



An animal-loving mystery for 5-24 children ages 6-11 set in modern day at the Oceanside Zoo.

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SYNOPSIS

Oh no! Garry Gator is at it again! The prankster escaped from the swamp exhibit last night! He released five zoo animals and hid them in secret locations! After the night of mischief, he's back in his swampy exhibit, fast asleep and refusing to talk. Before he drifted off to dreamland, he slipped a note under Andie Mall's door in the main zookeeper office! Garry Gator said there are riddles to solve to figure out which animals are hidden and where! The staff of the Oceanside Zoo needs to hurry and find the animals and get them back in their exhibits before it's time to open the zoo!

Host this party for your child so they, along with their friends, can solve the five mysteries and put an end to Garry Gator's mischievous behavior! This game includes scavenger hunts and five mysteries to solve! There are also fun bonus party games to play in addition to the mystery party.

Please note: younger guests may need some adult assistance in reading clues!

LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

*The host parent is the Mayor of Oceanside (name tag is provided).

All characters can be played by either a male or a female.

NAME/OCCUPATION	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
<p>ANDIE MALL <i>Head Zookeeper</i></p> <p>REQUIRED</p>	<p>Andie Mall is the best head zookeeper the Oceanside zoo has ever had. Nobody cares more about the animals than Andie! Andie is a great leader, and nothing usually goes wrong at the zoo when Andie's there!</p>	<p><i>A safari outfit (khaki shirt and pants), a safari hat with a pair of binoculars as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>DR. FUREN FEATHERS <i>Veterinarian</i></p> <p>REQUIRED</p>	<p>Dr. Furen Feathers is the caring staff veterinarian of Oceanside Zoo. The doc loves to sing to the animals to help them feel better when they are sick. Sometimes, Dr. Feathers forgets s/he's speaking to humans and sings instead of speaks!</p>	<p><i>Either a white lab coat or a safari-type outfit with a stethoscope</i></p>
<p>GROWLY KING <i>Lion Trainer</i></p> <p>REQUIRED</p>	<p>You've never met a braver soul than Growley King. This lion trainer lives for the deadly challenge of taking care of the lions at the Oceanside Zoo. Some say this animal lover has been accepted as a member of the lion's pride!</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed lion or a plastic steak (lion food) as optional props.</i></p>
<p>ORAN G. TANG <i>Ape Trainer</i></p> <p>REQUIRED</p>	<p>Stop monkeying around! Oh never mind, Oran G. Tang – that's your <i>job</i> at the Oceanside zoo. This ape caretaker is as silly as the monkeys! If a prank is pulled around you, you better question Oran, as s/he probably had something to do with it!</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed monkey or a plastic banana (monkey food) as optional props.</i></p>
<p>ELLO FANTASIA <i>Elephant Trainer</i></p> <p>REQUIRED</p>	<p>The friendly elephant trainer, Ello Fantasia, is <i>one with the elephants</i>. This zookeeper has trained the elephants to do tricks just like circus animals! If an animal needs to learn a trick, Ello can help! Rumor has it that Ello was a pet detective before becoming an elephant trainer.</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed elephant or a bag of peanuts (elephant food) as optional props.</i></p>
<p>PAULY W. CRACKERS <i>Bird Trainer</i></p> <p>Optional</p>	<p>Pauly Crackers is a highly-skilled bird trainer that takes care of all of the birds at the Oceanside zoo in the avian exhibit. With years of experience at the zoo, this caretaker is a great asset to have around when there's a problem. There's nothing this seasoned animal lover hasn't come across...just ask the parrots!</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed parrot sewed on to the left shoulder as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>TAUL R. THINU <i>Giraffe Trainer</i></p> <p>Optional</p>	<p>It takes a special kind of person to work with large animals like giraffes. Taul Thinu is that sort of person! This trainer is friendly, intelligent, and most of all, great with animals!</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed giraffe as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>ALET SLITHER <i>Snake Trainer</i></p> <p>Optional</p>	<p>Alet Slither is the mysterious snake trainer. This caretaker takes care of all of the reptiles at the Oceanside zoo, which is a creepy job that only a few could handle.</p>	<p><i>A safari type outfit (khaki shirt and pants) with a safari hat. A stuffed snake as an optional prop.</i></p>

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HOST

Thank you for purchasing the *Gator Caper at the Oceanside Zoo* game from mymysteryparty.com! This mystery is a light-hearted and entertaining mystery that allows the children to step into a different character while trying to solve five animal-themed mysteries.

