

High School Art to Be Attacked at the Zoo

What: On Friday afternoon, the latest papier-mâché creations by art students at Naples High School will be carefully eyed, sniffed, and then pierced by fangs, ripped by claws and nails, and otherwise smashed by an assortment of hairy beasts. Why? It's the latest treat for the animals arranged courtesy of Caribbean Gardens' behavioral enrichment committee and Naples High School. Students have sculpted various critters for the real animals to enjoy playing with and pulling apart. The zoo's ongoing behavioral enrichment program provides a wide variety of activities for all the animals. Events like this are designed into the fuller program as a special activity.

When: **Friday, 16 May 2003 at 1p.m.**

Where: **Caribbean Gardens: The ZOO in Naples**
1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from Coastland Center

Why: All facilities with primates are required to have an enrichment program by the USDA. Nationally accredited facilities like Caribbean Gardens take that farther to include the other species as well. Daily enrichment activities include a variety of offerings from puzzles for monkeys that yield fruit treats all the way to frozen "bloodsicles" with meat chunks for the carnivores.

Photo Ops: 1 p.m. Students arrive and keepers begin delivering the treats to primates on the islands and various carnivores around the zoo.

Media: Call ahead to arrange passage on the zoo's work boat or to accompany the students on the cruise boat to watch the fun. Telephoto lenses strongly recommended.

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