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Community Based Conservation and Rhinos

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Jeff Muntifering

Jeff Muntifering, the Minnesota Zoo's field biologist, will discuss Namibia's unique community-based conservation strategy and whether it can save the rhino. We will also view and discuss, "Milking the Rhino", the first major documentary to explore wildlife conservation from the perspective of people who live with wild animals.



The Art and Science of Animal Training

Sunday, February 12, 2012 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Speakers: Steve Martin

Steve Martin is a professional animal trainer and show developer who has worked at over 85 zoological facilities in 16 countries. Steve will discuss his mission of inspiring caring and conservation action through the production of educational animal programs.



Cultivating the Wonder of Nature in Childhood

Sunday, March 18, 2012 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. David Sobel

Dr. Sobel is a national leader in the place-based education movement. Dr. Sobel will discuss how the parent/child/nature relationship changes through and challenge parents and educators to take advantage of the openness to nature found in childhood.



Dinosaurs Among Us: Saving the Last Sea Turtles

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. Karen Eckert

Dr. Eckert, director of the United Nations' affiliated Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST), will share her passion for sea turtle research and conservation.



Trumpeter Swans, Common Loons and the Minnesota Zoo

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Speakers: Jimmy Pichner

Mr. Pichner, the Zoo's bird supervisor will chronicle the Zoo's 30 year involvement with the Minnesota trumpeter swan restoration program and the first successful hatching and successful rearing of a common loon in captivity.



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