

Lions, Tigers, and Bearcats Enjoy Cool Picnic Treats All Labor Day Weekend

What: How many licks does it take to get to the meat center of a blood-sicle pop? We may soon get the answer. All Labor Day weekend Naples Zoo guests will enjoy watching the animals receive special icy treats tailor-made to the animals' diet – from a blood-flavored popsicle for carnivores to a cool gelatin dessert with a favorite fruit for apes!

Events like this are part of the daily **animal enrichment** program. Proper animal husbandry includes not only cleaning, nutritional diets, veterinary care, and daily record keeping, but also *behavioral enrichment*. Enrichment includes the obvious toys which can be manufactured for the animal to play with (or destroy) as well as inter-species interaction, supplemental foraging activities, and even the use of scents to increase curiosity about objects. By rotating activities, animals consistently engage in something fun and thought provoking.

Visit the Zoo throughout Labor Day weekend for these activities:

Friday, September 2

Noon White-handed gibbons snack on fruit and gelatin
3:15 p.m. Indochinese tigers chomp blood-sicle pops

Saturday, September 3

12:30 p.m. African lions crunch into blood-sicle pops
2 p.m. Zebra and antelope enjoy ice treats

Sunday, September 4

Noon Siamangs (lesser apes) cool off with ice treats
2:45 p.m. Cougars lick blood-sicle pops

Monday, September 5

11:15 a.m. Binturongs (bearcats) nibble ice treats and gelatin
3:45 p.m. Wild Dogs wolf down blood-sicle pops

When: **Labor Day Weekend**
Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 5

Where: **Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens**
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