



**Upcoming Events  
for 2024**

**August 23**  
**Bingo for Bonobos**  
6:00 at Zoo Atlanta  
Flyer attached.

**September 14**  
**ACE Meeting**  
TechLab after Mega  
Bring your lunch.

**September 30**  
**Gorilla Golf**  
Flat Creek Country Club  
Peachtree City, GA  
Flyer attached.

**December 3**  
**Georgia Gives**  
**Giving Tuesday**

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



**ACE General  
Meeting  
September 14  
After Mega**

Join us after Mega Update on September 14 for a General ACE meeting. We will be in TechLab, and please bring your lunch to the meeting.

We will discuss the remaining 2024 ACE fundraisers, and we will begin discussing some new events that we could hold during the spring/early summer of 2025.

Mark your calendars to stay after Mega on **September 14 for the ACE meeting**. See you there.





Bonobo is Happy Bingo's Back

## Bingo for Bonobos Is Back!

By Barbara Cebula

Hello Bingo Players!

**Bingo for Bonobos is back. It is scheduled for Friday, August 23, 2024, in the Ford Conference Room in the ARC at Zoo Atlanta. We'll start at 6:00 PM.** A donation of \$15.00 per person will get you ten games to play 3 bingo cards per game. Winners will have a variety of prizes from which to select.

**Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase too.**

The proceeds from Bingo for Bonobos will be donated to **Bonobo Conservation Initiative (BCI)**. BCI's mission is to protect bonobos, preserve their tropical rainforest habitat, and empower local communities in the Congo Basin to save bonobos.

Ape Conservation Effort (ACE) hopes you will save this date, Friday,

August 23 to join us for Bingo for Bonobos. **Please bring your family and friends!** We will have fun playing bingo, enjoying the company other great ape lovers, and donating to Bonobo Conservation Initiative.

If you have questions, please contact Gene Todd at [gtodd@bellsouth.net](mailto:gtodd@bellsouth.net) or Barbara Cebula at [barbaracebula@att.net](mailto:barbaracebula@att.net).

**Hope to see you there!**  
*(Flyer attached)*



## Gorilla Golf Has A New Location

By Jodi Carrigan and Jenny Reineck

Golfers will be teeing off again in the Annual Gorilla Golf Tournament. This year will be held at a new location at Flat Creek Country Club in Peachtree City on September 30. Golfers and volunteers are glad that we are able to gather again for a great day of golf and working to protect and save gorillas.

We will have prizes for the top three golfers,

longest drive and the closest to the gorilla. 100% of the profits goes to Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund who is saving gorillas on the forefront of their homeland in Africa.

Please join our efforts in one of the following ways:

1. Sign up to play some golf and participate in the tournament! Email Jodi Carrigan at [gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org](mailto:gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org).

2. Sponsor one of our golfers:  
<https://apeconservationeffort.org/gorilla-golf/>

3. Make a general donation:  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosed\\_button\\_id=AJEZURBV5Z4V8](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosed_button_id=AJEZURBV5Z4V8)

**It's now easier than ever to raise funds to participate OR to donate to a specific golfer. Each golfer has their own campaign page on PayPal where they can keep track of how many funds are needed to reach their goal. **Donate to a specific golfer here :** <https://apeconservationeffort.org/gorilla-golf/>**

Also we could use help with prizes and raffle items as well as Hole Sponsors. For Hole Sponsor information or donate golfer prizes, please contact Jodi Carrigan. To donate raffle items, please contact Shelley DeWeese.

It's going to be a great tournament with your help. Thanks for helping ACE, Gorilla Golf and the gorillas!



Dian Fossey with young gorilla.



## Save The Date !

By Donna Mayer Todd

Save the date for GA Gives on #GivingTuesday Tuesday, **December 3, 2024**

ACE plans to participate again this year, and **we need YOU**, and your social media and online messaging to make it a success!

More to come later. Or contact Donna Mayer Todd at [dmayer@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmayer@bellsouth.net)





Chimpanzee youngster

## PASA Update

By Kelly O.Meara  
Executive Director

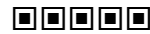
PASA is holding two workshops for member centers this year. Our Sanctuary Workshop will bring the leaders of our 23 member centers together under the theme, "Protecting Wild Primates." Our Community Education Workshop will bring together educators and community outreach personnel from our member centers to exchange experiences and knowledge, review latest best practices and ethical standards on community conservation, and conservation landscapes. These workshops are hugely beneficial to our members' work, ensuring that combined specialist knowledge or decades of protecting primates is shared across the Alliance.

