



Halloween Spooktacular

An Ocean of Halloween Fun

Come trick-or-treat where Halloween meets the sea. Meet amazing sea creatures, catch silly and spooky Halloween shows — all in an underwater Halloween Fantasea. Coming ashore new this year is the *Pirates 4-D* movie experience, a humorous tale of a hapless pirate crew. Kids, come in costume and leave swimming in ghoulish goodies.

Weekends in October
Spooktacular is included with park admission.

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Oh, Baby!

Zoo celebrates births of a giraffe, a Calamian deer and Chacoan peccaries.

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The Los Angeles Zoo is proud to announce the birth of a Masai giraffe, a Calamian deer and two Chacoan peccaries.

On Aug. 30, a female Masai giraffe was born at the Zoo. Able to stand shortly after birth, giraffe calves can grow four feet during their first year. When fully grown, giraffes can reach a height of 18 feet, making them the tallest land mammal.

Native to Kenya and Tanzania, Masai giraffes can reach a speed of 35 miles per hour. Their kicks are so powerful that they're capable of decapitating a lion. Giraffes communicate with one another through posturing, movement and carriage of their tails, retreat and sometimes vocalization, which includes moos, bellows and whistles.

Sept. 1 brought the birth of a male Calamian deer, a type of endangered deer native to the Philippines' Calamian Islands. These deer prefer to live in swampy areas close to rivers, marshes with tall grass, open forests, clear-cut areas or second-growth scrub.

These deer feast on low-lying leaves, twigs and shoots. Occasionally they will graze on fallen flowers and fruits. Male deer need large amounts of calcium and phosphate from their food to grow antler bone.

On Aug. 23, two Chacoan peccaries, a species similar to pigs, were born. Chacoan peccaries are native to Bolivia, Argentina and Paraguay. They were thought to be extinct until 1972 when biologists found the species still existed in Paraguay.

Although peccaries look similar to pigs, they belong to a different taxonomic group than the true pigs of the Old World. In peccaries, the tusks point downward as opposed to upward. They have 38 teeth instead of either 34 or 44 like suids, and peccary babies don't have the "watermelon" striped

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Where: Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Cost: Admission is \$14 for adults and \$9 for children ages 2 to 12

Info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org

coats that the offspring of true pigs, such as red river hogs and Visayan warty pigs, are born with.

In the wild, low-growing species of cactus make up most of the peccary's diet. Like hogs, peccaries have a well-developed snout used to root out bulbs, roots, tubers and rhizomes of a variety of plants. Occasionally, peccaries also eat small mammals and reptiles. Unlike the domestic pig, the peccary is a slow and dainty eater; they do not devour their food rapidly.

These recent births are just a few of the exciting reasons to visit the L.A. Zoo this fall. All these babies are now on exhibit with their parents. Visitors can also stop by the Winnick Family Children's Zoo to see several of the young Komodo dragons that hatched last month, as well as a variety of exotic hoof stock youngsters that are being raised in the nursery. The male harbor seal pup, born in June, is also on exhibit after a successful introduction to the Zoo's five adult harbor seals.



The zoo's baby giraffe.