

**2022 Calendar  
 of Events**

**October 1 -  
 December 31  
 HoneyBaked Ham  
 Gift Card Sale**  
 (See article or flyer for  
 details )

**November 28  
 GeorgiaGives  
 #GivingTuesday**

**November 30  
 Election of New  
 Board Members**  
 (Nominations due Nov. 10 )

**December 10  
 Mega Update and  
 Holiday Bazaar**



**Election of Board  
 Members**

It's that time of year again when we elect Board members. There are two current members whose terms are expiring this year - Leslie Martin and Susan Smith. Susan has decided to run for another two-year term. Leslie has decided that she will remain active without being on the Board. All other Board members have terms that expire next year.

We are excited that Jenny Reineck has decided to become a board member. We would love to have other new faces on the

Board which of course will bring new ideas. If you would like to be on the ballot and join the Board, please contact Jane Barron at [barronjane@comcast.net](mailto:barronjane@comcast.net).

If you have questions about the job, Jane will be happy to give you more information.

Nominations for the Board are due by November 10, 2022. Voting will be done by email on November 30 with results announced soon after.

Thank you Leslie for all of your work on the Board since 2016. You have been an incredible team player and a leader on so many fundraisers. Many thanks again for all you have done for ACE.



*Please keep your thoughts and prayers on the ACE member living in Florida: Adie, Lisa, Judy, Tammy, Karen, Danielle, Lynn M. Hurricane Ian has changed lives there.*





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## The Bonobo Conservation Initiative's (BCI) Bonobo Peace Forest

By Donna Mayer Todd

### Awesome Bonobos!

They are the most vocal of the great apes, with generally high-pitched, melodic voices. They have a variety of vocalizations including these described by Zanna Clay, Ph.D."

- \* a "high hoot" used for communication both nearby and distanced,
- \* 5 different food calls that are often combined into a sequence,
- \* travel calls for maintaining contact while moving in smaller groups,
- \* an alarm or alert call,
- \* threat barks or anger calls,
- \* male contest hoots, and
- \* laughter. These vocalizations were recorded and can be heard on the BCI website at <https://www.bonobo.org/bonobos/what-do-bonobos-sound-like>.



photo by BCI

Stories of bonobos have come down through the generations in folk tales of the indigenous peoples of the Congo Basin. Tradition recognizes bonobos as relatives from the distinct past. One basic story theme, "help the bonobo and the bonobo will help you!," is often repeated to express their relationship and a taboo against hunting bonobos. A few of these tales and a couple that are sung can be found at <https://bonobo.org/stories-and-songs>.



photo by BCI

In recent articles we've shared the development of the Bonobo Conservation Initiative's Bonobo Peace Forest, the sustainable concept and practice of interconnected support for the bonobos and other animals of the forest, for the forest itself, and for and by indigenous peoples of the forest. Tracking teams are the backbone of bonobo observation, research and protection, with many

members coming from the local communities. Orphaned infants are rescued and given care. Communities are active in bonobo and forest protection and in decisions about their own healthcare, education, sustainable agricultural management, and women's initiatives in a matriarchal society. The first health clinic has been updated in 2022 and a second is planned. Education programs include scholarships for students and the creation of the Technical College for Conservation and Rural Development. The women's initiatives provide women with organizational and management training, thus supporting their families and the community at large. Financial support for BCI reaches all aspects of the system, from the forest to the communities.



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*Content of this article came from the Bonobo Conservation Initiative's website:*

<https://www.bonobo.org/about-us>



## ACE Will Sell Ape-Painted Ornaments at Holiday Bazaar

We are so excited to announce that after two years without a Zoo Volunteer Holiday Party, this year there will be a **Holiday Bazaar on December 10** after the Volunteer meeting/Mega Update from 11:30 to 1:00 in Eco Hall. ACE will be selling ape-painted ornaments, other ornaments, and holiday decor items.

The ape-painted ornaments are the most popular items at the ACE sale table, and they usually sell out fast. Each ornament comes with a tag stating which Zoo Atlanta gorilla or orangutan painted it and that the purchase goes towards saving apes in the wild.

Additional ornaments for sale include hand-crafted animal ornaments, as well as vintage and glass ornaments, plus some holiday decor items.

Bring your cash, checks or credit card and stock up on some unique ornaments!!!!



## Save The Date GAGives on November 29

By Donna Mayer Todd

Fall is here now. Yaay! Halloween, Thanksgiving and GAgives on #Giving Tuesday are coming!

Mark you calendars for **November 29, 2022**. Giving Tuesday follows Thanksgiving on the calendar, 60 days +/- from now. It's a great opportunity for non-profits in Georgia (that's us!) to strut their stuff in social media, to spread mission awareness, make new friends, and raise funds.

