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**Think Before You Click:** This email originated **outside** our organization.

Hello everyone,

We hope your summers are going well! The AZA Annual Conference is fast approaching, and we would like to extend a great opportunity to our ACE for Wildlife network partners! Thanks to a generous grant from ACE for Wildlife's funding partner, Woodland Park Zoo is able to support the participation of two staff members from each partner organization at the AZA Conference this year. ACE for Wildlife is able to reimburse each organization for up to two staff members; we will reimburse a \$550 early registration for each member as well as \$500 to cover other travel costs. Don't forget to register your attendees no later than Aug 9 to take advantage of the early registration rate. As we would like to use the time on Saturday, August 7, for a discussion of the plans for ACE for Wildlife, we ask that you please send attendees that will be central to the empathy work you're doing and able actively help shape this network.

We expect that participating partners will attend an Advancing Conservation Through Empathy for Wildlife Partner Meeting, Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Convention Center. Again, please plan on only two attendees per organization at this meeting, given space limitations at the venue. The goal of this discussion is to define the ACE for Wildlife network structure and discuss possible governance frameworks moving forward. This discussion will be a precursor to ongoing network discussions at the 2020 symposium (stay tuned for a save the date in Q1 2020!) so please plan on sending staff members who can speak to your organization's empathy-based work and possible role in the network next year.

In addition, ACE for Wildlife will be hosting a booth in the exhibit hall. While membership in the network is not currently open to all AZA organizations, we would like to share what we know about the empathy with the AZA network and highlight the work that the partners are doing in our region. We would like your help staffing the booth. Woodland Park Zoo will make sure that there is one person staffing the booth during open hours, but we'd like to invite attendees from all organizations to sign up for 1-2 hour shifts to talk about their organizations' perspective on the network. There is a

link to the signup sheet below. In addition to staffing the booth for 1-2 hours, we invite each partner organization to bring materials that highlight the empathy work that they are most excited to share at the conference.

[Sign up here](#)

Finally, we would like to invite **all** staff members from the ACE for Wildlife partner organizations to a Social Hour on Tuesday, September 10, 6:00-8:00 PM at Auction House Market. Invite any of your staff at the conference to join us and make connections over a glass of wine and crostinis, courtesy of the ACE for Wildlife project.

Please reply to this email no later than **August 9, 2019** with the attached form completed to help us put the finishing touches on our plans.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans, and please let me know if you have any questions. I will follow up with the attendees with more information after August 9, 2019.

Thanks,  
Laurel

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*Woodland Park Zoo saves wildlife and inspires everyone to make conservation a priority in their lives.*

**Advancing Conservation through Empathy for Wildlife  
Annual AZA Conference 2019  
Sept 7-11**

Advancing Conservation Through Empathy for Wildlife Partner Meeting, Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Convention Center

ACE for Wildlife Social Hour, Tuesday September 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Auction House Market

**Partner Organization:**

Names and contact information for the **two** attendees who will be attending the Saturday meeting and applying for travel reimbursements

Name	Role	Email & Phone

Names and contact information from any other attendees of your organization that you would like included in the invitation to the Social Hour on Tuesday night

Name	Role	Email & Phone

Any materials or information you'd like to include at the exhibit booth

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Any items you'd like to discuss at the meeting on Sat, Sept 12

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**I acknowledge that these staff members will be representing our organization at the ACE for Wildlife Partner Meeting on Sat, Sept 7 from 10 am – 12 pm and at the ACE for Wildlife exhibit booth.**

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Attendee 1 Supervisor's signature      Date

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Attendee 2 Supervisor's signature      Date