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SUPER HEROES CONVERGE ON ZOO ATLANTA
Meet Spider-Man™ and friends Labor Day Weekend

ATLANTA – September 1, 2009 – Even Super Heroes need a day at the Zoo. Spider-Man™, Wolverine™, Storm™ and Green Goblin™ combine their considerable powers during Super Heroes Weekend at Zoo Atlanta, September 5, 6 and 7. The classic Marvel Comics™ characters star in six performances of *Operation Green™*, a dynamic live-action show pitting Spider-Man and his cohorts against the dastardly Green Goblin in the fight to stop pollution and rescue the environment. Following each show, members of the audience will have an exclusive chance to meet the Super Heroes for photo opportunities and autographs.

Super Heroes Weekend also gives Zoo Atlanta an opportunity to showcase its own hero status as a champion of wildlife and conservation, with fun activities introducing young people to lifelong patterns of stewardship that begin at home in their own backyards. Opportunities will include face painting; storytelling with favorite costume characters; Super Hero crafts; games; keeper talks; and special animal encounters.

Tickets are \$10 for Zoo Atlanta Members and children under 3; \$24.99 for non-Member adults ages 12 and up; \$20.99 for non-Member children ages 3 to 11. Children under 3 are \$10. Infants under the age of 1 may sit in a parent's lap and do not require a ticket. Tickets include admission to *Operation Green*, character meet-and-greet and all other Super Heroes Weekend activities. Non-Member ticket price includes Zoo admission. Visit zooatlanta.org for tickets, show times and event details.

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. The Zoo's newest attraction, Boundless Budgies: A Parakeet Adventure, opened in April 2009. The interactive new experience is the largest of its kind in the Southeast. Zoo Atlanta is also the proud home of Xi Lan, the only giant panda cub born in the U.S. in 2008.

Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of great apes and a global center of excellence for the care and reproduction of vanishing amphibians and reptiles. Zoo Atlanta 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 go to zooatlanta.org.

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