



**Upcoming Events
for 2024**

**March through
May
HoneyBaked Ham
spring gift card
sale**
Flyer attached.

**August 23
Bingo for Bonobos**

**September - Oct.
Gorilla Golf**
Flat Creek Country Club
Peachtree City, GA
Flyer attached.

**November 3
Georgia Gives
Giving Tuesday**

**ACE
Donations
to Save
Great
Apes
Total
\$302,944
!!!**



Ready, Set, Help

ACE held our first 2024 General Meeting after Mega on March 9. It was a continuation of the brainstorming started at the November meeting. So many wonderful suggestions for fundraisers were discussed, as you found out in the minutes emailed to the membership after the meeting.

Some ideas are established and some are brand new. However, there was a common thread between the activities - we need **YOU** and there are several ways **YOU** can help!

The first is the need for donated items. **You can help by donating** prizes for bingo, raffle prizes



and goodie bag items for the golfers, and items to auction during Apes in the Arts online auction. Some of the ideas would be gift cards (any kind), wine, and unique items. Put yourself in the activities and think of what you might like to donate. ACE will be glad to give you a written acknowledgement of your donation for tax purposes.

Secondly, **You can become a leader** in the fundraisers. Barbara and Gene are working on Bingo for Bonobos. If you want to help, please let them know. Apes in the Arts online auction is a new fundraiser that need leadership. Since we have never done an online auction, there is a lot of planning that needs to be done. Maybe this will be the way you can get involved. Jodi said Gorilla Golf has the right number of workers for the event this year, but you can still help with prize donations and support golfers.

There are a few other fundraising activities mentioned that are start-ups, such as Putt-Putt Golf (lead by Leslie and Shelley) and Paint Your Pets (lead by Donna) that sound like great additions to our activities. If **You want to be more involved** in either of these, please let them know.

The more involvement we have the bigger the success of the fundraisers

will be. So please consider donating items that can be prizes, etc. And please consider becoming a worker or a leading on these events. You can make a big difference in helping ACE help save great apes!



Exciting Announcement from PASA

Kelly O'Meara
Executive Director

I'm writing today with some very special news to share. **PASA is delighted to announce a new partnership with the QATO Foundation to establish an island sanctuary for chimpanzees in the Congo Basin!** The island sanctuary, located in northern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), will be managed by PASA member J.A.C.K. Sanctuary and will provide safety for up to 120 chimpanzees rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.

PASA's member chimpanzee sanctuaries in the DRC are experts in rehabilitating rescued chimpanzees, but their existing sanctuaries have reached maximum capacity. The new sanctuary will be created in Boyoma Island, a large 66-hectare island covered by natural forest. The island sanctuary will allow rescued chimpanzees to live in dynamic family groups and develop important skills necessary for living in the wild, as well as provide urgent medical and rehabilitative care to new arrivals.

This is a monumental step towards protecting chimpanzees in the DRC. With a new sanctuary in place, we can further our efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. The new sanctuary is an important part of a comprehensive program being initiated by PASA and our DRC members to combat the trafficking of primates and systematically tackle the roots of the illegal trade.

The QATO Foundation is a Danish non-profit and charitable organization that supports small and large projects that work to improve animal welfare.



Thank you from PASA

On behalf of PASA, I want to say a HUGE thank you for the \$3,000 we just received from ACE! This is so much appreciated and will be put to good use to help protect chimpanzees throughout Africa. We will look forward to sending ACE an update on how we utilize the grant later this year.

Once again, thank you so much to all ACE members for supporting our shared mission to protect chimpanzees! All the best, Jenny

Jenny Botting
Head of Conservation Grants
PASA





Thank you from Orangutan Outreach

Hi to the amazing ACE team! It's been a while! I hope you're all doing well and staying relatively sane!

Thank you so much for your continued support! The \$3K check for BOSF arrived a few days ago. Much appreciated. We'll allocate the funds in full to BOS in our next transfer.

I recently spent several weeks in Indonesia meeting with our partners and visiting the projects. It was my first trip back since the pandemic! We have a lot of exciting news!

In Sumatra, SOCP's Orangutan Haven, a forever home for unreleaseable Sumatran orangutans, is finally a reality and has its first residents - including our beloved Krismon! Its the first time he's been out of a cage in 20 years!

In Borneo we're building cage-free space for dozens of unreleaseable adult orangutans who are being cared for at BOS Nyaru Meteng.

Excavation has begun on a cluster of forested islands like the one Papa lives on at BOS Samboja. This project is long overdue and we are thrilled to finally be moving forward with it! We'll be moving ALL the orangutans from the old center to the new space...so it's going to be a busy year!

Your continued support means the world to orangutans. If you'd ever like to chat about our work to protect them, please reach out any time!

Best wishes in the new year...Thank you again!
Rich {:(}

Richard Zimmerman
Executive Director
Orangutan Outreach



Earth Day is April 22



Study: apes may remember old friends, family

Humanity's complex social networks may be deep evolutionary roots.

By Dino Grandoni
Washington Post

(The following was taken from the article in the AJC, December 27, 2023.)

The results, publishes in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, amount to some of the longest-lasting memories ever recorded in the animal kingdom. The discovery suggests that humanity's complex social networks have deep evolutionary roots, with long-term memory probably being a trait possessed by the common ancestor of humans, chimps and bonobos several million years ago.

To peer into the apes' minds, researchers enticed 26 chimps and bonobos at zoos in Scotland and Belgium and at an ape sanctuary in Japan to saddle up to a monitor. Using a straw with fruit juice to keep their heads still and an infrared camera to track their eye movement, the team showed that animals a pair of side-to-side images for three seconds. The apes were not restrained during the experiment.

One image was of an ape they previously had lived with. The other was a complete stranger.

On average, the bonobos and chimps that saw both images looked at their old groupmates for about a quarter of a second longer than the stranger.

Christopher Krupenye, an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University who co-wrote the study, likened the apes reaction to walking past an old high school classmate on the street.

"You might do a double-take," he said. "In some sense, our study is like that."



Michael Platt, a University of Pennsylvania Professor who also has done eye-tracking research, stopped short of saying the experiment showed that bonobos and chimps truly recognized their old buddies. Instead, he said the results suggest the animals may have had a feeling of familiarity with images of old groupmates.

When it come to long-term memory, chimps and bonobos join the ranks of humans and dolphins. Previous research has found dolphins can remember each other's whistles for more than two decades.

Bonobos and chimps looked longer at old groupmates with whom they had groomed and had positive relationships in the past - longer, that is , at friends than foes, though whether the animals are capable of friendship has been up for debate.

For Krupenye, the results confirm what he and others working for years with apes have experienced anecdotally.

"You have this distinct impression when we return that they very clearly seem to recognize you," he said.



Did you know?

The following are some quotes from Mark Twain.

"If you want to change the future, you must change what you are doing in the present."

"Give every day the change to become the most beautiful day of your life."

"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog."



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APE CONSERVATION EFFORT

12th Annual

GORILLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M. • SHOT GUN START AT 9:30 A.M.

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Just in time for Spring 2024 celebrations



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

**Gift cards can be purchased in several 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 March 1st thru June 30th

https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/ACE_Spring_Sale



**ACE receives 20% of the purchase price.
You get your party 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.*