I recently shared exciting news about the creation of the Boyoma Island

chimpanzee sanctuary in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). DRC is a country of incredible biodiversity - especially with regards to primates - but overexploitation, extreme poverty, and the illegal wildlife trade are having devastating effects on its wildlife. In 2022 we created the Great Ape Taskforce to combine our members' efforts to protect primates in DRC. I'm happy to say that we have recently begun work on two additional projects in the DRC to protect the future of the imperiled apes. With generous funding from the Arcus Foundation, we are working to understand drivers of urban primate consumption in a major city and identify ways to reduce demand. With support from the Darwin Initiative, we are also working with the DRC government to strengthen their response to the illegal wildlife trade and build capacity to tackle this terrible threat to endangered apes and monkeys in key areas across the country. I look forward to sharing updates from these projects over the next few years.

Finally, in West Africa, our Action for Chimpanzees project, supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Narcotics and International Affairs, has been making great strides in reaching the public with key conservation

messaging. As part of this project, our member Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary has been broadcasting a series of radio jingles on stations throughout Sierra Leone to raise awareness about conserving chimpanzees. The project supports anti-poaching and biomonitoring patrols in vital chimpanzee habitat. Along with providing crucial data on chimpanzee populations and their threats, camera traps have captured some amazing images of the chimpanzees and other wildlife that we are working hard to protect.



Facial wound

Healed

## Incredible Orangutan News from Orangutan Outreach

**Wild orangutan uses herbal medicine to successfully treat his wound.**

This story has been going viral for the past few days...and *we (Orangutan Outreach)* want to make sure all our friends and supporters see it! We all know how special orangutans are, but the story of Rakus has been spreading beyond the choir, so to speak. We hope that more people will be amazed by Rakus and want to help us protect his cousins in Sumatra and Borneo.

When a wild orangutan in Indonesia suffered a painful wound to his cheek, he did something that stunned researchers: He chewed plant leaves known to have pain-relieving and healing properties, rubbed the juice on the open wound - and then used the leaves as a poultice to cover his injury.

A fully-flanged adult male Sumatran orangutan

cheekpadder names Rakus chewed up yellow root and applied it to an open facial wound, closing the sore within days.

"This case represents the first known case of active wound treatment in a wild animal with a medical plant," biologist Isabelle Laumer, the first author of a paper about the revelation, told NPR.

She says she was "very excited" about the orangutan's seeming innovation, which was documented at the Suaq Balimbing research site in the Gunung Leuser National Park in northwest Sumatra, where some 150 orangutans live in a protected rainforest.

The orangutan is named Rakus. Laumer says he might have picked up the large wound in a fight with a rival male. A few days later, he was seen using a plant to treat his injury. The wound then healed, seemingly without any infection.



## Bingo for Bonobos Is August 23!



Would you like to be an ACE Board Member? Think about it. We'll be voting for new Board Members in November. Let a current Board Member know if you are interested.



## Did you know?

*The following are some quotes from Mark Twain.*

"It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled."

"Do not complain about growing old. It is a privilege denied to many."

"It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right."



## 2024 ACE Board

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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.

**FLAT CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**

100 Flat Creek Road • Peachtree City, GA 30269

No need to have a partner, we'll pair you up.

## UNIQUE AWARDS

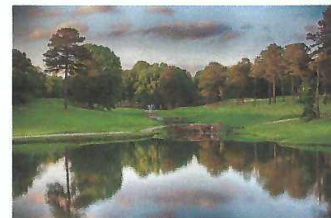
*Top Three Teams, Longest Drive  
& Closest to the Gorilla Contest*

Enjoy a day of  
**All Inclusive Golf**  
including:  
**Continental Breakfast  
and Lunch!**  
*All Beverages Included*

*Proceeds from the tournament will support The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International*

For more information and registration visit [www.apeconservationeffort.org](http://www.apeconservationeffort.org)

Call 404-427-4998 or e-mail [gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org](mailto:gorillagolf@apeconservationeffort.org)



# BINGO for BONOBOBOS

Help Save  
Bonobos  
**B-4**  
They  
Become  
Extinct!



**Friday, August 23, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

Zoo Atlanta in the ARC  
Ford Conference Room

**\$15 Donation-10 Games**  
(tax deductible, receipt available upon request)

Pizza & Drinks will be available for purchase

*Proceeds benefit the  
Bonobo Conservation Initiative*

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