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OUT OF AFRICA WILDLIFE PARK ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Camp Verde, AZ (May 28, 2007) Dean and Prayeri Harrison, founders and owners of Out of Africa Wildlife Park, announced that the Park is celebrating its second anniversary in Camp Verde today.

Two years ago, the Park moved its operations from its 16 acre facility in Fountain Hills, Arizona to a spacious new 104 acre facility in Camp Verde, Arizona, ninety miles north.

The new location has greatly expanded habitats for its large African animals including giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, sables, rhinoceros, lions, leopards, hyena, and other exotic creatures from around the world. At 3,400 feet elevation, the facility also enjoys cooler temperatures year round and offers a high desert environment similar to the Masai region of Africa.

Many of the key staff members moved north with the Park and have been working steadily on establishing expanded habitats and enrichments for the animals. Some major projects have been completed and others are ongoing.



One of the biggest finished projects was for Boom Boom, the rescued Southern White Rhinoceros, donated by Marc Ecko, who arrived in Camp Verde with only a few



days notice. A temporary habitat was quickly constructed for the megafauna while his six acre permanent home, Serengeti West, was designed and constructed. It was an all-hands-on-deck program that required everyone's input, including Boom Boom's. When moving day came, Boom Boom had to walk through a gauntlet of heavy equipment strategically placed along his route in such a way that spontaneous walkabouts by the two ton animal were avoided. The relatively

short walk consumed an entire day, but the rhino is now completely at home in his new surroundings, including a heated African hut, two wallows, and plenty of trees for shade and for rubbing his horn.

The largest ongoing project is construction of the new Tiger Splash arena. Tiger Splash was the Park's most popular show in Fountain Hills and the tigers, caretakers, and visitors are all eager for the daily swims to resume. The pool and 2,000 seat amphitheater are completed. Walkways for the tigers are nearly complete and acclimation of the tigers will start in June. The show is expected to commence this summer.

Future projects this year include an expanded reptile display area, the opening of Lemur Land, and the acquisition of additional animals. Two female giraffes for Kibo and Pilgrim, and a female rhino for Boom Boom, are at the top of the wish list, and baby camels are on the Park's coming-soon list and expected to arrive in June.



Out of Africa Wildlife Park was founded in 1988 by Dean and Prayeri Harrison and is home to 400 animals who occupy a 104-acre preserve located in Camp Verde, AZ. The Park was created for wild animals to live in a setting simulating their native environment. The animals enjoy natural, spacious habitats and share close relationships with their caregivers. The founders of the Park have developed unique features and interactive ways in which the public can share in one-of-a-kind wildlife experiences: the Serengeti Safari, the Wildlife Preserve, the Giant Snake Show, and the Predator Feed.

The Serengeti Safari is an authentic African photo safari, narrated by expert guides where visitors encounter giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, ostrich, and other hooved animals.

In the Wilderness Preserve the Park guides provide educational tours on trams and trolleys. Visitors may also take their time and walk the Preserve. Animal habitats in the Wildlife Preserve feature photo platforms with unobstructed views for photographing the predators.

The Predator Feed is not to be missed. On Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 3 p.m. follow animal caretakers as they feed 800 pounds of raw meat to eagerly waiting carnivores.

The Giant Snake Show happens on Thursdays and Saturdays at 3 p.m. and often features giant anacondas, pythons, and boa constrictors.

Behind the Scenes VIP Tours are new and are available for an additional fee. The tours are conducted by the owners or expert caretakers and include unique views of the Park and the animals. They also include lunch with expert caretakers and hands-on animal encounters.

Out of Africa Wildlife Park hours of operation are Wednesdays through Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ticket sales close at 4 p.m. The Park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, except on major holidays. Please check the online calendar for specific days at www.outofafricapark.com. Camp Verde is located 90 minutes north of Phoenix and 30 minutes south of Sedona.

For more information, visit www.outofafricapark.com or call 928.567.2840.
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