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LCF's 2015 Calendar is Here!



Join us for An Evening of Lemur Love

Thursday 12 February at Michael's on East in Sarasota

Cocktails at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

Entertainment by Alice Farley Dance Company's Enchanted Lemur Performers

Artist Richard Thomas created the art for LCF's 2015 calendar. Thomas is a fifth generation Floridian raised in the wilds of central Florida and passionate about its diverse flora and fauna. A born naturalist, he fell in love with the lemurs and brought his abiding artistic power and grace to his renderings of them for the Lemur Conservation Foundation Art Collection.

As a special thank you, all LCF supporters with gifts of \$500 and higher will receive the calendar. You can order calendars with the link below.

CLICK HERE to order your calendar.

MadagaSCARS - short animated film by LCF Artist Camille Wainer

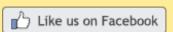
Benefit proceeds support our efforts to protect lemurs, the most endangered primates, at our Florida reserve and our sister reserve in Madagascar.

CLICK HERE to RSVP and purchase your tickets on line.

If you prefer to RSVP and purchase your tickets by mail, you can *download details here*.

Mail your RSVP to Lemur Conservation Foundation P.O. Box 249 Myakka City, FL 34251





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5 Reasons to Have Hope for the Planet



It's A #WildWednesday at LCF

"My most recent reason for hope is the power of social media."

Dr. Jane Goodall

Each Wednesday we join over 100 of our <u>Association of Zoos and Aquariums</u> (<u>AZA</u>) colleagues to promote awareness about endangered species, programs, and opportunities to engage with an AZA facility near you. Today it is LCF's turn to 'share!'

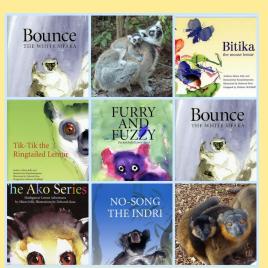
Elena Krapcheva of <u>Madly Video Production</u> made this short video at LCF for our contribution to #WildWed. <u>CLICK HERE to watch the video</u> on YouTube, or follow us and our AZA friends on Facebook and Twitter.

In the video you will see lemurs as they leap and explore their forest habitat at LCF



Slash and burn agriculture in Madagascar, photographed by LCF's Executive Director & CEO in August 2104.





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in sunny Myakka City, Florida. The multispecies habitats give the lemurs a naturalistic environment where they can leap from tree to tree, climb around in the canopy, forage for leaves and of course play.

Welcome LCF's Primate Husbandry Interns

LCF has established several highly successful programs serving university level students at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, including our Primate Husbandry Internship.

Internships are a critical first step in animal husbandry careers. Today, in the highly competitive animal husbandry field, many organizations require paid internships as a qualification for entry-level employment. Because of LCF's relationships with both academic institutions and the zoological community, the success of our education programs for



university level students, the unique needs of our facility and our expertise with lemurs, our organization is able to offer students a significant level of experience for interns.

LCF's primate husb andry internship offers an exceptional opportunity to receive training at an AZA certified-related institution, with a strong commitment to conservation, education, and animal care.

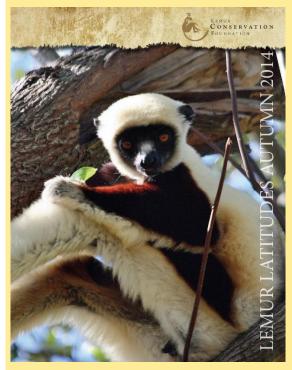
The Primate Husbandry Interns receive training in these high standards of care including training in proper cleaning, exhibit maintenance, positive reinforcement training, enrichment, diet

preparation, capture and restraint, basic medical care, recordkeeping, and daily monitoring of behavior and heath.

Our internships help establish young professionals in their careers, allow LCF to compete with large organizations for the most qualified internship candidates, create an opportunity to advance our conservation efforts consistently, and allow candidates selected for our internships to make significant contributions to endangered species conservation.

Tiffany Hudson, Primate Husbandry Intern

Tiffany comes to LCF from Catawba, North Carolina. She graduated from Lees-



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McRae College in North Carolina with a Bachelor degree in Wildlife Rehabilitation. She developed a great animal care skill set while interning at the Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens in South Carolina with their gorillas and small mammals, as well as her through her work as a Direct Autumn Release Intern, raising and releasing whooping crane chicks at the International Crane Foundation in Wisconsin. She has loved lemurs ever since having the opportunity to work with them at Riverbanks and she is very glad to have a more focused experience with them. Tiffany



was drawn to the husbandry internship here at LCF because she loved the idea of the free-ranging habitats and getting a unique chance to really see how the different lemurs interact with one another and their environment, much as they would in Madagascar.



Jennifer Schumacher, primate husbandry intern

Jennifer hails from Centreville, Virginia, but found her way to Florida to study at the University of Central Florida. There she graduated with a Bachelor degree in Environmental Studies, a program that offered a Zoo and Aquarium Management course with Disney's Animal Kingdom. Jennifer's background is in marine wildlife and she has worked as a research intern with the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group, as well as an animal care and

training intern at Dolphins Plus in Key Largo. She is a member of IMATA, the International Marine Animal Trainer's Association and even had the opportunity to attend the 2014 Annual IMATA conference held alongside the AZA Annual Conference in Orlando. Jennifer was interested in the LCF Husbandry Internship because she is looking to expand her animal care experience and cultivate her skills as an animal trainer and caretaker. She also liked that LCF is an AZA Certified Related Facility.



PTAG Meeting & Workshop

LCF and New College of Florida are hosting a PTAG Meeting & Workshop from 1-6 June at LCF in Myakka City and at New College of Florida in Sarasota.

If you would like to attend the event <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information about

hotel accommodations, air travel, and transportation. To make a reservation at the *Hilton Garden Inn, follow this link for PTAG group rates*. Reserve your rooms by 10 May to ensure the group rates.

Watch our website and social media for information about registration.



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