

Hello my beautiful ZSA members,

Today we learned about the very cute Coatimundi (Genus Nasua). These hog-nosed raccoons as they have been nicknamed, are powerful swimmers thanks to their webbed feet (take that Michael Phelps) and can rotate their ankles 180 degrees so they can climb down trees head first (take that tree climbers).

The ZSA E-Board gives the Coatimundi two separate ratings this week. They get a 4/10 when alone as we could definitely take one Coatimundi as a whole E-Board (especially if we had sticks) but they would have the advantage in the trees and in the water and they have cuteness on their side. So we can't underestimate a triple threat. As a pack, the Coatimundi gets a 7/10 as they can have packs up to 30 individuals strong and that far outweighs our measly six person E-Board but, they don't get a 10/10 as we still have sticks.

Jared Talley came to speak to us today about conservation ethics in the West. It was a little bit different than our usual Zoology focused presentation but it is one you won't want to miss, especially if you want to go into conservation or environmentalism. The zoom recording has been added to this email if you were unable to join us tonight. Contact Jared if you have more questions for him at jaredtalley@outlook.com.

The IBIO internship workshop continues on November 11th and 18th from 5-6pm. Email Eila or Christina for more information.

Our fundraising opportunity continues. Return cans and bottles to raise funds for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, a non-profit working to conserve and protect gorillas in Africa. The person who raises the most money will win a prize.

Have you been interested in getting more involved with ZSA? Join our E-Board, we are looking for a few people to shadow for E-Board positions next semester. Talk to any E-Board member or email us if interested.

Annica's joke corner:



Eila, our queen and club advisor will be speaking to us next week. Get psyched to get to know her and hear her speak.

Have a safe week everyone.

All the best,

ZSA E-Board