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Zoo to celebrate snakes Saturday

ABILENE, TEXAS –The Abilene Zoo will salute slithery serpents Saturday, March 12, with a Snake Celebration Day at the Reptile House.

Activities kick off at 10:30 a.m. and will include green mamba and king cobra feeding demonstrations, as well as a zoo keeper chat about rattlesnakes and chance to safely see the animals up close.

The snake symposium will close with a 2 p.m. lecture in the zoo’s administration building by Dr. Stephen Rousses from the University of North Texas.

Rousses, a field biologist and viper expert, will explain why rattlers get a bad rap in his talk “Rattlesnakes: Flagship Animals of the West.”

“This is the first time we’ve brought in a guest speaker for one of our snake education days, and we’re excited to host someone with great experience and credentials,” said Abilene Zoo Education Curator Joy Harsh. “This will be a super learning opportunity for science students.”

The event is free with zoo admission.

About the Abilene Zoo: The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 1000 animals of 250 different species. The zoo is open 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 3-12, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and older. Members are admitted free. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085.

Mission Statement: The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.