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WINTER 2014

# news *prints*



## winter escape

**Our new baby giraffe  
is over-the-top cute!**

**Warm up with  
winter fun,  
Zoo style!**

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# what's happening

## on the cover

Winter has come, but the excitement continues at the Toronto Zoo! Born October 17, 2013, the Toronto Zoo welcomed a new baby Masai giraffe to mother Twiga and late father Stripes (1991-2012). The baby's name, Mstari, means "Stripes" in Swahili and was chosen by Toronto Zoo keepers in honour of her late father. Because giraffes have a long gestation period of 15 months, Mstari's birth was a pleasant surprise for Toronto Zoo staff. Born six feet tall, her personality continues to grow as fast as she does! Mstari, Ginetta and Twiga will remain indoors staying warm for the majority of the winter, however, weather permitting, you may occasionally spot them in the yard of the giraffe house.



## cute alert!

There's more! On November 9, 2013, a polar bear cub was born to mother Aurora and father Inukshuk. At two days old, veterinary and wildlife care staff began hand raising our little boy in our Wildlife Health Centre, where he will stay until he is on exhibit in the Tundra Trek. Also, a baby male Grevy's zebra was born on November 22, 2013 to mother Shani and father Jake. Zoo staff was very excited as it was the first offspring for this zebra couple. Both our cub and new foal will be off-display until further notice, however make sure to follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo](https://www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo) for updates and photos of our newest and cutest additions!



## winter at the Zoo

Although our Zoo babies will not be on display, there are still lots of things to see and do at the Zoo. Take a stroll throughout our 10 km of snowy walking trails and explore our six indoor tropical pavilions with a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish! Plus, don't miss Er Shun and Da Mao enjoying their first Canadian winter at the Giant Panda Experience.

**Check out [torontozoo.com](http://torontozoo.com) for upcoming events and promotions happening at the Zoo throughout the winter!**

## Newsprints is going digital!

Starting with this current issue, *Newsprints* will now be available at [torontozoo.com](http://torontozoo.com) for download. We hope to reduce our carbon footprint and encourage members to download and enjoy *Newsprints* editions online.



# educational programs

Pre-registration is required for all programs. To obtain a copy of the appropriate registration form please visit our website at [torontozoo.com/EducationandCamps/CampsandPublicPrograms.asp](http://torontozoo.com/EducationandCamps/CampsandPublicPrograms.asp) or call us at 416-392-5947.

## CRITTER CRUISERS (AGES 2-4 WITH PARENT) The Great Stroller Safari

The Toronto Zoo is a wonderful place to get some exercise. We have several kilometres of walking paths that take you to all of the exciting exhibits. Now is your chance to walk the paths in a fun and exhilarating way. Together you will embark on this active program and stroll the Zoo, walking in the hoof prints of the great migrating beasts of the African Savanna or maybe the paw prints of a prowling predator. Either way, you will have the chance to experience education in motion. There is an active adventure awaiting you here at the Toronto Zoo.

Program will consist of animal-inspired walks for parents and their children including interactive breaks, game/activity/craft at rest point and a brief animal encounter.

**\*Please read the following note for important information about Critter Cruiser programs before registering.**

One child to one adult ratio is ideal; however, each adult may bring up to two children of program age from the same family for the cost listed below. This program is designed for children of walking age or older as the activities are for both parent and child. Strollers are not provided for the program, but can be rented from the Zootique Gift Shop.

**Only those pre-registered for the program may attend.**

**DATES AND TIMES :** All sessions are 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
**session 1** - Friday, April 25      **session 4** - Friday, May 9  
**session 2** - Saturday, April 26      **session 5** - Saturday, May 10  
**session 3** - Sunday, April 27      **session 6** - Sunday, May 11  
**Cost (for one adult and up to two children from the same family)**  
\$18 Zoo member, \$20 non-member

## PARENT AND TOT (AGES 2-4 WITH PARENT) Winter Wonderland

Snowflakes are falling, grizzly bears are snoozing and deer are running through the woods. Winter is a magical time in the animal world. We invite you and your child to the Zoo to gear up for winter with the animals. Through a variety of activities, your child will discover the wonder of the Zoo in winter. Learn how animals cope with the weather and find out which animals love the cold and snow.

**\*Please read the following note for important information about Parent and Tot programs before registering.**

One child to one adult ratio is ideal; however, each adult may bring up to two children of program age from the same family for the cost listed below. Additional adults are welcome to attend; general admission applies at the front gate.

