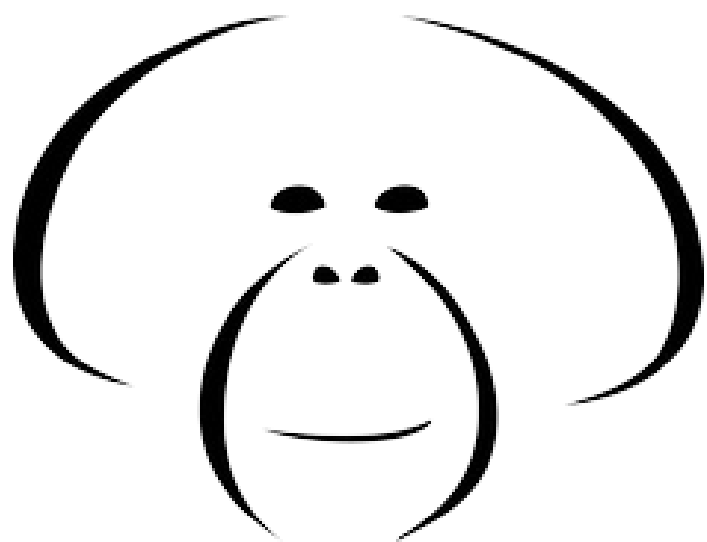


Orangutan Caring Week 2023 Toolkit

Resources to engage and educate
about orangutans



ORANGUTAN
SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN

INTRODUCTION

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Purpose

This toolkit was designed by the Orangutan Species Survival Plan (SSP) Education Team to be utilized for Orangutan Caring Week and any other educational events involving orangutans.

Using the Toolkit

While this instructional toolkit is aimed at communicating with zoo staff and volunteers so that organizations can take advantage of the kit, the individual links next to each resource make it easy for anyone to enjoy. In addition to zoos, we encourage individuals/families, parents, teachers, etc. to use and share these resources.

The activities are broken down into themed days to coordinate with Orangutan Caring Week. Celebrate with the SSP starting on November 13th.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

New for 2023!

Join us for a FREE webinar with the Saint Louis Zoo on Wednesday, November 15th at 11:00 am EST/8:00am PST

STLZOOMs

Orangutan Diet and Health Care

This FREE live virtual presentation is targeted for school audiences and registration is required.

Visit <https://stlzoo.org/education/virtual-programs/stl-zooms> to register and learn more starting in October.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Follow along on Facebook

See our stories, and share with us how you celebrate orangutans during Orangutan Caring Week. We would love to see what you do! Post and share the fun online and include the hashtags:

#OrangutanSSP

#OrangutanCaringWeek

#OrangutanAwarenessWeek

#WeCareAboutOrangutans



Sponsor this Toolkit

Tens of thousands of people throughout the world (primarily the U.S.) view each annual release of the toolkit. If you're interested in sponsoring the kit, or other SSP efforts, please reach out to brian.m.kutsch@gmail.com

Support the SSP and get your gear on!

Visit [CafePress](https://www.cafepress.com) to buy clothing, drinkware, stickers, and more featuring the Orangutan SSP logo.



ACTIVITIES

Day 1

All About Orangutans

Today is an introduction into all the things that make orangutans amazing.

Activities include:

- Make an orangutan mask
- Compare your hand to an orangutan's
- Learn about orangutan arm span by drawing one out of chalk
- Roaming Rambutan

[Click Here for All About Orangutans Activities](#)



ACTIVITIES

Day 2

Caring for Wild Orangutans

Orangutans are in trouble in the wild. The SSP cares for orangutans in supported zoos, but we also care for wild orangutans too. There is a collective effort by zoos to help conserve wild populations of orangutans and YOU can help!

