



MEDIA ALERT

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MEET DORA AND DIEGO AT PARTY FOR THE PLANET *Family fun also features annual gorilla egg hunt*

- WHO:** Children's favorites Dora and Diego and two eager troops of egg-hunting gorillas will headline as featured attractions at Party for the Planet presented by Georgia Natural Gas and Downey Trees on Saturday, April 23 at Zoo Atlanta.
- WHAT:** The popular characters from the world-famous animated series *Dora the Explorer* appear live for exclusive meet-and-greets throughout the event. Additional highlights will include green exhibitors, arts and crafts, and an earthworm dig during a dynamic day of family Earth Day fun.
- Later that afternoon, it's time for ready-set-go as western lowland gorillas collect treats during the Zoo's annual gorilla egg hunt. In what has become a favorite spring tradition in Atlanta, the gentle giants will hunt for hidden Jell-O eggs at 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in The Ford African Rain Forest.
- Party for the Planet is free for Zoo Members and children under 3; free with general admission. Visit zooatlanta.org for tickets and details.
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 23, 2011
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; gorilla egg hunts at 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Zoo Atlanta
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- ABOUT:** **About Zoo Atlanta**
An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters

with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. Opening in April 2011 is Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home: Lun Lun's newest cub, Po, born November 3, 2010, made his public debut in spring 2011. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zooatlanta.org.

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