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Primate researcher to present program at Explorit

Explorit Science Center will present “Much Ado About Mandrills” from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at its main public facility, 2801 Second St., Davis.

Mandrills are an endangered species of monkeys that live in tropical forests in Western Africa. Known as one of the most colorful species of monkeys, they have thick purple and blue ridges on their faces, with red noses and lips as well as golden beards. Furthermore, they have bright red hind quarters.

At this Family Exploration program, Jessica Yorzinski, a student in the Animal Behavior Graduate Group at UC Davis, will share findings about how mandrills communicate. While at Cornell University, she researched two communicative signals – the silent, bared-teeth face and the crest-raise – by mandrills in U.S. zoos.

This program is free for members and for other with paid admission to the museum: \$4 general, free for ages three and under. Visitors can combine it with exploration of Explorit’s exhibition “At Home With Science” in the museum’s main gallery.

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