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SAFARI NIGHTS RETURN TO THE LIVING DESERT ON FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
Zoo to Open After Dark on Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PALM DESERT/INDIAN WELLS, CA – (August 17, 2018) – Safari Nights return to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens every Friday night in September when the park is open after dark, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Guests of all ages are invited to explore The Living Desert under the light of the moon and see many of the zoo's favorite animals including zebra, cheetah, porcupine, leopard and more. Special Safari Night activities include an astronomy station, bat detecting station, scorpion walk, and animal chats. Giraffe feedings and carousel rides will be available for an additional fee.

"We invite everyone to join us at Safari Nights, as it's a completely different experience to take in the sights and sounds of the zoo at night," said Dawn Petrick, The Living Desert's Director of Park Services. "It's the perfect place for a date or a family night out."

Every Friday live entertainment features the sounds of Vintage Vibe playing everything from classic rock and rhythm and blues to the hits of the '70s through today in the Palm Garden. Plus, food, beverages and specialty cocktails will be available for purchase throughout the park.

For those interested, guests can sign-up for an 8 p.m. Nocturnal Safari Tram Tour where they will be escorted on a shuttle with a personal guide through the North American region of the Zoo. They will have the unique opportunity to experience the life of the desert at night - listening to the rustles in the bushes, watching owls and bats fly through the night sky, scorpion seeking, and observing many nocturnal animals. The cost is \$20 per person plus admission. Space is limited and pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact group sales at (760) 346-9810 or email groupsales@livingdesert.org to reserve your seat.

Admission to Safari Nights is \$12 for members, \$14 adults and \$8 children ages 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Guests must be 21 and older and show a valid photo I.D. to purchase alcoholic beverages. For more information call (760) 346-5694 or visit www.livingdesert.org

About the Living Desert:

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit, accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, ensuring the highest standards of all aspects of animal care, education, conservation, public service, and operations. The Zoo is active in conservation research, habitat protection, breeding programs and education initiatives around the world, as well as in its own community. The Zoo has been a top attraction in the Palm Springs area for nearly 50 years. The Living Desert is located at 47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260. For more information: (760) 346-5694 or visit livingdesert.org.

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