

Heard It Through

The Ape Vine

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Upcoming Events for 2023

HoneyBaked Ham Fall Gift Card Sale Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

GA Gives November 28

Holiday Bazaar December 9 Mega

"Every day may not be good...but there's something good in every day."

Alice Morse Earle

Election for Board Members



Have you ever thought about becoming a board member? If you want to take a more active role in ACE, please contact a current board member by November 10.

Terms are for two years. Most communication of the board is through emails, but we do like to get together to discuss ACE business over lunch! We share ideas and concerns and think of new ways for ACE to fundraise to help the nonprofit groups working to save great apes and ape habitat in the wild. We would love for you to join the board! Don't be shy, let us know any questions or concerns you have about becoming a member of the board. Any of the current board members would love to talk to you about it!

Susan Smith is the only board member whose term expires this year, and she has agreed to run again. Thank you, Susan.

Voting will begin on November 20.





We regret that due to circumstances beyond our control, Gorilla Golf was cancelled this year. We hope Gorilla Golf will return again in 2024.



Do You Know Your RSPO Halloween Candy?

Halloween is the time of year that is ideal for sharing information about the palm oil crisis, the threat to orangutans and the environment. So much candy is purchased at this time, we believe it is vital to understand the situation and encourage support for the companies who are trying to do the right thing.



Companies who are RSPO members are the companies we should support when buying Halloween candy. This shows us that they are concerned with the environment, conservation, and ethical treatment of their workers. Some of the Halloween candy made by RSPO-member companies are the following:

100 Grand Airheads

Airheads Almond Joy Mounds

Baby Ruth Brach's Butterfinger Cadbury Crunch Ghiradelli Haribo Hershey's Jolly Rancher Kit Kat Kraft Lindt M & Ms Milk Duds Milky Way Reese's Skittles Snickers Sour Patch Starburst **Three Musketeers** Twix Twizzlers Whoppers Wonka York



Georgia Gives on Giving Tuesday – Let's Get Ready!

By Donna Mayer Todd

"Better together." I heard that on NPR last week as a slogan for their current pledge drive and thought I would borrow it here.

Better together. That is ACE when we are at our best fundraising or building awareness. Better together. That is the ultimate way to help save the great apes.

Better together. That is how we can maximize the GA GIVES ON #GIVING TUESDAY opportunity that is coming November 28th!

You remember this event, right? It provides Georgia non-profits with the chance to spread the word about their great organization and to raise some donations to forward their work. It is such an easy way to raise money! We each (Better together) send a few social media messages saying how important the mission of ACE is to world conservation and to us personally to our friends, family and greater online community, and some of them will want to know more and/or help. They go to the website for GA Gives, www.gagives.org locate the Ape **Conservation Effort** page, make their donation, and learn more about ACE. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, email, text messages, and any other social media platform you use. They can all work!

Let's do this together and make it **Better together**!



Gingerbreads for Redheads

Our new fundraiser Gingerbreads for Redheads has been a big hit. With Halloween fast approaching, you need to decorate your haunted gingerbread house, and lucky for you, we have a few kits left! Visit our website www.apeconservationeff ort.org and buy a kit before they are all gone. Remember the house is reusable, and after Halloween, just soak the house in soapy water to remove the Halloween icing. Then it will be ready for you to decorate for Christmas.

ACE members voted to send the profits from this fundraiser to the Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Foundation. When you purchase your kit, you will know that the profits are going to save orangutans.

The event was originally planned before Covid but was put on hold until this year. Our G4R team decided to revamp it due to a limited number of reusable gingerbread houses to sell. We found out that these little plastic houses are no longer being made, so our sales are limited to the number of houses purchased prior to Covid.

We made sure to include important information about the palm oil situation and how it is effecting orangutans. Also we wanted to let people know about the importance of supporting companies using sustainable palm oil. We included a list of trick or treat goodies to purchase from RSPO companies, a trick or treat bag and some plastic spiders, bats, etc. to begin your decorating.

