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### **San Antonio Zoo® Is Looking For Their Next King And Queen Of The Jungle!**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – Have you or your child ever wanted to ride on a FIESTA float or go behind the scenes with hippos at the zoo? Well, these are just some of the fantastic prizes for the Jungle Contest at this year's 3rd Annual Kids Zoo Ball 2020 *Once Upon a Tail* streaming VIRTUALLY Friday, November 13th. This fundraiser is an excellent opportunity for the kids to learn the importance of philanthropy while having fun supporting their beloved San Antonio Zoo. All proceeds from Kids Zoo Ball 2020 *Once Upon a Tail* will go to San Antonio Zoo's recovery fund.

Last year's Kids Zoo Ball Jungle Court was Doc Riggs Sigman – King of the Jungle, Tenley Travis – Queen of the Jungle, August Bonner – King of the Savanna, Emily Karasek – Queen of the Savanna, all the 2019 participants in total raised \$39,625 for San Antonio Zoo.

This year the needs are even bigger for the zoo, but so are the prize packages for our young fundraisers. Four girls and four boys have the opportunity to receive the following prizes for placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in the Jungle Court.

*Queen/King of the Jungle* (Girl and Boy who raise the most funds, 1st place):

- (1) Ride on one of the San Antonio Zoo Fiesta Parade Floats
- (2) Choice of (a) "Keeper for a day" spend a day with the Animal Care Specialist team that cares for your favorite animal. Must be at least eight years old. -OR- (b) "Giraffe Party" invite 30 of your closest friends and their parents to lunch on the Savana Deck, where you'll get an extraordinary glimpse at Giraffe's Alan, Cosmo, and Braden.
- (3) Photo prominently displayed on Kids Zoo Ball sign at the entrance.
- (4) Photo displayed at an animal habitat of the animal you choose to adopt.

*Princess/Prince of the Jungle* (2nd place):

- (1) You'll get tickets for you and 9 of your friends and their parents (20 total) to come to Zoo Lights, where you'll have a VIP party section with snacks and beverages.

(2) Photo displayed on Kids Zoo Ball sign at the entrance.

*Duchess/Duke of the Jungle* (3rd place):

(1) You'll get tickets for you and 9 of your friends and their parents (20 total) to come to Zoo Boo, where you'll have a VIP party section with snacks and beverages.

(2) Photo displayed on Kids Zoo Ball sign at the entrance.

*Lady/Lord of the Jungle* (4th place):

(1) Behind-the-scenes tour for four (4)

(2) Photo displayed on Kids Zoo Ball sign at the entrance.

### **Milestone Prizes**

All participants have the opportunity to earn milestone prizes for their commitment and participation in the Jungle Contest. Once you've reached a milestone level, you'll be alerted via email to select your choices (see the link for details).

To participate in the Jungle Contest, go to <http://bit.ly/KZB2020> register as a fundraiser and share the link with family and friends.

Entries will be accepted online until 10:00 pm on November 9th, 2020, CST.

"Kids Zoo Ball offers children and families a great opportunity to assist San Antonio Zoo in its recovery in a fun and fulfilling way," said Tim Morrow, President & CEO of San Antonio Zoo. "The proceeds from this year's Kids Zoo Ball will directly help San Antonio Zoo continue our world-class care of the animals, our infrastructure, and our team."

"As we approach the third year of Kid's Zoo Ball, we also approach a year where the need for funding has never been greater. While COVID forced many businesses to close their doors, the staff of San Antonio Zoo worked tirelessly every day to take care of the hundreds of different wildlife that rely upon them for their survival. And, while practically every major metropolitan zoo receives significant public funding from their respective cities, San Antonio Zoo relies completely on donors' support," said Aaron Seaman, Vice President of Business Development, The Bank of San Antonio. "This year Kid's Zoo Ball will be in a virtual setting; however, it by no means lessens the importance of ensuring and executing a successful event while at the same time teaching our children the importance of philanthropy and supporting our beloved San Antonio Zoo."

The costs of animal care and infrastructure at the zoo is nearly \$500,000 a week. Unlike most other zoos in the country, San Antonio Zoo is 100% dependent on guest visits, grants, and donations to operate. The zoo is not operationally subsidized by the city, county, or state. San Antonio Zoo has worked hard to ensure a safe, fun, and educational experience for its guests. Due to low attendance levels since reopening, the zoo requires donations and your support to continue.

### **About San Antonio Zoological Society**

San Antonio Zoological Society was established in 1929 and is a nonprofit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. The society operates San Antonio Zoo, Will Smith Zoo School, Edutainment, Center for Conservation and Research at San Antonio Zoo, and Kiddie Park.

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### **About San Antonio Zoo**

San Antonio Zoo®, operating since 1914, is a nonprofit zoological facility committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes more than a million visitors each year and is open year-round. San Antonio Zoo operates the largest nature based preschool in the country, Will Smith Zoo School, the Center for Conservation and Research, and Kiddie Park. San Antonio Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological Association of America, and Humane Certified by American Humane.

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