



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Tarantulas crawl into San Francisco Zoo & Gardens for summer

SAN FRANCISCO – They’re big. They’re hairy. But are they scary? Tarantulas are the largest spiders in the world, however most tarantula species are not aggressive. They may simply be misunderstood gentle giants. A special exhibit featuring many different tarantula species is opening Saturday, May 27 at San Francisco Zoo & Gardens inside the Pachyderm Building and will be open daily through the summer months.

The Tarantula special exhibit takes guests on a journey of scientific discovery by presenting the marvelous, eight-legged beasts in a new light. It focuses on the diverse and natural beauty of the giants of the spider world, and provides a uniquely engaging and educational experience for children and adults of all ages. You may even learn to love them!

The special exhibit is open daily from 10:00-5:00 and is included with SF Zoo Membership or general admission.

Also happening at San Francisco Zoo on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29, guests will be treated to live musical performances by “Brass Animals” on Saturday and “Steel Jam” on Sunday and Monday in The Depot, located near Puento al Sur. The bands will be playing sets from 12:00-3:00 pm each day. Serving up BBQ and beverages, The Depot is a great place to grab lunch and be entertained.

SF Zoo appreciates and pays tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Retired and active military personnel receive SF resident admission rates.

Event Details

What: Tarantula special exhibit at San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

Where: San Francisco Zoo, Sloat Blvd. @ The Great Highway, San Francisco, Calif., 94132

When: Exhibit opens Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 10:00 am

Visuals: Zoo guests experiencing the new tarantulas exhibit

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About San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

Established in 1929, San Francisco Zoo & Gardens connects people to wildlife, inspires caring for nature and advances conservation action. An urban oasis, the Zoo & Gardens are home to more than 2,000 exotic, endangered and rescued animals representing more than 250 species as well as seven distinct gardens full of native and unusual plants. Located at the edge of the Pacific Ocean where the Great Highway meets Sloat Boulevard, the Zoo is open 365 days a year from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and is accessible by San Francisco MUNI "L" Taraval Line. You can find us on the web at www.sfzoo.org.

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