



MEDIA ALERT

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REASONS FOR THANKS ARE REASONS TO VISIT!

A cornucopia of things to see and do at Zoo Atlanta this holiday weekend

- WHO:** Think a houseful of family and friends makes for an eventful weekend? Imagine the excitement when the "house" is a 40-acre oasis, and the "family and friends" are more than 1,500 animals from around the world. Add in a few animal mamas with adorable babies underfoot, a sunny fall forecast, and two days of visits by a very special guest, and it's an unbeatable recipe for holiday weekend fun at Zoo Atlanta.
- WHAT:** Now almost 5 months old, Sohni and Sanjiv the Sumatran tigers reign supreme as the Zoo's cutest cubs. For giant panda fans, however, that duo would have a hard time wresting that title away from Po, now a year old and more active than ever. Lily the giraffe calf, now 4 months old, gives guests a lesson in nursery scale. And not to be outdone by their four-legged neighbors, Merry Leigh the gorilla, 6 months old, and Remy the orangutan, 1 on November 26, remind admirers that infant apes are a singular joy.
- Moms of human youngsters may be interested in another special weekend extra: [Cookies with Santa](#) on November 26 and 27. Reservations are available online until Friday, November 25; day-of tickets may be purchased at any admissions gate.
- Zoo Atlanta Members also enjoy an exclusive 20% discount in Zoo Atlanta Gift Shops on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25, 26 and 27; present Membership card to redeem.
- WHEN:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25, 26 and 27; Zoo Atlanta is closed on Thanksgiving Day.
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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.

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