**Only those pre-registered for the program may attend.**

**DATES AND TIMES**  
Ages 24 months to 4 years with an adult. Please honour age requirements.  
**session A** - Friday, February 28, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session B** - Friday, February 28, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**session C** - Saturday, March 1, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session D** - Saturday, March 1, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**session E** - Sunday, March 2, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session F** - Sunday, March 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**session G** - Friday, March 21, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session H** - Friday, March 21, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**session I** - Saturday, March 22, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session J** - Saturday, March 22, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**session K** - Sunday, March 23, 9:45 am - 10:45 am  
**session L** - Sunday, March 23, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Cost (for one adult and up to two children from the same family)**  
\$18 Zoo member, \$20 non-member

## CRITTER CREW (AGES 4 & 5) Amazing Animal Senses

Can you hear as well as a rhino? What does the world look like through a bug's eyes? Which animal has the best smell? Discover how animals see, hear, smell, touch and taste their way through nature. Find out how different animal senses compare to your own and learn why senses are so important for learning about the world around us. Program includes a tour around the Zoo, activities and an up close and personal encounter with one of our many animals!

**DATE:** Saturday, April 5 AND Saturday April 12  
**TIME:** morning session 9:00 am - 12:00 pm OR  
afternoon session 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**COST (per child):** \$50 Zoo member, \$60 non-member

*Please Note:* This half-day drop-off program takes place over two consecutive Saturdays. Choose morning or afternoons. An allergen-aware snack will be provided.



RHINO, Wendy Dolny

## ZOO CREW (AGES 6 - 10) Defence! Defence!

Life for a wild animal is not as easy as it may sound. It is a constant day-to-day struggle trying to find a comfortable place that's not too hot or too cold, finding shelter, space, enough food and water, and most of all avoiding being eaten. In order to survive all animals have developed special adaptations or behaviour patterns for protection from their enemies. Join us for a closer look at some of these adaptations and see what it takes to be successful in the wild. Program includes tours, activities, and a personal encounter.

**DATE:** Saturday, April 5 AND Saturday April 12  
**TIME:** morning session 9:00 am - 12:00 pm OR  
afternoon session 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**COST (per child):** \$50 Zoo member, \$60 non-member

*Please Note:* This half-day drop-off program takes place over two consecutive Saturdays. Choose morning or afternoons. An allergen-aware snack will be provided.

All programs are subject to change. The Zoo reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient registration.

## ENVIRORANGERS (AGES 11 - 14)

### Careers in Wildlife

5,000 animals! Who takes care of them all? The veterinarians and animal keepers of course! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take care of a 20,000 litre aquarium? Or a two metre long alligator? Here's your chance. Come spend a day at the Zoo and discover how we take care of all of our animals. Program includes a behind the scenes encounter with an animal, activities and tours.

**DATE: session 1** (Aquatic Care) Saturday, February 22

**session 2** (Herptile Care) Saturday, March 22

**session 3** (Mammal Care) Saturday, April 26

**TIME:** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**COST (per child): one session:** \$50 member, \$60 non-member

**two sessions:** \$95 member, \$115 non-member

**three sessions:** \$140 member, \$170 non-member

*Please Note:* Choose any or all sessions, as sessions are independent of each other. Don't forget to bring a litterless lunch!

## PANDA PYJAMA PARTY

### (OVERNIGHT PROGRAM WITH PARENT)

### Amazing Animal Senses

Pandas sleep for eight hours a day and humans do too! Come spend a night at the Zoo to visit animals before they go to sleep for the night and give a special morning greeting to the pandas when they wake up. This program includes a guided tour including a visit with the pandas, a bedtime snack and fun activities.

Your overnight experience includes a full educational program beginning at 7:00 pm on the evening of your arrival until about 9:00 am the next morning. Accommodations and a bedtime snack are provided, as well as a light breakfast the next morning. Reserve your spot now for a family night or get a group of 20 or more together for your own panda party.

**DATE:** Saturday, February 15

Saturday, February 22

Saturday, March 1

Saturday, March 22

Saturday, March 29

Saturday, April 5

Saturday, May 3

**TIME:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 am

**COST (per person):** ages 3 and up: \$55 Zoo member, \$65 non-member

Full payment is required at the time of booking.

**NOTE:** Only participants age 3 and up may attend. Adults must attend with children.

## ADULT PROGRAM (AGES 19 AND OVER)


### First Comes Love

One of life's greatest gifts is that of a child and parenthood is one of the most important and honourable jobs around! The mysteries of birth and parenthood have been explored throughout the ages and it's no surprise that many of the most interesting discoveries have come from the animal world. Join us for an evening of fascinating conservation information on parenthood, such as how the male sea horse gives birth or how giant pandas only have 72 hours to mate. Our Valentine's Program includes a romantically inspired dinner, special animal encounter, an interactive group presentation and a tour of the reproductive labs led by our reproductive specialist team!

