



SAVE THE MOUNTAIN GORILLAS



If you help us, WWF can save the mountain gorillas!!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT GORILLAS AND HUMANS SHARE 98.3% OF OUR DNA?

- COME AND JOIN US AT A.R.E IN THE AUDITORIUM
- MAY 9TH
- 5PM-6:30PM
- BRING YOUR MONEY TO DONATE, MAKE PURCHASES, AND RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE DIANFOSSEYGORILLAFUND

Did you know that the beautiful, human-like mountain gorilla's existence is being threatened? There are only 884 left at this exact moment. It is crucial that we help the mountain gorilla! The mountain gorilla matters to its habitat. There are countless threats pushing them to loss, and there are actions that are currently being taken to help them. It is important to know that more can be done - we can take this into our hands. Overall, the mountain gorilla should be a priority to be saved.

What do we know about the mountain gorilla's background? Their scientific name is *Gorilla berengei berengei*. Mountain gorillas reside in high altitudes, so they have thicker fur than many other great apes. When you see these human-like creatures, some ranging up to 5.5 feet tall and 440 pounds, you think, *there's nothing that could stop this beast!* Sadly, that couldn't be further from the truth.





Mountain gorillas, from those in the Virunga Mountains to Uganda, are endangered. These unique creatures deserve to survive.

We believe mountain gorillas are important for many reasons. According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), “Without these large-scale grazers eating lots of vegetation, the natural balance in the food chain would be disrupted. This could negatively affect other wildlife in the area.” If the forest becomes overgrown, it would use more water which would mean less water for the other animals and people who live in and around the forest. In addition, the mountain gorilla brings a lot of tourists to the area to come and see it. According to WWF, this ecotourism is an important way for local people to earn money, “it’s estimated that one mountain gorilla can indirectly generate over a million dollars over its lifetime from tourist income.”

As you can see, the survival of the mountain gorilla matters a great deal, but unfortunately, they face many threats. The biggest threats faced by the mountain gorilla include war, habitat loss and poaching.

We can help save the mountain gorillas in several important ways. First, we can raise awareness about the challenges they face. We can also help to protect the gorillas by educating others about how important it is to protect their forests and find other sources of meat for the local people so that the gorillas don’t get caught in traps and snares. We can also help the mountain gorillas by giving money to the World Wildlife Fund to help keep them from extinction.

These magnificent creatures need our help. There are less than 1,000 left and without them, it would have a huge impact on the food chain and we would lose the ability to watch and study an animal that shares so much in common with humans. Will you help save these majestic creatures from extinction?