



The Kendall Project

Mission Statement

The goal of the Kendall Project is to discourage the presentation of great apes in unnatural settings and their use in entertainment and advertising by advocating the following:

I. Educating people about great ape biology, husbandry, and their status in the wild, emphasizing the connection between people and great apes.

II. Providing the public with information about the misuse of apes as "props" in the entertainment business, including information about specific individuals who were once a part of the industry and how it has affected their lives.

III. Raising funds for other organizations working to promote the welfare of apes used in the entertainment industry; particularly organizations that can provide appropriate housing and social groupings for "retired" entertainment apes.

Kendall's Story @ "The Brown Bag Lunch"

The North Carolina Zoo's interpretive specialist Bob Langston has put together a nice lecture series for zoo staff and volunteers that takes place during the employee lunch hour. These lectures are otherwise known as "Lunch Encounters." Many people have done wonderful lectures in the past, and just recently, Beth and Becky presented their paper "The Kendall Project: The Integration, Socialization, and Management of a Former Entertainment Chimpanzee," originally presented at the 2008 AAZK Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. This paper highlighted the steps NC Zoo chimp keepers have taken to socialize Kendall and get him integrated into a small group of chimps.

Although the presentation is one that they had done before, it is always different doing it at "home". The presentation was well received by keeper staff, upper management, volunteers, office staff, and friends. The presentation brought to light the challenges (and breakthroughs!) Kendall has faced since his arrival at the zoo. This in the grand scheme of things is what The Kendall Project is all about.

Thank you to all who came and supported Becky and Beth, who will be glad to supply a copy of the paper to any who might be interested in reading it. Please contact info@kendallproject.org if you would like a copy of the paper.

The Kendall Project Teams up with Field Trip Earth

For those of you who are not familiar with Field Trip Earth, The Kendall Project would like to introduce you to the North Carolina Zoo Society's interesting and comprehensive website (www.fieldtripearth.org). Highlighting many of the North Carolina Zoo's conservation efforts, webmaster Mark MacAllister has created a global resource for teachers, students and proponents of wildlife conservation.

The Kendall Project is planning to publish several articles on the Field Trip Earth site, as a series of 6 monthly installments. The articles will discuss Kendall and his integration into the North Carolina Zoo's troop, starting with an article on basic chimp behavior and how it relates to Kendall's situation. We will cover what we learned when Kendall arrived and bring it all up to date at the end of that 6 month period.

These articles will be written with kids in mind, and if you have any children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, or family friends who might find this series interesting, we encourage you to direct them to Field Trip Earth. The first installment has already been posted to the Field Trip Earth site, and check back next month for an update!

www.fieldtripearth.org

Article Alert

There was a great article in the September 2008, AZA Connect that was written by Steve Ross that we wanted to share with you.

Please see attached articles.

Special Sweatshirt Orders

We are in the process of taking orders for our Kendall Project Sweatshirts. We are opening this to Volunteers of North Carolina Zoo and Members who receive the Kendall Project Newsletter at this time. Prices are listed below, and include shipping. Please get your order to us by February 15, 2009 by emailing info@kendallproject.org.

Available in four styles:

Full Zip Fleece; ¼ Zip Fleece and Zip Hoodie: \$35.00

Pull Over Hoodie: \$30.00

Please specify color (Navy Blue or Hunter Green) and size (S, M, L, XL).

The sweatshirt below has the picture, but is missing the Kendall Project logo. All of the sweatshirts will have the logo.



A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank you for your interest in The Kendall Project. The three of us are so excited about the response we have received so far from everyone we have come into contact with while telling Kendall's story.

If you know of any groups, clubs or memberships who would be interested in hearing Kendall's story please don't hesitate to contact us at:
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