Marketing professionals tell us that repetition is important to get a message out. Think of the many times you are seeing a political ad on TV or online! So, let's all send out a general "the day is coming and I

support ACE" message to our friends and family. It could be as simple as

**GAgives on #Giving Tuesday 2022 is coming on November 29. This is a great, easy way for each of us to provide support for a non-profit we believe in. For me, I support and volunteer for Ape Conservation Effort (ACE), that in turn provides support for the conservation of great apes in their wild homes. Our website is [apeconservationeffort.org](http://apeconservationeffort.org) should you want to learn more. Or ask me! It would be wonderful if you could join me in this important effort.**

Copy the above or make it your own! In the next two months, we can each revise our message a bit and resend it. Right now, we just want to put ACE out there. As we get closer to the day, the advice is to make an actual ask for support.



*From what we get,  
we make a Living,  
what we give, however,  
makes a Life.*

Arthur Ashe



## Cooler Weather, Holiday Gatherings and HoneyBaked Ham

By Susan Smith

As the weather is changing and you are planning for all the upcoming holiday or family gatherings, it's time to purchase your HoneyBaked Ham gift cards. **This year's fall/winter campaign will run from October 1 through December 31.** The gift cards are not only great for your personal use but also make great gifts. They are an easy way to say thank you to teachers, postal workers and other service providers.

Each time a card is purchased, ACE will receive 20% of the purchase price to help in saving the great apes. You can share the attached flyer with family, friends and co-workers to spread the word and help in this annual fundraising event. Cards can be purchased electronically or you can order plastic cards. (Allow approximately 10

days for delivery.) Simply go to the website and place your order: [https://honeybakedhamfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE\\_Winter\\_2022](https://honeybakedhamfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE_Winter_2022)

If you have any questions, contact Susan Smith at 404-226-7738 or email [susansmith9008@comcast.net](mailto:susansmith9008@comcast.net)



## Coming soon to a track, sidewalk, treadmill.... near you!

By Leslie Martin

We are in the early stages of planning a virtual race, which will raise money for Bonobos. We have a great shirt with a logo created by our own Carol Haile. Please watch Facebook and the ACE website for final details.





photo by Orangutan Outreach  
Richard Zimmerman  
and friend

## What's Orangutan Outreach Been Up To Lately?

*Orangutan Outreach's mission is to protect orangutans in their native forests of Borneo and Sumatra while providing care for orphaned and displaced orangutans until they can be returned to their natural environment. If they cannot be released, we will do everything in our power to ensure they have a life of dignity and the best possible long-term care. We seek to raise funds and promote public awareness of orangutan conservation issues by collaborating with partner organizations around the world.*

Ape Conservation Effort and Orangutan Outreach have been partners almost from the beginning of ACE. Over the years we have become friends with Richard Zimmerman, founder of Orangutan Outreach. Who can forget the poignant

presentations Richard has given that always make us cry, but they reinforce why we do the fundraising we do. He has attended several Apes In The Arts, purchased art, and sold RedApe.org t-shirts. Hopefully, we will get Richard to Atlanta before too long.

ACE has donated to OO as well as its partners for many years. The amount donated specifically to OO as of today totals \$31,056.

Let's briefly highlight the work and partners of Orangutan Outreach.



Bornean mom and baby

### *Projects and Partners*

#### **Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF)**

The BOS Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rescue Center was founded in 1999 by Lone Droscher Nielsen (who is now retired) and is managed by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation. It is home to around 450 orphaned and displaced orangutans. Nyaru Menteng is located just outside the capital city of Palangka Raya in the Province of Central Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo. The center has grown into the largest

orangutan conservation facility in the world with hundreds of dedicated professional staff.

The secure forest around the main center serves as the perfect place where young orangutans are taught how to survive in the wild. Five small islands in the river nearby are also used as the first "practice" home for the orangutans as they begin their new lives without their caretakers. The center also has its own fruit plantation and a large nature reserve.

#### **International Animal Rescue (IAR)**

International Animal Rescue (IAR)'s team in Indonesia specializes in rescuing and rehabilitating orangutans, macaques and slow lorises and releasing them back into protected areas in the wild.

The plight of the orangutan in Indonesia has reached a critical stage, with the survival of the species under serious threat. Animals are suffering and dying because of the systematic destruction of the rainforest, primarily for palm oil production, particularly in Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo.

