

NAPLES ZOO

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Zoo Guests Can Spot Leopards During Special Appearance

Visiting Speaker: Tracking Carnivores in Namibia

After the leopard exhibit was damaged by Hurricane Wilma, leopards have been a rare sight at Naples Zoo. At 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th, Zoo guests will get a wonderful opportunity to see the large spotted cats at a special presentation in the Safari Canyon open-air theater while learning first hand from Andrew Stein, Lead Researcher with the Waterberg Carnivore Project Namibia. Naples Zoo has previously funded Stein's conservation efforts in Africa and will present a check during this program to help continue his work.

Stein is a visiting researcher at the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia where he explores new techniques and technology to the study of leopards and hyenas. Stein also studies the impact of carnivores on local agriculture and works with farmers toward reducing conflict in order to protect wildlife. Stein will speak in the Safari Canyon open-air theater followed by the leopards. Leopards will back for daily viewing in the Zoo at the new leopard exhibit breaking ground later this year.

The event is free with regular zoo admission. Regular zoo admission is \$15.95 for adults and \$9.95 for children ages 4 to 15. Zoo members are free. Naples Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the organization that sets the highest standards for wildlife institutions. The zoo is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from Coastland Center and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more zoo info, click www.napleszoo.com

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