



EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES AT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM

Meet scuba-diving Santa or go behind-the-scenes with festive goats in holiday coats

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TACOMA, Wash.— Santa has made his way to Tacoma all the way from the North Pole and has brought his scuba equipment with him. “Santa Under the Sea” is one of two exclusive experiences being offered to the public this holiday season at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

Santa Under the Sea



Offered at night during Zoolights hours, guests can visit scuba-diving Santa in the zoo’s Pacific Seas Aquarium for an additional cost. Santa can even speak underwater and interact with your family. This aquarium is closed during Zoolights, but with this experience, program participants will have the chance to visit all exhibits and see jellyfish, hammerhead sharks, a giant Pacific

octopus and more in this quiet and relaxed setting. Participants can even touch animals in the Tidal Touch Zone. Following the experience, guests can head out to enjoy Zoolights.

Cost: \$200 members/\$250 non-members, for groups of up to six people with an option to add up to four more people at \$30 per person. Includes Zoolights admission.

Groovy Goats Zoolights Edition

Ever seen a goat in a holiday coat? It's enough to put you in the holiday spirit. During "Groovy Goats Zoolights Edition," meet our magnificent herd of goats up-close and personal in this one-of-a-kind holiday-themed private animal encounter for up to five people, every day at 4pm just before Zoolights. Meet Button, Buckle, Sugar and Spice among others as you spend some quality time giving them a good grooming. Pose for a photo with a favorite new friend and then reward the goats with a nutritious, delicious and festive treat. It's the perfect gift for the whole family.



Cost: \$100 member group/ \$150 non-member group. Cost includes Zoolights admission for up to five people.

Zoolights admission is included with the purchase of either experience. [Zoolights](#) begins Nov. 26 and runs through Jan. 2. Hours are 4:30pm – 10pm. nightly, except for a two-night closure on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Zoolights is presented by BECU.

For more information or to book one of these private experiences, [click here](#).

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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).

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