

International Monkey Day, December 14th



Monkey Day is an unofficial holiday observed on December 14, 2016. The day takes place annually and is celebrated internationally. It was started in 2000 by Casey Sorrow.

On December 14th he jokingly scribbled Monkey Day on a friend's calendar. Lansing residents and students of Michigan State University started to celebrate Monkey Day.

The day gained notoriety when Casey Sorrow and Eric Millikin's own comic strip began

promoting it along with other cartoonists. Monkey Day is celebrated in many different countries around the world, primarily with costume parties. It is intended to help draw attention to issues related to simians, including medical research and animal rights. The holiday cuts across religious boundaries and provides opportunities to share monkey stories and contemplate our simian relatives. Hallmark Cards describes it as the day when monkey business is encouraged.

Casey Sorrow is an American cartoonist, illustrator, and printmaker. His early comic collaboration with Eric Millikin, Fetus-X, was run for a short time in Michigan State University's State News, until the comic strip was removed for being too controversial. Casey Sorrow is known as the inventor of the holiday Monkey Day, on which, in some years, Monkey Day Web Comic Marathons take place.

The holiday is primarily celebrated with costume parties intended to help draw attention to issues related to simians, including medical research, animal rights, and evolution. Often there are competitions to see who has the best costumes, who can act like a monkey the longest, or speed knitting of monkey dolls.

Yet the holiday has gone Hollywood too. In 2005, Peter Jackson's remake of King Kong was re-released in honor and celebration of Monkey day.



ZIP



ZAP



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Our Take

ZIP: WELCOME TO OUR TAKE!!

ZAP: ZIP ZIP ZIP ZIP!!!! Guess what!??

ZIP: Zap.....I can only imagine, but let's entertain you!

ZAP: IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!!!

ZIP: Well almost it is! The season is upon us!

ZAP: Wanna hear my new Jingle Bells song for everyone to purr about?

ZIP: Not really!

ZAP: Here we go!



Purring through the snow
In a great big doggie sleigh
O'er snow hills we go....
Barking all the way!

Kitty bells do ring
For the furr-balls all the way
What fun it is to purr and bark
In a great big doggie sleigh!!

ZIP: Wow, that isn't too bad.

ZAP: See I am not that bad. I can rhyme with the best of them.

ZIP: I am so excited that Barker Claus is coming soon and I went and sat on his lap at the Valley Plaza Mall. I asked for squeaky toys, beggin' strips, and a big fluffy pillow. What did you ask for this year?

ZAP: Well, I went to see Purr Claus out at the Marketplace and I asked for catnip, jingly toys and it would be wonderful to get a scratching post.

ZIP: Speaking on behalf of Zap, we both want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

'twas the night before Christmas.....

VOLUNTEERING

Do you know of anyone who would like to volunteer? We are looking for some key volunteers to help with our Bed making project on Thursday afternoons.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping out with this and other fun projects, then KCAS is the place to be.

Ask those interested to contact Jeff George at 661-868-7130 or email jeffg@co.kern.ca.us.

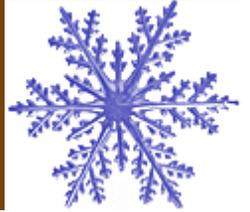


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JACOB CARRILLO	10
GIGI KILLABREW	13
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Coordinator's Corner



- Here we are at that time of year again: the time when we all wish to give and many of us wish only to give. Yet the commercialization of the holiday season almost puts a guilt trip on us to give and expect to receive something in return. In the spirit of the season, remember to give more than you expect to receive. There are so many organizations that can use your physical and other help as needed. KCAS is honored and grateful that you have chosen to give us the gifts of your time and talents.
- In previous years we have always had a volunteer/animal Christmas party near Christmas Day and we made sure that the animals were able to have a small party too by feeding them treats and other things. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to have that type of party with treats for the animals as there is a moratorium on feeding treats to the animals. Due to a major intestinal issue with the animals over this year, Dr. Arnold has asked that we do not feed the animals treats anymore or at least not for now.
- You will also notice that this month we do not have a volunteer spotlight. Due to timing and the holidays it's a little tougher to get commitments from volunteers to write up articles about themselves. If you would like to be in the volunteer spotlight in 2017, please contact me. The requirements are very simple: 350 – 400 words and your answers – that we all want to know - to some fun, “what if?” questions.
- The volunteer program, specifically the Ambassador Team, is growing. This past month or so, the current Ambassadors sat down and took a look at some of the volunteers that have been with us for a while. They selected three new Ambassadors to join the team. Their official start will be in January, but they will begin their training in December. We want to welcome John Harrer who is our Pet Detective and has extensive knowledge about horses, where his main focus will be. Lynette Coleman will be training new volunteers for our cat program and Greta Tamasauskaitė will be training volunteers in caring for the puppies. Please congratulate and welcome them all when you see them.



*FROM MY FAMILY TO YOUR'S, I WANT TO WISH YOU A
SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!*