**DATE:** Friday, February 14 OR Saturday, February 15

**TIME:** 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**COST (per adult):** \$65 Zoo member, \$120 Zoo members couple  
\$75 non-member, \$140 non-members couple



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- Giant Panda Ambassador Volunteers
  - Summer Information Volunteers
- Apply by Friday, March 14, 2014

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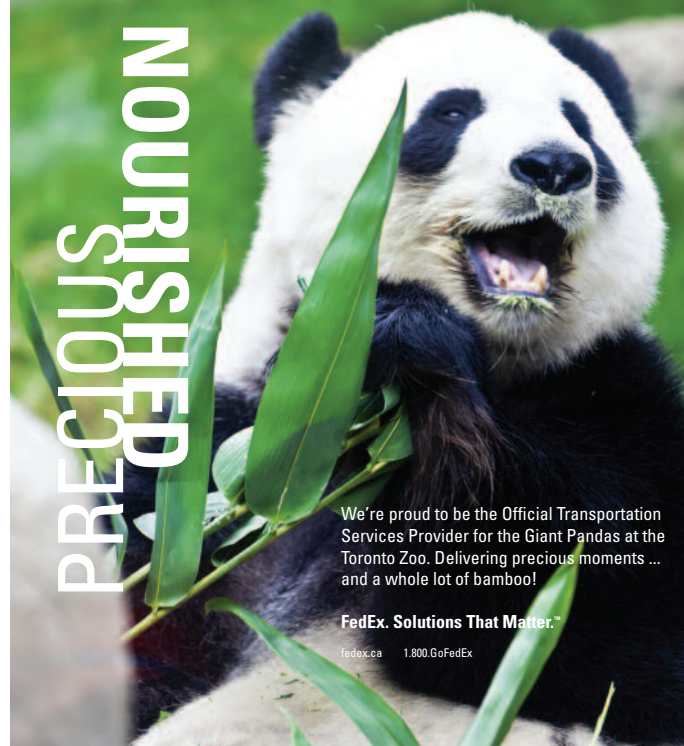
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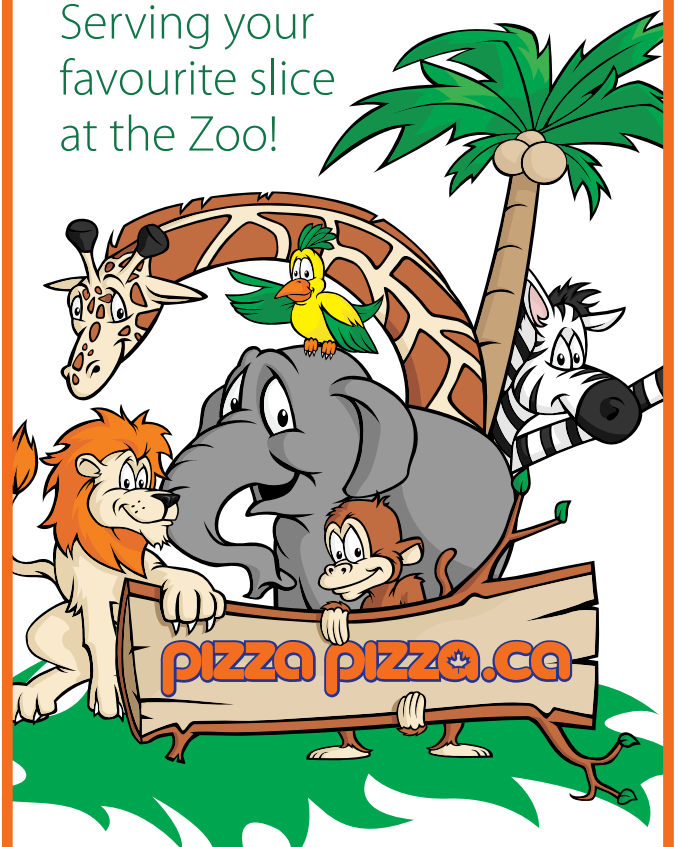
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## DISCOVER WHATS **NEW** AT THE ZOO!

2014 is bringing a Zoo-volution and we are sharing this exciting journey exclusively with our members!

As valued members of the Toronto Zoo, we are committed to ensuring you're the first to know about exciting new exhibits and projects! Coming this May, the Toronto Zoo will open the highly anticipated Eurasia Wilds region, designed to bring iconic Eurasian species and landscapes right here to our own backyards. In the fall, we will break ground on the revolutionary Wildlife Health Centre, that was strategically designed to provide specialized care for more than 5000 animals.



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**LEARN MORE  
TODAY!**

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## adopt an animal

### Winter Quiz!

1. True or False: "orangutan" means Person of the Forest
2. True or False: Sumatran tigers are the largest of all tiger species.
3. True or False: Bats are blind.

Winter is a great time to visit the Toronto Zoo! Crisp, bright days and warm, tropical pavilions. What a wonderful combination. Roam throughout our beautiful park and when you get chilly just step into any of our gorgeous pavilions. Tell your friends! Get a group together! Visit our magnificent animals!

Choose your favourite while you're here and "adopt" it before you leave.

Your donation will help us with the wonderful conservation work we do, not only at the Zoo, but in the wild as well.

Order by phone 416-392-9114 or online at [torontozoo.com](http://torontozoo.com) Answers: 1. True 2. False (Amur is largest) 3. False (They see well and have echolocation!)



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### MEMBER REMINDER

- your membership is not transferable - only individuals on each card are entitled to membership benefits.
- a photo ID along with your membership card is required to gain admission to Zoo grounds.