



## MEDIA ALERT

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### PLAY THE ANIMAL WAY AND GIRL SCOUT DAY AT ZOO ATLANTA

*Surprises galore for the animals and an extra salute for Girl Scouts – it's all happening this Saturday, October 8!*

**WHO:** If gorgeous fall weather, adorable tiger cubs on the prowl, and more than 1,500 animals from around the world aren't reason enough to visit Zoo Atlanta this weekend, Saturday presents two more opportunities to unleash your inner wild thing, with Play the Animal Way and Girl Scout Day running concurrently for a dynamic day of family fun.

**WHAT:** Play the Animal Way

Enrichment is provided year-round for all Zoo residents, but this Saturday, October 8, guests get to watch! From paper maché extravaganzas for Africa's largest land mammals to puzzle feeders for South America's tiniest primates, Play the Animal Way showcases the talent, thought and creativity that go into keeping animals active and engaged. Kids are encouraged to join the fun with activities and crafts designed to replicate many of the same stimuli Zoo animals enjoy.

Play the Animal Way is free for Zoo Members and children under 3; free with general admission.

Girl Scout Day

While the wild things play, Girl Scout Day welcomes Girl Scouts and their families to the Zoo for discounts and special activities, including an animal-themed Girl Scout SWAP and private animal encounters. Groups of 10 or more may pre-register online at a discounted rate of \$9 per guest. Individuals in full or partial uniform are invited to enjoy the Zoo at \$5 off general admission for the Girl Scout and up to three guests. Individual discount not available online; discount not valid with any other discount, offer or promotion.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 8, 2011  
Activity times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for both events.

**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. Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong, opened on April 1. 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](http://zooatlanta.org).

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