



HAPPY HOLLOW PARK & ZOO

Conservation Speaker Series Presents

Elder Sabore Ole Oyie

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and
Happy Hollow Foundation Invite You to Meet
Sabore Ole Oyie, Kenyan Maasai Elder

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Happy Hollow Park
& Zoo's Learning LODGE

Cost: \$10 per person

\$5 will go towards the efforts to build a well in Sabore's village and \$5 towards Happy Hollow's conservation efforts.

Space is limited and you must RSVP to attend. Please call **408-794-6404** to make your reservation.

Beyond the Well—the Importance of Water to the Maasai

Join Elder Sabore as he talks about life growing up in a Maasai village in Kenya, the role that education plays in the life of women, the importance of cultural conservation, and his efforts to bring a fresh water drinking well to his village.



Elder Sabore Ole Oyie has graduated from high school and was selected as a senior advisor to his community and elders. His education has played a major role in his ability to communicate in both his native language Kiswahili and English as well as his tribal language, Maa.

He uses his experience and knowledge gained from his formal education and his warrior training to educate the community on the importance of school and traditions. As second-in-command to the chief, he emphasizes youth education and economic development for his community. He's experienced the benefit of being sponsored to go to school, the critical need for education and the importance of learning so that the community can be stronger and healthier. He continues to live in the traditional ways, including wearing the traditional Maasai clothing, carrying hand-made weapons for hunting and self-defense against lions, elephants and other dangerous wildlife, and living in a hut made from sticks and dung. He herds his cattle, sheep and goats, sometimes having to move them long distances to find greener pastures. In addition, he is also a cultural ambassador for Kenya.

Mr. Oyie has traveled with the Kenyan Tourism Board to Japan, Poland, Germany, Czech Republic, Sweden, South Africa and the United States over the last 3 years. He helps promote tourism in Kenya and talks about the culture of the Maasai people.

Mr. Oyie is a tour guide for several local safari camps. He enjoys taking clients on both walking and vehicle safaris pointing out the native wildlife and bird life, as well as enlightening people about the various plant life.

Mr. Oyie was recently elected by the elders to help with establishing a new warrior age group. He was responsible for the selection and criteria for the new boys. It was a prestigious honor to be selected as an elder to head up this exercise.