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Guests to create animal gifts on Enrichment Day

ABILENE, TEXAS –Saturday, Dec. 13, will be Enrichment Day at the Abilene Zoo, a special monthly Exploration Day offering extra activities and learning adventures in the zoo plaza.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Abilene Zoo’s staff will offer animal information and a special craft for different species on exhibit. The event is free with zoo admission.

Guests can bring cardboard boxes from home to help create enrichment gifts for the animals,

but the zoo also will have plenty on hand. The animals like to play with boxes, and the zoo strives to create entertaining environments to enrich their lives.



“Enrichment is that special element that increases the animal’s well-being,” says Liz Kellerman, training and enrichment coordinator at the zoo. “Just as we look after the animal’s physical health, we work to stimulate their mental well-being by enhancing their environments.”

On Enrichment Day, guests can join in the fun and help create a box/toy for the animals to enjoy. The boxes will be put on exhibit the following day.

The Abilene Zoo is home to more than 900 animals from 250 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 \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-12, \$5 for seniors aged 60+. Members are admitted free. Memberships start at \$30. www.abilenezoo.org. 325-676-6085. This summer, the zoo will be open every Thursday until 9 p.m.