

Purpose:

The American Association of Zoo Keepers' (AAZK) Bowling for Rhinos (BFR) provides zoo keepers around the world with an avenue to raise funds and awareness for rhino and habitat conservation.

AAZK realized that zoo keepers were extremely conservation-oriented and wanted to help save rhinos and their habitats, yet did not have the financial resources themselves to make any significant impact. That is when the idea came to create a national bowl-a-thon called Bowling For Rhinos.

AAZK's BFR fund raiser began on a small scale and is now the signature conservation effort of AAZK. In 1990, BFR began supporting the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (formerly Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary) in Kenya and has since expanded the program to include support for rhinos in Indonesia. BFR events across North America raise approximately \$600,000 annually. **Recruiting additional partners and events will help AAZK to reach our goal of \$750,000 every year.**



AAZK American Association of Zoo Keepers Bowling for Rhinos (BFR)

For donations by check please mail to:

AAZK-BFR
2820 S. Alma School Road
Suite 18 PMB
Chandler, AZ 85286

For website donations:

<https://www.aazk.org/bowling-for-rhinos/bfr-donation/>

AAZK on Guidestar:

<http://www.guidestar.org/profile/23-7274856>

Phone: (480) 952-0755

Website:

<https://www.aazk.org/bowling-for-rhinos/>

Please send BFR email inquiries to:

AAZK Conservation Committee



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Why Save Rhinos?

Only five species of rhino exist today.

All five species of rhino: the white, black, greater one-horned (Indian), Javan and Sumatran rhinos are endangered.

The rhino is killed primarily for its horn for use in oriental medicines. So valuable is the horn to poachers that the rhino can not survive unless it is in protected sanctuaries in Africa and Indonesia.

BFR funds are used to:

- Secure areas
- Purchase planes and land vehicles
- Translocate rhino into the sanctuaries/parks
- Purchase trap cameras for censusing
- Salaries for anti-poaching security guards

Through our efforts, AAZK can save valuable habitats and the animals living in their safe havens for future generations to enjoy.

BFR Conservation Resource Grant:

This grant is designed to fund projects focused on rhino conservation and research. Award criteria include one of four categories:

- In-situ Rhino Conservation & Research
- In-situ Community, Educational/Medical
- In-situ Species Conservation
- Ex-situ Rhino Conservation & Research

For more information visit the website:
<https://www.aazk.org/bowling-for-rhinos/bowling-for-rhinos-conservation-resource-fund-grant/>

Who Does AAZK BFR Support?

In Kenya, Africa, BFR supports the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy where our events combined with your donations help protect both black and white rhinos and many of the other species native to East Africa.

In Indonesia BFR supports Javan Rhinos and Sumatran Rhinos through the International Rhino Foundation.

BFR also supports Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK). When BFR saves rhino, the program also saves cheetahs and large areas of land. In turn this also saves everything living in these habitats which include hundreds of endangered plants and animals. Protecting rhino habitat saves everything from orchids to elephants!



For more information about organizations supported by BFR, please visit their websites:

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy:

<http://www.lewa.org/>

International Rhino Foundation:

<http://www.rhinos-irf.org/>

Action for Cheetahs in Kenya:

<http://www.actionforcheetahs.org/>

AAZK Chapter Participation:

There are 80+ Chapter Events in North America. Many organizations around the world also hold bowling and similar events such as: Rocking For Rhinos, Rummage For Rhinos, Curling for Rhinos, Winos for Rhinos, and Recycling For Rhinos as other ways to raise funds for this very worthwhile program. AAZK and our participating chapters underwrite 100% of administrative costs.

