

Menderu will make his debut in August

Festivities planned for Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th

The biggest news this month is the debut of the Charles Paddock Zoo's tiger Menderu. The event takes place on August 15th and 16th—and Kate Capela (CPZ's Senior Zookeeper) tells us, "The event will include informational talks about Menderu and tigers in general. There will be crafts, a raffle, tattoos, information on the Indo-Burma Hotspot, tiger conservation, etc..."

The Senior Zookeeper goes on to say, "Menderu, whose name translates to 'roar' in Indonesian, was born April 29, 2008. He is not full grown at this point. Menderu will continue to grow into his adult size, which is about 250 pounds (or more). He is already in tune with his keepers and seems to enjoy interacting with them. As always, we never have full contact with our tigers. Menderu came to us from the San Diego Zoo, where the beginning stages of a training regimen were already in place. The keepers at the Charles Paddock Zoo will continue to work towards these training goals, which may include training Menderu to show us his open mouth, his paws, stand to be measured and remaining still for his vaccinations (to be administered through the safety of the cage wire). This type of training will always be done off exhibit to ensure his and the keepers' full focus. These activities help to keep an already intelligent species active and interested in his habitat."

Scott Ellis (CPZ's Education Coordinator) says of Menderu, "In 2004 a genetic analysis of tigers split the Indo-Chinese subspecies into two distinct subspecies: the Indo-Chinese and the Malayan (the 9th recognized subspecies of tiger,) with many of the 'Indo-Chinese' tigers in institutions in the U.S. (including Menderu and, incidentally, Sala and Hoshi) actually belonging to the Malayan sub-species... they are morphologically similar to the Indo-Chinese, but the size is closer to the Sumatran, with average weight of 265 lbs. for adult males and 220 lbs. for females."

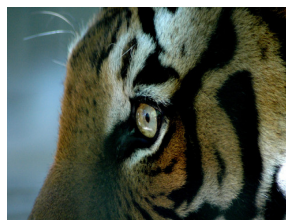
Scott adds, "We don't mind having to update the information placard at the tiger exhibit (from "Indo-Chinese" to "Malayan") – it's important to ensure that our guests have access to accurate and timely information. The tiger's world is changing rapidly, and we want visitors to know what going on today."

Be sure to visit the CPZ this weekend.

Central Coast Zoo Society wants to thank CPZ personnel for their contributions to this article.

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~Sala

Notes:

Everyone agrees—Menderu is a handsome cat. Photos of Menderu and his sisters Jin and Sari (still at the San Diego Zoo) can be found online by googling **Menderu Charles Paddock Zoo**.

Another newcomer to the Zoo is the Crested Screamer, which is located in the Flamingo Habitat. This bird has a distinctive call and very large feet—check them out on your next visit to the CPZ.

Photos needed...we are requesting that those of you who took pictures during Ice Cream Zoofari—and wish to share them via our web site and in future issues of Zoo-Logic—please send us copies electronically. We will select, from the photos sent in, those which best represent the essence of the event.

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Volunteers Make Our Day

One of the greatest assets a nonprofit organization has is its volunteers. Central Coast Zoo Society wants to thank all of the selfless people who donate their time helping us help the Charles Paddock Zoo.

Ice Cream Zoofari

In July we celebrated Atascadero's hot summer evenings by serving up our seventh annual **Ice Cream Zoofari**. Our volunteers cheerfully greeted everyone at the front entrance of the Zoo—and scooped ice cream, supervised games, helped kids make fantastic hats, supervised while young Picassos painted pictures, and helped with the scavenger hunt by giving out information about the Zoo's animals. Most of all—our volunteers enthusiastically helped make this one of Central Coast Zoo Society's most successful events. To all of you who put in "sweat equity" helping us—Thank YOU!

Donations for Ice Cream Zoofari 2009 came from the following organizations~

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This year's Ice Cream Zoofari logo (which captured the fun nature of the event) was designed by Bill Jennings at Atascadero News, and unanimously chosen by the Board of Directors.

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