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Six Cheetah Cubs Welcomed to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

At less than a year old, these playful cubs are just part of a diverse array of new Animal Experiences park guests will enjoy in 2023

VALLEJO, Calif. — April 13, 2023 — [Six Flags Discovery Kingdom](#), the Thrill Capital of Northern California, today announced the introduction of five female cheetah cubs and one male cheetah cub as part of the diverse collection of animals in the park's care. Imani, Dakari, Makena, Duma, and Shuri, the female cheetah cubs, are currently between 8 and 10 months old and Kalahari, the male cheetah cub, is currently 3 months old. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom welcomed the cubs as part of a collaboration with the Zoological Association of America's (ZAA) Animal Management Program (AMP) in partnership with the Metro Richmond Zoo in Virginia.

"We are excited to have Imani, Dakari, Makena, Duma, Shuri, and little Kalahari join us as the newest members of the family of animals we care for at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom," said Animal Care Director, Eric Calvo. "Expert caregivers will be providing them with around-the-clock care for the next few months both backstage and at their new exhibit, Cheetah Creek, where guests will have the unique opportunity to watch them play and interact with each other and their caregivers."

Each of the cheetah cubs will play an important role at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom as ambassadors for their counterparts in the wild for the millions of guests that visit the park annually. The park is partnering with the Cheetah Conservation Fund to bring awareness to the efforts to help animals in the wild, particularly cheetahs, which are listed as vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of threatened species.

New in 2023, Cheetah Creek joins the Rainforest Trail, a new walk-through encounter featuring free-flying butterflies, colorful fish and exotic animals. The park's Shark Experience has also been reimaged with new state-of-the-art audio and visual upgrades and interactive educational opportunities.

"We are excited to continue the park's 37-year legacy of providing educational and thrilling wildlife adventures for our guests," said General Manager, Kirk Smith. "Cheetah Creek, the Rainforest Trail, new Shark Experience, and other recent animal additions demonstrate our commitment to delivering the most unique and innovative experiences for our guests. From world-class rollercoasters to breathtaking animal presentations, we have it all."

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is a professionally accredited and certified animal care facility maintaining and exceeding complex and individualized standards of care and welfare that are mandated by the American Humane Association (AHA), the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA), and the Zoological Association of America (ZAA). The park is also strictly regulated by the State of California Fish and Wildlife and by the federal government, under the USDA, APHIS, and NOAA.

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Six Flags Season Passes

2023 Six Flags Season Passes are on sale now to enjoy thrills all season with in-park discounts, discounted tickets for friends, seasonal events, and new experiences in 2023. For more details visit sixflags.com/discoverykingdom

Six Flags Jobs

Six Flags is currently hiring. Team members receive in-park discounts, rewards and recognitions, exclusive Team Member events, and flexible scheduling. These jobs are great for students, teachers, retirees, or anyone looking for a second job that allows them to work around a busy personal schedule. Select jobs, including Rides and Food & Beverage, start at \$17 an hour. To apply, visit SixFlagsJobs.com for immediate openings.

About Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, the Thrill Capital of Northern California, is home to breathtaking rides, shows, and attractions, including world-class roller coasters like Sidewinder Safari and Batman: The Ride as well as unique, up close and interactive animal experiences. For more information visit sixflags.com/discoverykingdom

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