Discovering the
DUKE LEMUR CENTER

May 20-22, 2016

The Duke Lemur Center is the world’s largest sanctuary for rare and endangered prosimian primates. Established in 1966, the Lemur Center has been dedicated to studying and saving lemurs through conservation, research and education for more than 40 years. The center is nestled on 85 acres in Duke Forest, but the impact of its work extends all over the world. Housing nearly 250 lemurs, the largest population outside of the lemurs’ natural habitat of Madagascar, the Duke Lemur Center offers an opportunity not only to see these amazing animals firsthand but to learn directly from the experts working to protect them.

The weekend begins with the history and work of the Duke Lemur Center, presented by DLC director, Anne Yoder Ph.D.’92 and an evening dinner on Lemur Landing. On Saturday, Dr. Erin Ehmke will discuss how lemurs are studied and cared for at the center, including tours of the center’s extensive indoor and outdoor research facilities. You will also learn from Dr. Gregg Gunnell from the Division of Fossil Primates, which houses over 27,000 fossil specimens ranging from 55 million to 500 years old including the world’s largest collection of early monkeys, apes, and lemurs.

On Sunday, you will get an up-close look at how lemurs live at the center on a guided tour through the center’s natural habitat enclosures where lemurs are free to roam and greet you. Back by popular demand, participants will have the opportunity to shadow a DLC technician through their morning routine of feeding and overseeing the care of the lemurs.

We invite you to come spend a weekend exploring what is perhaps the most unique facility at Duke!
LOCATION

The Duke Lemur Center is located in Duke Forest, off of Old Erwin Road. Detailed directions will be included with your registration materials and are available on the Duke Lemur Center’s website (lemur.duke.edu).

ACCOMMODATIONS

Program participants are free to make their own lodging arrangements and there are several hotels and inns available in Durham. There are several new hotels that have opened in the Durham area and are near the Lemur Center. More information about local accommodations can be found at www.durham-nc.com.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The physical demands of this program are moderate, including walking on uneven surfaces on hikes in the forest, as well as exposure to the sun, insects and heat of the season. Closed-toe shoes are required during hikes and tours.

To participate in this program, children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult at all times.

FEES

Program fees are $450 per person and include program materials, facilities, lectures, refreshments, reception and dinner, Saturday lunch and tours of the center. We expect this program to fill very quickly.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 20TH
4:00 pm  Registration
4:30 pm  Welcome and Brief Tour of Duke Lemur Center
5:30 pm  Presentation on the History and Mission of the DLC
6:45 pm  Reception and Dinner (outdoors at Lemur Landing)

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
6:30 am  Optional: Shadow a Lemur Caretaker
9:00 am  Lecture on Primatology 101: Lemurs and Research Walking Tours
12:30 pm  Lunch
1:30 pm  Lectures on Native Madagascar, and Breeding and Birth at DLC
4:30 pm  Are You Smarter Than A Lemur?: Training Techniques
Free evening to enjoy in Durham

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND
6:30 am  Optional: Shadow a Lemur Caretaker
9:00 am  Walk with the Lemurs: Tour Habitat Enclosures
11:00 am Discussion and Conclusion

LEMUR CENTER EXPERTS

Anne Yoder Ph.D.’92
Director
Dr. Anne Yoder became fascinated with lemurs and Madagascar when she first visited Duke University’s primate center (now, the Duke Lemur Center) when she was an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This fascination has persisted throughout her career and has brought her back to Duke, where she completed her Ph.D. She is now a professor of biology, and the director of the Lemur Center. Her interests span biological disciplines as diverse as systematics, molecular evolution, biogeography and genomics, all of which are used as tools for understanding the complexity of Madagascar's biological systems. Given that Madagascar's natural habitats are under extreme human pressures, Dr. Yoder is also involved with conservation projects, especially those that involve training local Malagasy students and other scholars.

Dr. Erin Ehmke
Research Manager
Dr. Erin Ehmke works in behavioral ecology, the socioecological and endocrinological effects on primate behavior. Her background in developmental patterns among wild and captive animals provides a valuable perspective for the research that occurs at the Duke Lemur Center. Dr. Ehmke evaluates and coordinates research activities at the center, which currently hosts about 100 separate research projects. She ensures the center serves as a model of non-invasive research for scientists and students from around the world.

Dr. Gregg Gunnell
Director of the Division of Fossil Primates
Dr. Gregg Gunnell is originally from West Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan where he received his PhD in 1986. He worked at the UM Museum of Paleontology for 24 years before moving to Durham to become the Director of the Division of Fossil Primates at the DLC in 2011. He has spent his career studying the fossil record and what it can tell us about origin and diversification of modern groups of mammals. When not working he enjoys travel near and far, getting out into nature, and spending time with his furry friends.
Questions
Contact Jenn Chambers at the Duke Alumni Association at (919) 681-6216 or jennifer.chambers@daa.duke.edu.

Cancellations/Refunds
Payment will be refunded until 30 days prior to the program’s start date, minus a $125 per person cancellation fee.

Schedules
Schedules will be carried out as closely as possible, but are subject to change.

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