

Hello, everyone:

Thanks for those that made it out to our meeting last Tuesday! We went over the general requirements for membership, talked about some of our upcoming events, and then we had a fun game of animal trivia and gave out some awesome prizes!

This week's animal were snow leopards! Snow leopards are very reclusive cats, and they are able to kill prey that is 3x their size! These cats can't roar and instead mew and purr to communicate.

General Meetings

Every Tuesday

7 pm - 8 pm

140 Natural Sciences

Advisor: Dr. Richard Snider

Active Member Status

- Attend 1 Fundraising Event
- Attend 1 Social Event
- Attend 1 Service/Outreach Event
- Pay Dues
- Attend 6 general meetings

Active members get apparel discounts, reduced trip fees, graduation pins (if you are a senior and an active member of a committee), special events, and networking and leadership opportunities.

Dues: \$20 per semester or \$30 annually. They are due by **September 24th**, but if you have a conflict let us know. You can pay after the meetings with cash or anytime with venmo. New members will be active for the fall once their dues are paid (this allows you to start reaping the active member benefits right away :))

Committees!

Joining a committee is *OPTIONAL*, but we think it's a great way to get more involved and let us know your ideas!

Social Committee

Kaitlyn - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.
Plan trips and events and make friends and have fun!

Fundraising Committee

Kassidy - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.

Focuses on local charities, the Rock Fundraiser, grants, scholarships, sponsorships, advertising for semester charity/animal, and alumni networking!

Services/Outreach Committee

Christina and Sarah - Meets after the general meeting for 15 mins.

Participate in volunteer opportunities, community engagement, public education, professional development, trainings and workshops!

Opportunities in Zoology!

Join the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)!

Student Membership is a resume builder, it keeps you up to date with recent news in the zoo world as well as job postings, and gives you access to the Connect Magazine!

<https://www.aza.org/individual-membership>

Upcoming Events!

- Bird Banding at Burke Lake Banding Station: **Sunday, October 6th, 8a-11:30.**
 - Learn how to band bird with ornithologists and ZSA friends!
 - \$2 to attend, sign up on our Facebook page!
 - If you have any questions, contact Kaitlyn Mara

- National Fossil Day at the MSU Museum: **Sunday, October 6th, 10AM-4PM**
 - Help man the Dinosaur Dash 5K course, event tables, activities, and more!
 - **Contact Nick VanAcker by September 20** (vanack22@msu.edu) if interested or have questions

- The Rock Fundraiser: **tentatively October 16th**
 - Supporting macaw conservation in the Amazon.
 - We need help painting the rock the night before and fundraising the day of the 16th.

If you have any questions feel free to email us!

We wish everyone a great semester!

ZSA Eboard

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