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Renowned Writer James Fallows Covers Wolong for the Atlantic Monthly

Head to your local book store or news stand and pick up a copy of the December *Atlantic Monthly*. The issue contains an article about Wolong, Pandas and Pandas International!

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Mei Sheng Travels to Wolong, His Ancestral Home

Mei Sheng, the male panda born in the San Diego Zoo four years ago, arrived in Wolong November 7th.

Staff from both the San Diego Zoo and the Wolong Panda Center traveled with Mei Sheng on his journey. He will be quarantined in a newly-built enclosure for one month before he starts to look for a mate and begins family life, said Dr. Li.

Mei Sheng, which means "born in America" or "beautiful life" in Chinese, was born on August 19, 2003 at the San Diego Zoo in Southern California. His parents were Bai Yun and Gao Gao, pandas on loan to the zoo by China under a giant panda conservation and research program.

According to the cooperation agreement, cubs born overseas to pandas on loan belong to China and should be returned to China after they become sexually mature.

The first overseas-born panda, Hua Mei, Mei Sheng's sister, came to China from the United States in 2004. Since 2004, there have been four pandas living abroad which have returned to China.

Regarding "Miss Right," experts from Wolong said if everything goes well, the handsome boy will find the one he loves and start the "dating process" between March and May of 2008.



Annual Pandas International Chinese New Year Dinner

Sunday, February 24, 2008
in Denver, Colorado

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We need items for the silent auction.
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cphillips@pandasinternational.org



Panda Twins Born in Japan Also "Back Home"

Two pandas born in Japan four years ago became the first overseas-born twins to return to China yesterday.

Ryuhin and Shuhin, both males, left Osaka on October 27, stayed in Beijing overnight and reached the Chengdu research base of the Giant Panda Breeding Center. The twins will be quarantined in a newly built house for two to three months before they are shown to visitors, Zhang Zhihe, chief of the base in Sichuan Province, said. The quarantine will not only check against any disease they might be carrying, but also help them adapt to the new environment.

Ryuhin and Shuhin were born on September 8, 2003 to Yong Ming and Mei Mei. The research base had leased Yong Ming and Mei Mei to the Adventure World Park Zoo in Wakayama in Japan in 1994 and 2000, respectively, under a Sino-Japanese cooperation program on panda breeding.

China has been involved in long-term giant panda breeding cooperation programs with Japan, the US and Spain since 1994.

"Mei Mei has given birth to nine cubs in Japan, out of which seven have survived. Japan has more pandas than any other country except the Chinese mainland," said Jing Shimin, assistant to the director of the research base. The first panda born in Japan, Yuhin, returned to China in June 2004. According to a cooperation clause, cubs born to pandas loaned to other countries have to be returned to China after they attain sexual maturity.

"In 2004, the cooperation program on giant panda breeding between the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding and the Adventure World Park Zoo in Wakayama was extended because of the results achieved," Zhang said.

Tanigaki Kunilo, a panda lover in Wakayama who accompanied the panda twins to Chengdu, said she was sad to bid "goodbye" to them. But the fact that they would live in the environmentally friendly base, which impressed her very much, made her feel happy for the twins.

Caring Kids

Spotlighting Youth Who Go the Extra Mile to Help Preserve the Giant Panda

Brookline girl works to save giant pandas

By Daymond Steer

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BROOKLINE — It's an understatement to say Emily Cook is dedicated to saving the giant panda from extinction.

The 10-year-old is declining birthday presents this winter and instead she's asking for donations to an organization dedicated to preserving the endangered animal. She's also making and selling bracelets and key chains for the cause.



Emily Cook relaxes on her couch surrounded by stuffed pandas. She is dedicated to saving the animals that are on the brink of extinction.

"I'm using my birthday for pandas," said the fifth-grader at Capt. Samuel Douglass Academy. "I've already got lots of stuff."

Her mother, Maria Cook, said Emily accepted donations instead of presents last Easter and Christmas, too. She said her daughter told her she has everything she needs and just wanted donations to the pandas. The birthday donations are supposed to be put in a sealed envelope so she can open it after the birthday party where she and her guests will eat panda cake, play panda trivia and watch panda movies.

Even with the fun of the birthday party, Emily means business when it's time to make key chains and bracelets.

Maria said she's caught Emily sneaking downstairs at 6 a.m. to start making bracelets, which she sells at Juliet's Art Shoppe in Milford and Devine Hair Design in Brookline. She makes two to three bracelets and key chains per day; she'd do more but she has to go to school.

"People are buying her key chains and teachers are requesting different colors," Maria said.

