Ocelots Dinner Program Announcement
Thursday, February 13, 2020

Embrace the Bear
Utilizing Seasonality to Encourage Natural Behavior

Featured Speaker: Jessie McInelly, Senior Hospital Keeper at the San Diego Zoo. Jessie joined the San Diego Zoo team in 2013 in the Mammal department, working with the Australian Outback and Sun Bear Forest teams. She recently transitioned to the position of Senior Hospital Keeper in summer of 2019. Over the years, she has enjoyed a career encompassing a wide variety of mammals, birds and reptiles.

Jessie started in the zoo industry at age 14, first as a volunteer, then as an intern and part-time employee at a small zoo in Montana. After graduating from the University of Montana with a bachelor’s degree in Biology and Ecology, she was offered a full-time position with ZooMontana. It was here that her specialty grew into bear care. The zoo housed and transitioned grizzly bears from the wild that could no longer live there due to conflict with humans. From cubs that lost their mothers, to full grown bears raiding camp sites and hen houses, these bears came to the zoo as a last option before possible euthanasia. Jessie’s work included rehabilitating and adapting these bears to live in a zoo environment.

Jessie traveled to Florida in 2018 to be a part of AZA’s first conference focusing on "Environmental Enrichment in Zoos and Aquariums". She then presented at the Animal Behavior Management Alliance (ABMA) conference in Portland, bringing home the award for the 2019 Advancement in Animal Welfare. Enrichment and behavioral welfare have become a particular passion for her, and an area she enjoys focusing on.

Program: Jessie will discuss the work being done to improve and expand the behavioral welfare program with the San Diego Zoo's bears. She will describe the novel, experience-based program currently being implemented that focuses on seasonality and embracing natural bear behavior. Examples of grizzly, Andean, and other bear species enrichment projects, many of which have been supported with Ocelots grant items, will be described.

Program Topic and/or Speakers are subject to change
Dinner is in the Treetops Room  
San Diego Zoo  
Thursday, February 13, 2020

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| 6:00-6:30 pm  | Cocktails and Animal Ambassadors.  
                Opportunity drawing tickets for sale (and throughout the evening).                     |
| 6:30-7:30 pm  | Welcome and Dinner  
                **Starter:** Market Sugar Snap Pea Salad - Pea Tendrils, Fresh Mint, Shaved Heirloom Carrots, Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette (Veg/GF)  
                **Entrée:** Grilled Striploin Medallion and Local Mahi Mahi - Mango Piri-Piri Butter Sauce, Pinot Noir Syrup, Plantain and Sweet Potato Mash, Roasted Vegetables (GF)  
                **Or Vegetarian Option:** Potato Gnocchi - Roasted Bell Peppers, Fire Roasted Artichoke Hearts, Craft Beer Cheese Fondue (Veg)  
                **Dessert:** Parisian Night - Bittersweet Chocolate Mousse, Vanilla Crème Brûlée, Chocolate Ganache, layered between Dark Chocolate Cake (Veg) |
| 7:30-8:30 pm  | **Program:** Featured speaker, Grants-In-Action, Ollie’s Minute, David’s Remarks, and opportunity drawing winners. |
Reservation form
Deadline – February 5, 2020

All reservations, including payment, must be received by the deadline. Reservations/payments received after the deadline will be returned. You will also be notified by email or phone that you missed the deadline. Sorry, no phone RSVPs. No-shows are non-refundable.

The price of $65 for Ocelots members and $80 for guests includes dinner and/or the program.

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Please include the email address for your guest(s), if you want them on our mailing list:
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Dinner(s) $________________

Zootique Opportunity Drawing tickets ($5 each or 5 for $20) $________________

Tax-deductible donation to the Ocelots Grants Program via check $________________

TOTAL: $________________

If you would prefer to make your tax-deductible donation to the Ocelots Grants Program via credit card please select the following link: Ocelots Donation Website. Please note that there is currently no option to make your donation using PayPal.

Make checks payable to “ZSSD Ocelots” (Zoological Society of San Diego, Ocelots) and send with this form to:
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