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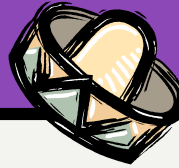
The newsletter for rhino professionals

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Rhino Keeper Workshop 2013:

Jonnie Capiro and Jane Kennedy



The San Diego Zoo Safari Park would like to invite you all to the 2013 Rhino Keeper Workshop! The workshop will be held Sunday, May 5th – May 9th, 2013 at the Town and Country Resort in the heart of San Diego. It will feature day visits to the San Diego Zoo & Safari Park and may include optional trips to Sea World and the Los Angeles Zoo (TBD).

The San Diego Zoo Safari Park is home to black, southern white, northern white, and greater one-horned rhinoceros, 21 rhinos in all. Come visit us to learn how we care for these rhinos and other animals in large mixed-species exhibits.

Kick-off Party – Cinco de Rhino!

Sunday, May 5th

We are in the middle of planning an exciting and innovative workshop for you! We will kick off the week with a rhino-sized Cinco de Rhino party on May 5th at the Town and Country Resort. As we celebrate the five species of rhinos, there will be raffles, auctions, info and vendor booths, and lots of margaritas and tacos to enjoy! Proceeds raised from this event will be donated to IRF's ongoing support of Rhino Protection Units. Start brainstorming ideas for something unique to bring along with you, as a raffle or auction item for this event. Cinco de Rhino San Diego will be open to the public - a brand new audience who will be thrilled to have the chance to bid on animal artwork, ostrich egg artwork, photos, and whatever creation you can come up with. This event is a huge opportunity to really raise some funds for rhino conservation. There will be a separate reception area for RKW attendees for registration pick up and a private ice-breaker.



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The Workshop

Amidst all this partying, we will have to get down to business. The workshop will feature talks on rhino pathology, reproduction, breeding, transportation and both in-situ and ex-situ conservation.

A new feature, the *facility focus*, will be a chance for keepers to share a brief summary of their facility in an informal presentation; more details to follow.

There will be two separate day trips: one to the San Diego Zoo, during which attendees can tour the Pathology Lab, Rhino Backstage Pass, and Elephant Odyssey and another trip to the Safari Park, featuring behind the scenes tours of the Paul Harter Veterinary Medical Center, rhino field exhibits, and the renowned Institute for Conservation Research. Workshop days will also include daily poster sessions, round table discussions, and working groups. Finally, there will be a night out in the Gaslamp district where members can enjoy dinner and exploring the nightlife of San Diego. This workshop is going to be packed full of new and exciting rhino information, opportunities to network, socialize, and to have fun!

Keeper Participation

While we continue the planning for this workshop, keep in mind this is a keeper organization – that means we want to hear from YOU! We encourage keepers to share the wonderful and interesting projects that they are all working on. If you need some ideas of what the membership wants to hear about, refer to the RKW 2011 survey results in which some of the desired topics include: black rhino information, nutrition, and breeding challenges and breakthroughs (these are just a few, visit http://www.rhinokeeperassociation.org/workshops/2011/2011_rkw_survey_results.htm for the complete list). If you would like to present something, but need a little guidance to prepare for a conference, please ask us for help! We want to see more keeper participation and we are happy to guide you in the right direction. See this issue of The Crash for information about the call for papers.

Participating in the IRKA Keeper Development Program can enhance your stay, and help fund your trip here; professional members qualify for reimbursement funds. San Diego can accommodate up to 12 keepers who are interested in honing their keeper skills by working side by side with park or zoo keepers in San Diego; 6 pre-conference and 6 post-conference spots are available. (Not all will qualify for KDP scholarships so apply early!) You will work from a truck with the rhinos in huge exhibits housing hundreds of animals. You will learn how to work around large groups/herds of animals, field immobilization techniques, and field training methods. Visit the IRKA website for more details.



2013 Rhino Keeper Workshop

Banquet Night

The night of the final workshop banquet, the Safari Park will also offer the opportunity to participate in the Park's "Roar-n-Snore" program. You can spend the night at the Safari Park's campground, offering panoramic views of our African Plains field enclosure; (55 acres, over 140 animals from 11 different species, including 19 giraffe, 1.6 southern white rhino, and possibly a new rhino calf!) This package is limited to 25 people and will be an additional cost.(TBD). There will also be our traditional "future workshop" fundraiser held during the ending banquet at the Safari Park, so save an item or two for that auction also!



Stay Tuned...

There are so many ways to stay connected between conferences and we encourage you to like us on Facebook and respond to any emails sent out. In preparation for this workshop, we will have a *communication committee* that will send out surveys to learn more about the attendees and gather some information to share among the organization. This committee will be in touch frequently as the workshop gets closer, to ensure that everyone has all the info they need to book travel arrangements and answer any questions that might arise.

Helpful websites:

- ⇒ <http://www.sandiegozoo.org/>
- ⇒ <http://www.sdzsafaripark.org/>
- ⇒ <http://www.towncountry.com/>
- ⇒ <http://www.gaslamp.org/>
- ⇒ <http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors>

Quick reference for planning your travel to San Diego

Dates – May 5th – May 9th

Hotel -Town and Country Resort San Diego. Rates are \$129 a night. Be sure to mention RKW 2013 when you make your reservation to reserve this rate. Discounted rate is available 3 days prior and 3 days post conference.

Local Airports – Lindbergh Field, San Diego International Airport (SAN)

The airport runs a shuttle service to the Town and Country Resort for \$11 each way.

Carlsbad International Airport, (CLD) (25 miles north, car rental may be necessary)

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) (100 miles north, car rental will be necessary)

Registration Fee – \$225 (\$250 after April 15, 2013)

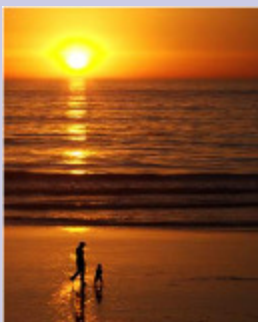
Early registration for professional and supporting professional members

\$175 by Feb. 1, 2013.

Associate Members - \$300 (\$250 early registration by Feb. 1, 2013*)

*There is a limit of 10 Associate member registrations to this Workshop.

Non-member-\$300, no early discount.



INTERNATIONAL RHINO KEEPER ASSOCIATION

Call for Papers

San Diego Zoo Global will be hosting the 2013 International Rhino Keeper Association, Rhino Keeper Workshop from the 5th to the 9th of May 2013. The workshop will feature papers discussing the following topics: The population status of Asian and African Rhino Species, Pathology trends of African and Asian Rhinos, Ex-situ and in-situ breeding of all rhino species, Captive research on rhinos, Transporting rhinos, and Hand-rearing of rhinos. A poster session will also be included in the program. Please submit a one-half page abstract by **August 1, 2012**.

Guidelines for abstract submission:

- 350 word limit.
- Use Arial, Times, or other highly legible 12 point font.
- Include author's names, affiliations, an contact information.

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