

Hey, everyone:

The slideshow theme last week was the Silkhenge spider! This is a curious species because they make these elaborate "silkhenges" around their eggs and yet no scientist has seen the adult spider or been able to raise the bright orange young to maturity! We also had Tracy Montgomery from the Behavioral Ecology of African Mammals (BEAM) Lab come talk about the BEAM trip this summer as well as give us more information about hyenas!

ZSA Related Information

General Meetings are every Tuesday, from 7-8 pm, in 128 of Natural Sciences.
Our club advisor is Dr. Richard Snider.

Active Member Status

To become an active member, you must attend:

- 1 fundraising event
- 1 social event
- 1 services/outreach event
- Pay dues (\$20 for this semester if you haven't paid already)
- Attend 5 general meetings!

Active members get apparel discounts, reduced trip fees, species events, and are the first to be picked in case we have limited spots for trips!

EBoard Members

President: Allie

VP: Amanda

Secretary: Nora

Treasurer: Katie

Public Relations: Eliza

Webmaster: Alena

Social Chair: Lexy

Fundraising: Alyssa

Services/Outreach: Julie & Emma

Committee Information: meetings happen after the general meeting!

Social Committee: Come up with fun events for the club and help plan the spring trip and day trips!

Fundraising Committee: Come up with fundraising ideas! Help out with the semester animal fundraiser at the rock!

Services/Outreach Committee: find and coordinate fun community service events for the clubs!

Opportunities in Zoology!

- Join the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)!

Start your membership for 2018!

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>

- Brown Bags with the Profs

Tuesdays in room 206c of Natural Sciences

Noon to 1 pm.

Come chat with some advisors and staff in a casual setting!

Upcoming Events!

- MSU Bat Association Speaker

Dr. Allen Kurta

Speaking about hibernation patterns of Michigan's native bat species, and white nose syndrome

Thursday, January 18th, 6-7 pm (TOMORROW)

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, Room 8

- Conservation Talk: Working Dogs for Conservation (WD4C)

Thursday January 25th, 6-8 pm, Potter Park Zoo, Safari Rm

Discussing conservation detection dogs, also topics about them and their work in Montana

Free to the public!

- Darwin Discovery Day Volunteer

MSU Museum, February 11th, 1-5 pm

Volunteers sign up by **JANUARY 18TH! (You must complete a background check form!)**

Help setup, teardown, present, work with kids, give out food, etc!

Get a free shirt!

Volunteer for service credit.

Services and Outreach Meeting Minutes - Emma and Julie

CAHS (Capital Area Humane Society) orientation

- Saturday, February 17 - Adult (16+) from 10 am - 12 pm

- Wednesday, March 7 - Adult (16+) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

- Cost \$20

- Volunteer for service credit

- Let us know if you go to any events and please message us pictures!

Volunteer/ Docent Recruitment Event

Potter Park Zoo

Saturday, Jan 20th, 10 am - 12 pm.

You can get service credit for volunteering at PPZ

Find more information about being a volunteer or docent on the PPZ website: potterparkzoo.org (Support Tab)

Ideas for This Semester

- Tour MSU Farms

- Volunteer at Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue

- Build bat boxes with MSU's Bat Club

- Tour/volunteer at a wildlife rehab center

It would be awesome if you come up with some ideas for service/outreach events to share at the committee meeting!

We're always looking to try new things.

Merchandise

- We've got Spartan head shirts from S - XXL for \$20

- We've got Periodic table shirts, long sleeves, and crew necks available for pick up to those who ordered them (T-shirt: \$15 (\$12 active), Long sleeve \$20 (\$17 active), & Crew neck \$25 (\$22 active).

- We've got new stickers from redbubble! \$3

- We also have some miscellaneous shirts and goodies!

- We'll be ordering some new merch, so stay tuned!

Thanks to those who were at the first meeting of the semester! We look forward to seeing you again!

Nora
ZSA Secretary

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