**Full instructions are in
the purchased game.**

THE ROUNDS ARE DESIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

PRE-GAME: these optional pre-game announcements are to be delivered to each guest before the party. These are optional and do not alter the mystery. They are intended to enhance the pre-game build up for the event.

ROUND ONE: Present Garry's note and deliver the round one clue cards as your guests arrive. Serve small snacks. Have the guest instructions and character list available for your guests to read over as they arrive. You should review these materials with your guests before starting the game.

ROUND TWO: Deliver these clues while you serve a light dinner to your guests before you release them to investigate.

FINAL SOLUTION / ROUND THREE: Cake and hot chocolate can be served during this round as the guests read their final solutions. Hide the final scavenger hunt cutout of Garry Gator (or a stuffed alligator, host supplied) within your home for the kids to hunt for the big finale.

For further questions, check out our FAQ web page at <http://mymysteryparty.com/frequently-asked-hosting-questions/>

If your question is not listed in our FAQ, contact us at support@mymysteryparty.com

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NAMETAGS



**Each player has a
name tag in the
purchased game**

SAMPLE

EMPLOYEES OF THE OCEANSIDE ZOO:

Garry Gator escaped again. He released five animals from their exhibits and has hidden them in secret locations. He slipped a message under my office door last night.

Please come to the Oceanside Zoo main office so we can discuss this issue. Let's hurry and investigate! The mayor said if any customers arrive at the zoo before we put the missing animals back into their exhibits, she'll shut down the zoo! We can't let that happen!

See you soon!

ANDIE MALL

HEAD ZOO KE

Each player has a pre-game announcement.

SAMPLE

ROUND ONE ROUND CLUE CARDS

TAUL R. THIMU – ROUND ONE

**SOLVING RIDDLES CAN BE STRESSFUL, SO
TELL A JOKE TO YOUR FRIENDS:**

What kind of animal goes OOM?
A cow walking backwards!

YOUR MYSTERY IS NUMBER 1.


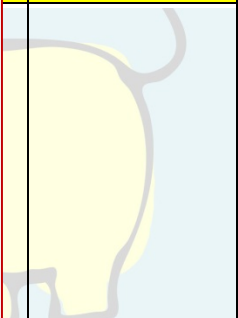
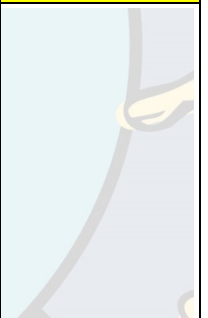

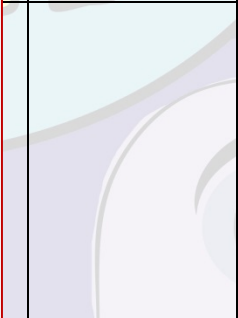

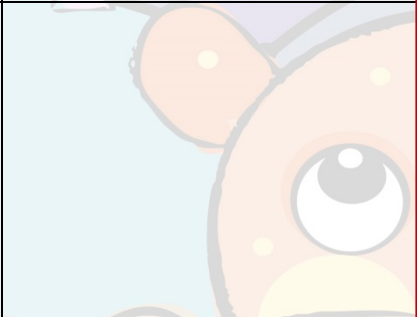
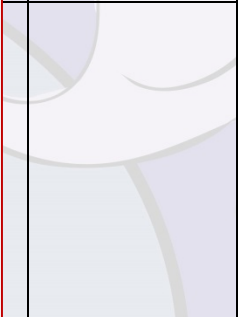


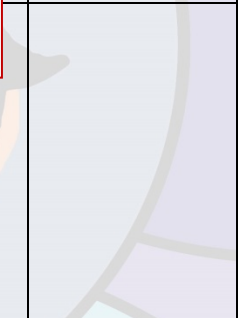
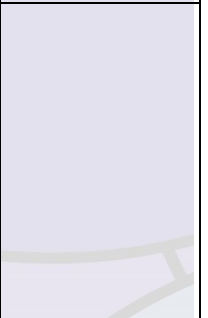

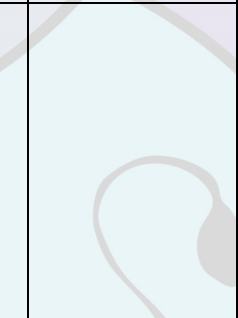

YOUR FIRST CLUE IS:

'You can find my wild siblings in
savannas, grasslands, dense bush, and
woodlands.'

