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Zoo event for local seniors hits record-breaking attendance
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo to host final Senior Safari of 2018 on Oct. 25

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo's popular Senior Safari event series – which invites older adults to temporarily take over a kid-free zoo – has enjoyed record attendance this year, with more than 2,500 participants flocking to Happy Hollow for fun with animals, socializing with friends, and getting fresh air and exercise in the great outdoors.

The sixth and final event of 2018 will be held Thursday, October 25. In addition to standard offerings such as docent-led tours, zookeeper chats, watercolor painting and QiGong breathing exercises, the series finale will feature an appearance by Something Ridiculous – a duo of high energy, acrobatic, juggling comedy entertainment.

“Happy Hollow is well-known for being a kid-friendly destination, but the widespread glee of Senior Safari is truly a sight to behold.” said Amy Pizarro, executive director of Happy Hollow Foundation, which supports the park and zoo in creating a sustainable environment for education, conservation and play. “Whether they’re squealing on the roller coaster or getting up close and personal with one of our animal ambassadors, Senior Safari guests prove that going outside to play is awesome at any age.”

With nearly a half-million seniors in Santa Clara County, Happy Hollow Foundation launched the Senior Safari program to combat social isolation among older adults and give them a unique opportunity to get moving and enjoy nature. Free parking and admission help ensure that the events are accessible to anyone regardless of income.

“The Health Trust is thrilled to support Senior Safari,” said Michele Lew, CEO of The Health Trust, presenting sponsor for the 2018 Senior Safari series. “At The Health Trust we believe that everyone’s health matters!”

“We are so happy to see seniors enjoying nature and reconnecting with their childish side,” said Kiersten McCormick, Assistant General Manager of Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. “We’ve seen seniors play on our Redwood Lookout playground, and enjoying our Pacific Fruit Express rollercoaster.”





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Senior Safari is open to adults age 50 and older. Guests enjoy early entry to the park, docent-led zoo tours, animal meet-and-greets, fun activities, giveaways, and a 10,000-step challenge. Doors open at 9 a.m., and guests are welcome to stay the day after gates open to the public at 10 a.m.

Registration is not mandatory, but those who [RSVP](#) will be entered in a drawing to win free tickets to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.

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Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is a division of the City of San Jose [Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services](#), and supported through partnership with the [Happy Hollow Foundation](#). The mission of Happy Hollow is connecting people to nature through play. Happy Hollow provides a variety of outdoor play experiences for all ages, including an AZA accredited zoo; rides and nature-themed amusement; celebrations and private events; as well a robust animal education and wildlife conservation program. Visit www.happyhollow.org for more information.