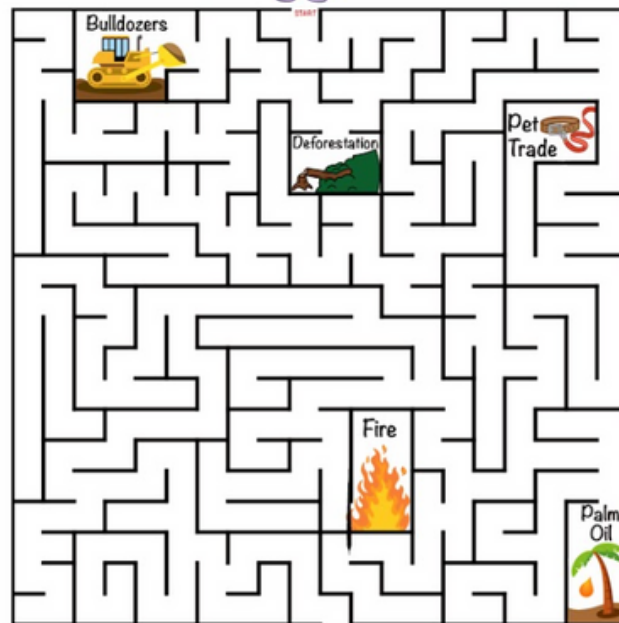
Activities include:

- Wild Orangutan Maze
- Forest Friendly Scavenger Hunt
- Deforestation Activity

[Click Here for Caring for Wild Orangutans Activities](#)

Can you help Lucy find her home safely?

Draw a path to the forest, but avoid the danger on the way!



You did it!



ACTIVITIES

Day 3

Diet and Health Care

We work hard to ensure all zoo animals are in good health. It is important for orangutans to have a nutritious diet and regular check-ups - just like you!

Activities include:

- Orangutan Physical Fitness Challenge
- What is on your Plate?
- How do you get your Food?

[Click Here for Diet and Health Care Activities](#)



ACTIVITIES

Day 4

Enrichment and Training

With enrichment and training, keepers create zoo environments that provide a stimulating life for orangutans, with opportunities to engage in natural behavior, be more active and have more control over their environment. Enrichment and training helps satisfy both the physical and psychological needs of orangutans and allows them to make choices.

Activities include:

- Build a nest like an orangutan
- Play the training game
- Puzzle feeder activity

[Click Here for Enrichment and Training Activities](#)

Can you build a nest like orangutans?

Background: Just like humans sleep in a bed, orangutans sleep in nests every night. In the wild, orangutans use branches, sticks, and leaves to create their nests. In zoos, you will see orangutans use blankets, sticks, leaves, and hay. They will weave together branches, leaves, and sticks to create the perfect resting spot. Depending on the orangutan, they might even add a roof or leafy pillows!

Description: Using the same types of materials orangutans use, see if you can build a nest perfect for sleeping in. Once you have created the perfect nest, take a picture and send it to our facebook page! You can also tag us!

Materials: Blankets, sticks, leaves, or hay



(Nest built by orangutan at Zoo Miami)

ACTIVITIES

Day 5

Relationships

Orangutans develop unique relationships with each other and their keepers. These bonds are special and worth celebrating!

Activities include:

- Family Tree Activity
- Orangutan Word Searches
- Orangutan Food Web Activity

[Click Here for Relationships Activities](#)

Word Search

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What is the Orangutan SSP

Together with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Orangutan SSP serves the accredited zoos that house orangutans. Working closely with respected professionals in the field, the SSP provides help and guidance to zoos housing orangutans. Together, zoos and the SSP seek to provide the best possible environment for these amazing apes.

Orangutan Species Survival Plan Program Goals

Research: Science guides many of the management practices of the SSP. [Find out more about how research is supported by the SSP.](#)

Education: Public outreach is vital to increasing awareness about the status of orangutans in zoos and in the wild. Learn more about the educational activities of the Orangutan SSP.

Advocacy: Great apes face myriad challenges in today's world. The Orangutan SSP is committed to taking a stand on the critical issues facing the taxon.

Conservation: Critically endangered in their native Southeast Asia, orangutan populations are perilously low due to several factors including habitat conversion, deforestation, disease and the pet trade. The SSP supports in situ activities that address these issues.

Husbandry: The people that look after orangutans in accredited zoos have some of the most rewarding yet challenging jobs around. The SSP serves these institutions by providing up-to-date information about the proper care and management of orangutans in a variety of settings.



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