**Each player has a round
one card.**

GATOR CAPER INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATED BY:

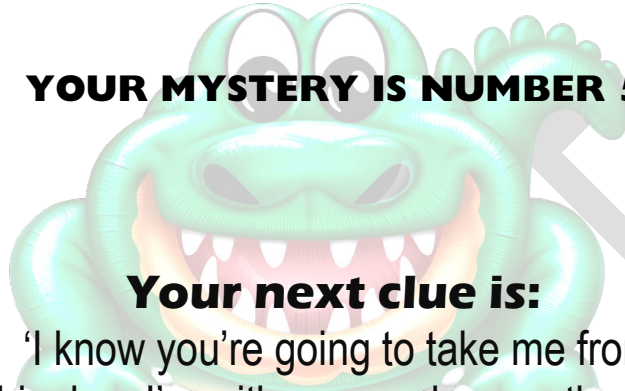
MYSTERY #			TYPE OF ANIMAL:	SECRET LOCATION:
1		<p>Each player has an investigation sheet in the purchased game.</p>		
2				
3				
4				
5				

ROUND TWO CLUE CARDS - ✂ cutout and stuff into labeled envelopes, Seal the envelopes and handing them to your guests begins round two.

ELLO FANTASIA

ROUND TWO

YOUR MYSTERY IS NUMBER 5

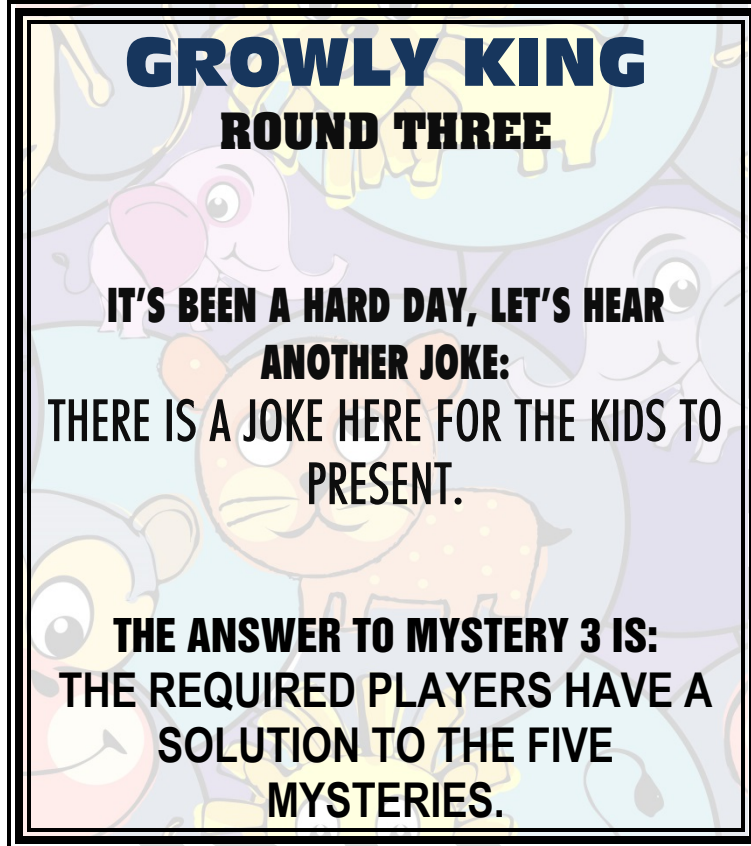


Your next clue is:

'I know you're going to take me from this den. I'm with mammals now; they're not my next of kin. My poisonous fangs might get in the way, just don't corner me, or I'll make you pay.'

Each player has a round two card.

ROUND THREE SOLUTION CARDS ✂ Cut these out and put them into envelopes labeled with the appropriate character name. Seal the envelopes. Handing out these envelopes signify the beginning of the final solution round.



**Each player has a round
three solution card.**

MENU SUGGESTIONS

ALLIGATORADE

SNAKES IN A BLANKET

ZOOTASTIC MUNCH MIX

MONKEY MILKSHAKE

CHEESY CHEETAH NACHOES

THE TALL GIRAFFE

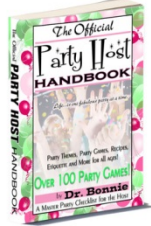
THE 'DESSERT'ED ISLAND

LION EXHIBIT CAKE

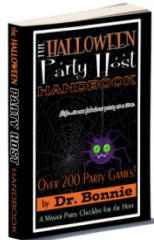
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bonus games in the
purchased game.**