



MEDIA ALERT

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GORILLA EGG HUNTS AT ZOO ATLANTA

WHAT: Children might be hunting eggs this Easter Sunday, but the city's wildest family handles Easter weekend a bit differently – the *apes* do the egg hunting at Zoo Atlanta. On Saturday, April 11, visitors are invited to cheer for their favorite great apes during the Zoo's Annual Gorilla Egg Hunts.

A lightning-fast and amusing activity that has western lowland gorillas of all ages hurrying to collect egg-shaped Jell-O treats, the simian scramble has become one of the Zoo's most beloved annual spring traditions. A word to the wise: arrive early! The eggs don't stay hidden for long in The Ford African Rain Forest.

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 2009
2:00 p.m. in Gorilla Habitat Three
2:30 p.m. in Gorilla Habitat One

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. 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 one of the nation's most recognized collections 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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