

TORONTO ZOO

MEDIA ALERT

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CELEBRATE WORLD ANIMAL DAY AT THE TORONTO ZOO WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

Who: Toronto families, National Geographic Kids, and National Geographic photographer Ian Nichols.

What/Why: October 4th is internationally-recognized World Animal Day. Join National Geographic at the Toronto Zoo with a fun-filled day of exciting activities designed for the whole family to celebrate, observe, and learn about their WILD animal friends at the Zoo!

Here's what's on:

- Kids photography workshops with Ian Nichols, a renowned National Geographic photographer. Hear his stories while learning to take pictures of animals, and get his autograph! Space is limited. Pre-register at torontozoo.com.
- Craft activities and special screening program of the National Geographic Kids TV series "Toot & Puddle" (Treehouse, TFO) and "Mama Mirabelle" (TVO, TFO, Knowledge Network) in our Conservation Connection Centre all day.
- Sing "Happy World Animal Day" to all the animals with a cake celebration at 1:00pm at the Elephant Exhibit in the African Savanna.
- Autograph session 2:30pm to 3:30pm at the Lowland Gorilla exhibit in the African Rainforest Pavilion with Ian Nicols, renowned National Geographic photographer, who has worked extensively with gorillas in the Congo.

When: **Date:** Sunday, October 4th, 2009
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Where: **Toronto Zoo - Main Entrance**
Take Hwy 401 to Meadowvale Rd (exit #389 both directions) in Scarborough. Go north on Meadowvale to Main Parking.

For more information
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Zoo Hours to Oct. 12th – 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Oct. 13th to March 12th - 9:30am to 4:30pm. Last admissions one hour before closing. General Admission 13-64 incl. is \$21, Children 3 and under are free, Children 4-12 are \$13 and Seniors 65+ are \$15. Parking is \$8/vehicle. Event schedule subject to change without notice. The Zoo is located at Meadowvale Road and Hwy. 401, Exit 389 east and west bound. For general information, call (416) 392-5929. The Toronto Zoo is open year round (except December 25th).

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