Special thanks goes to the G4R team for the clever idea. We hope that you have fun decorating your haunted Halloween house this month. Just think you can now start planning how to decorate the house for Christmas. We would love to get photos of your houses decorated for both special occasions. Please send them to info@apeconservationeff ort.org.



Bornean orangutan mom and baby

The flyer for the fundraiser is attached to this newsletter.



HoneyBaked Ham Gift Card Fall Sale

The fall HoneyBaked Ham gift card sale will begin November 1 and end on December 31. This is a great time to purchase ham, turkey and sides for the holidays, and gift cards make wonderful presents. Remember that ACE will receive 20% of each purchase - and HBH gift cards never expire!

Watch for an email with more details coming out later this month.

Atlanta Falcons **Tailgate** Donation

by Leslie Martin

This all began in 2014 when I decided to get season tickets for the Atlanta Falcons. I had a couple of friends that did a tailgate before every game and I was invited.

We tailgate in the Home Depot Backyard and we usually host guests from the opposing team. We usually have between 12-20 people. We always have a donation jar and decide on a charity to help.



Photo by Leslie Martin Collection jar for ACE donations at the tailgate

On Sunday, September 17. I was the lead for the tailgate, and of course I picked Ape Conservation Effort to receive the donations. A total of \$425 was donated! I was very surprised, because we usually get around \$150. The guests really stepped up to support ACE!



Photo by Leslie Martin Some of the tailgaters donating to ACE

What a thoughtful and inventive way to support ACE. Ending with a great win for the Falcons - such a fun day! Thank you tailgaters!



Holiday Bazaar To Be Held December 19

We are excited to participate in the Zoo Atlanta Volunteer Holiday Bazaar to be held after Mega Update on December 9, 2023. We are preparing to have more wonderful ornaments painted by Zoo Atlanta's gorillas and orangutans. Also we will be able to include several ornaments painted by Biji last year, just a way to have a lasting remembrance of her.

This year we plan to have additional ornaments and

decorations you might purchase to dress up your house or to give as holiday gifts.

It is always such a good time for ACE to have a sale table at the Holiday Bazaar - the last chance of the year to find unique decorations and gifts and the best part is that you help the great apes with your purchases at the ACE sale table.

We will look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Bazaar on December 9th!





Did you know?

Did you know you can visit Lola ya Bonobo? It's true. If you have ever wanted to travel to the incredible Congo and watch bonobos swinging in the trees just feet away, make plans to visit Lola ya Bonobo.



Young bonobo

There are two ways to do it. One is to spend the night at Lola ya Bonobo. There is limited space and arrangements must be approved in advance. You will stay at the comfortable eco-lodge at the villa that the former leader of Congo, Mbutu Sese Seko, used as his weekend retreat. Personal cooks will prepare French and Congolese meals, while you dine with scientists and staff

The second way is to stay in Kinshasa and visit Lola ya Bonobo on a guided tour. Your entrance fee includes the one hour guided tour plus a package lunch with drinks. You can purchase round trip transportation from Kinshasa and Lola ya Bonobo. When you return to Kinshasa, don't forget to see Les Petites Chutes de Luikaya (waterfalls).

Either way you will be visiting the only place in the world where you can meet Bonobos - your closest living relatives in the animal kingdom - face to face.

For more information go to www.bonobos.org.

ACE was happy to donate a gift box of ape and ACE items to the silent auction at the AZADV conference to be held in Oklahoma City on October 2-8, 2023. All proceeds raised at the silent auction will benefit the following four organizations: Oklahoma Zoological Society, International Crane Foundation, Oklahoma Nature Conservancy, and WildCare Foundation.

We are glad to support other non-profits in this way, and we always want to spread information about Ape Conservation Effort and the great apes!



Mountain gorilla

"People are just as happy as they make their minds to be."

Abraham Lincoln

2023 ACE Board

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Purchase A Reusable *"Gingerbread" House*

DECORATE YOUR Haunted Halloween House

\$50 DONATION (\$30 TAX DEDUCTIBLE) https://apeconservationeffort.org/g4r/

TO BENEFIT:

Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation BOS



Then..... CLEAN AND RE-DECORATE FOR



Quantities are limited.