

6,000 two-leggeds flock to ZooFest

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The Navajo Nation Zoo hosted its second annual ZooFest on Saturday, May 2nd 2009. A total of 5,833 visitors enjoyed the food, games, prizes, guest speakers, and of course, the animals.



Native flute music welcomed visitors to the Discovery Center. All exhibits are brand new and were designed and constructed by Zoo staff, including the amphibian display pictured here.



Visitors tested their skills against native animals at the game booths. Here, a youth plays “mountain lion long jump” as he strives to jump as far as a red fox.



Department of Fish and Wildlife employee Albert Lapahie was one of many volunteers at the event. Here he helps with face painting, which was hugely popular (especially animal faces)!



Vice President Ben Shelly spoke at the event and made time to tour the grounds. “I see a lot of improvements since I was last here” he remarked.



The next event at the Navajo Nation Zoo will be “ZooBoo” on October 30-31st. For more information, you can contact the Zoo at 928-871-6574 or mholdgate@navajozoo.org.