Village School Princeton, NJ Adopts a Panda

PRINCETON NJ—The students of Mrs. Coyne's and Mr. Hartley's classes worked together to raise money to adopt a panda cub at the Wolong Panda Center. The classes voted to name their cub "Oreo". The students are going to keep raising money for the entire school year.



...and from Tempe, Arizona...

TEMPE, AZ—Emilee works continuously to raise money for the pandas and Pandas International.

Emily's interest in pandas started when she was in the first grade and studied them for a school project. Only about 1,600 of the cuddly looking, bamboo-munching critters remain in the wilds of China.

"They are dying out because of poachers and people who cut down bamboo forests for crops and stuff," Emily said.

According to Emily there's at least one non-ecological reason to love the fuzzy black and white creatures. "They're really cute," she said.

She began fundraising last year and earned \$221.12 making trinkets. This year she's made about \$130. The trinkets sell for 25 cents.

All of the money is donated to Pandas International, the only organization dedicated exclusively to preserving the Giant Panda.

With the support of its members, Pandas International has been able to provide a wide variety of medical equipment and supplies to the panda reserves, according to the group's website, www.pandasinternational.org

Emily has never seen a real panda, but hopes to go to a zoo or China at some point.

For Halloween, Emily will dress in Asian garb and ask for donations while other kids trick or treat for candy. Last year Emily sold the Halloween candy she didn't like to raise money for the pandas.

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Cub Count — Panda Cubs of 2007

(information not final)

Wolong has had 12 litters—20 cubs born, out of which 16 survived. Wolong's official count included the cubs born in San Diego, Japan, and Austria as the pandas are from Wolong and the cubs will return to Wolong.

Chengdu has had 5 litters—98 cubs: 4 sets of twins and 1 single cub. Chengdu is still waiting on one panda who came into estrus very late in July so we may be adding one more to our "count!"

Birth Date	Birth Place	Mother	Sex	Birth Weight	Official Name
February 23	Wolong	Ji Ni (First time at the age of 13)	Female		Qian Qian
June 30	Chengdu	A 21-year-old	Female		
July 5	Chengdu	Shu Qing (8 years old)	Twins: Male Female	146.5 grams 129 grams	
July 16	Wolong	Hua Mei	Twins	161 grams 129 grams	
July 23	Chengdu	Chengji (7 -year-old mother)	Twins: Male Female	200 grams 176 grams	
August 3	San Diego	Bai Yun	Female		
August 6	Bifengxia (part of Wolong Center)	Jin Zhu	Twin Females (2nd twin is the 100th cub to survive under the Wolong program)	190 grams 70 grams	
August 7	Wolong	Hai Zi	Twins (only one survived)		
August 12	Oji Zoo Japan	Shuang Shuang	Did not survive		

August 14	Chengdu	Er Ya Tou	Twins Two Females	218.5 grams 98.5 grams	
August 14	Chengdu	Jiaozi (12 years old)	Twins: Male Female		
August 18	Wolong	Gong Zhu	Twins: Males	168 grams 179 grams	
August 23	Schoenbrunn Zoo, Vienna, Austria	Yang Yang (first time mother)	Twins (only one survived)	3.5 ounces 3.9 inches	
August 24	Wolong	Long Xin	Twins		
September 14	Wolong	Ye Ye	Twins		
September 24	Wolong	Mao Mao	Single		
September 28	Wolong	You You	Twins (only one survived)		

OTHER ITEMS...



PANDAS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES "BEST IN AMERICA" SEAL

Pandas International has been selected by Independent Charities of America to receive the "Best in America Seal." We are very proud to have been selected for this seal and will continue to strive to excel in our efforts to save the pandas!

REMEMBER PANDAS INTERNATIONAL IN YOUR WILL!

A Board Member of Pandas International called to let us know they had included Pandas International in their will. A huge thanks for the generous gesture! [Please contact us](#) if you, too, would like to include Pandas International in your will.

MONTHLY DONATIONS — One of the best ways to help the pandas is to sign up for an automatic monthly donation, for as little as \$10.00 a month you can help us with the

medical needs of the pandas. [Donate now!](#)

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TRAVEL TO CHINA — We have had several requests to travel to China to just the panda reserves. Kim of Kim's World Travel has arrangements with Wolong and Bifengxia and can arrange this type of trip for you. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

VOLUNTEER AT WOLONG — It is now possible to volunteer at Wolong, cleaning cages, delivering bamboo, etc. Kim of Kim's World Travel will make arrangements with Wolong for you to volunteer. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

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