, including the Jammin' with Jellies exhibit, will be open, the Marine Discovery Center and the Jelly Lounge will be closed on Friday.

The zoo resumes regular summer hours, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday, July 18.

For more information about the zoo, go to [www.pdza.org](http://www.pdza.org).

To get details about the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of Zoobilee, go to [www.pdza.org/zoobilee](http://www.pdza.org/zoobilee).

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*Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only combined 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).*