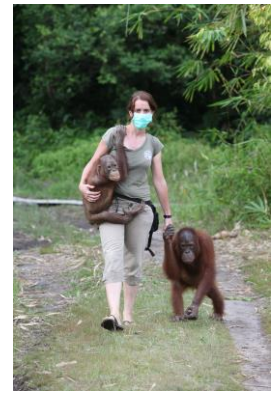


photo by IAR  
Dr. Karmele Sanchez with  
rescued orangutans

International Animal Rescue's team is working to rescue and care for baby orangutans who have been taken from their mothers to be illegally sold as pets and adults that have spent their entire lives in captivity, chained up or imprisoned in tiny cages. Their human-orangutan conflict (HOC) team also comes to the aid of orangutans left stranded when their forest home is destroyed and translocates these vulnerable animals to safe areas of protected forest. Any animals that can no longer survive in the wild will be given a permanent home at the center. The project is an ambitious one, but IAR is committed to rescuing and rehabilitating as many orangutans as they can and giving them a second chance to live safely in their natural environment.

#### **Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP)**

The Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) is an organization that has been working to protect the critically endangered Sumatran Orangutan since 2002. Led by Dr. Ian Singleton, SOCP has a proven record for delivering measurable results in the field of confiscations and reintroduction of orangutans, long-term research and monitoring. SOCP is dedicated to the conservation of critical orangutan habitat in a country where there continues to be enormous pressure for economic development at the expense of wilderness and biodiversity, and forest governance remains weak.

**Borneo Nature Foundation (BNF)**

The Borneo Nature Foundation, BNF, works to protect some of the most important areas of tropical rainforest, and to safeguard the wildlife, environment and indigenous culture on Borneo, including the peat swamps of Sebangau National Park, home to the world's largest orangutan population. For 18 years, OuTrop (Orangutan Tropical Peatland Project), BNF's flagship program, has been working in the Sebangau National Park to monitor the behavioral ecology of the forest's ape and cat species, carry out

biodiversity and forestry research, and work to develop conservation solutions.



Planting trees to re-grow habitat

Reforestation of burnt and logged areas of the Sebangau National Park is an essential part of BNF's work to protect the home of the Bornean orangutan. Planting trees expands orangutan habitat, prevents soil erosion and reduces the risk of fire. It engages local communities in conservation and contributes to the global fight to stop climate change.

**CAN Borneo (Conservation Action Network)**

Conservation Action Network (CAN) works to restore orangutan habitat in the buffer zone of Kelay River. Supported by the community, CAN has planted 5,000 fruit trees native to the forest in Berau Regency. Awesome! Orangutans need healthy forests!

*A green and peaceful future is our quest. The heroes of our story are all of us who believe that a better world is not only within reach, but being built today.*

This work is why ACE has supported Orangutan Outreach for years. To learn more about OO and its partners and work, please see [www.redapes.org](http://www.redapes.org).



**Did you know?**

Study: Climate hazards connected to 58% of infectious diseases

Climate hazards such as flooding, heat waves and drought have worsened more than half of the hundreds of known infectious diseases in people, including malaria, hantavirus, cholera and anthrax, a study says.

Researchers looked through the medical literature of established cases of illnesses and found that 218 out of the known 375 human infectious diseases, or 58% seemed to be made worse by one of 10 types of extreme weather connected to climate change, according to a study in Monday's journal Nature Climate Change. Doctors have long connected disease to weather, but this study shows how widespread the influence of climate is on human health. "If climate is changing, the risks of these diseases are changing," said study co-author Dr. Jonathan Patz, director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"The findings of this study are terrifying and illustrate well the enormous consequences of climate change on human pathogens," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, an Emory University infectious disease specialist, who was not part of the study. "Those of us in infectious diseases and microbiology need to make climate change one of our priorities, and we need to all work together to prevent what will be without doubt a catastrophe as a result of climate change."

Study lead author Camilo Mora, a climate data analyst at the University of Hawaii, said what is important to note is that the study isn't about predicting future cases. "There is no speculation here whatsoever," Mora said. "These are things that have already happened."

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**2022 ACE Board**

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**Tailgating, Fall Festivities, Winter Celebrations**



**ACE is selling  
HoneyBaked Ham gift cards.**

**Gift cards can be purchased in \$5 denominations  
and can be used at any HoneyBaked Ham store and online.**

They never expire and there is  
no limit to the amount you can purchase.



**ON-LINE PROCESS**

Gift cards can be purchased from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>

[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE\\_Winter\\_2022](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/ACE_Winter_2022)



**ACE receives 20% of the purchase. You get your great food and  
ACE helps save great apes in the wild. Everyone wins!**

*Ape Conservation Effort is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization  
with a mission to help save great apes in the wild.*