

**Jane Goodall Educators Institute  
Action Plan Summary**

Sci-Port Discovery Center

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**Weekend at Gombe**

**Program Audience**

Members & General Public

**Program Overview**

The weekend activities, a celebration of the opening of the film at our Center, are planned to immerse the visitor in the atmosphere of a research village at Gombe. The programs introduce visitors to the skills and attitudes needed to conduct research on wild chimpanzees.

**Program Goals**

- To develop an awareness of the ongoing research efforts and the challenges faced at Gombe.
- To promote a sense of stewardship by increasing appreciation of the unique bond between chimps and humans.

**Program Components**

Lobby Décor

Guest Speaker

African-themed Dinner

Primates Gee Whiz Box

Where in the World is Gombe?

Communication

Tool Usage

Wildlife Observation

Lobby Décor

Greenery                      Potted plants, hemp vines

Canvas tent                    Entrance to IMAX Theatre

Posters                         African scenery & wildlife

Crude wooden signs

Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees; Researcher's Camp; & Program Titles

Researcher's Camp

Canvas tent

Cot with mosquito net

Work table                    Field notes, video camera, & laptop computer

Field notes/charts on wall

Demonstrator

Guest Speaker            Elizabeth Vinson

Current Gombe researcher



Program development/acquisition of program materials

3 months out

Staff training  
Plan dinner menu

1 month out

Design & print invitations  
Meet with Marketing/write press releases  
Acquisition of lobby decor

**Materials**

Lobby décor

Potted plants—Borrow from Living Interiors & Clyde Gorum Nursery  
Hemp vines—Duane  
Posters of African scenery & wildlife—Order from National Geographic  
Wooden signs—Duane/Al Bohl  
Canvas tents—Borrow from Boy Scouts

Researcher's Camp

Cot & mosquito net—Borrow from Boy Scouts or Red River Outfitters  
Small camp table—Red River Outfitters  
Laminated field notes, notes on wall (chimp family tree?)—JGEI materials  
Video camera (existing) with footage of chimps—JGEI materials

Gee Whiz Box

Plastic tub—Walmart  
Binder w/ background info & activity instructions  
Ident-a-Chimp cards laminated on cardstock—JGEI materials  
Facial expressions cards laminated on cardstock—JGEI materials  
Handheld mirror  
Masking tape, shoelaces, scissors, scrap paper, pencils, old shirt, clothespin,  
dowel, film canisters, toothpicks, rice, hammer, nails, scrap wood  
Photos/illustrations of variety of primates laminated on cardstock—Images from  
JGEI, ClipMasters

**Sci-Port Discovery Center Resources**

VP Development	Sandy Hogan	shogan@sciport.org
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Biologist & Director of Explorations	Vyvry Thomas	vthomas@sciport.org

**Community Resources**

Chimp Haven local representative	Candy Peavey
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Cypress/Black Bayou Nature Center  
Walter B. Jacobs Nature Center

Melissa Whittington  
Larry Raymond