#### Hello, everyone:

Thanks for those that made it out to our meeting tonight! We went over the general requirements for membership, talked about some of our upcoming events, and then we had a presentation by Oliva Spagnuolo about her graduate research experiences and the BEAM Study Abroad program!

This week's animal was the Fly River turtle! Their characteristic pig nose is often used as a snorkel and to help them find food.

## **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! <a href="https://www.aza.org/individual-membership">https://www.aza.org/individual-membership</a>

## **Upcoming Events!**

- Volunteering at Potter Park Zoo's Boo-at-the-Zoo Event!
  - Multiple weekends in October
  - Talk to Christina or Sarah if you have any questions!
- The Rock Fundraiser: date pending
  - Supporting macaw conservation in the Amazon.
  - We need help painting the rock the night before and fundraising the day of the event.

If you have any questions feel free to email us! We wish everyone a great semester! ZSA Eboard

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