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Pennies 4 Pandas

There was a penny war and the pandas won!

Sky Vista Middle School's participation in Pennies 4 Pandas, a new program to help support the endangered Giant Panda, has raised almost \$1,300 to assist in the replanting of bamboo destroyed by the May, 2008 China earthquake.

When told how much money the students at Sky Vista had raised, Suzanne Braden, director of Pandas International stated, "It's always been our belief that students are a remarkable source for getting things done. When you have a school like Sky Vista with a staff that understands the necessity of caring for the planet and all who share it, wonderful things are going to happen."



Pandas International will be hosting a booth at the **24th Annual One Sky One World International Kite Fly** on **Sunday, October 11, 2009**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stapleton's Central Park. So if you are in the area, stop in and see us!

bamBOO!

**This Halloween,
let's make it count by
Trick or Treating 4 Pandas!**

With your assistance, Pandas International can help finance the replanting of the bamboo that was lost in the 2008 earthquake. Bamboo is the main food source for both the wild pandas and the pandas in the Panda Centers.

Need a coin collection container?

[Order one here](#) or [make your own](#) using a Pandas International container wrapper.

Need a costume?

[Check out our panda mask and make your own!](#)

Getting involved is easy and fun.

Gather your friends and ask everyone to help you raise money for the Panda.

Once you've collected the money...

[Send your donation to Pandas International](#) and [become a Panda Protector!](#)

Preparing for Pandamonium at Zoo Atlanta



Kate Roca and Heather Roberts add bamboo to an ice cake on Sept. 16, 2009. AJC/Elissa Eubanks

All the pandas celebrated their birthdays on September 26th at Zoo Atlanta. Lun Lun was born on August 25th, Xi Lan turned one on August 31st, Mei Lan turned three on September 6th and Yang Yang was born on September 9th. The Pandamonium celebration at Zoo Atlanta was a "parting party" because Mei Lan will be returning to China in February of 2010.



Mei Lan enjoys bamboo during, Pandamonium, Zoo Atlanta celebration honoring the panda's birthday on Saturday. Partygoers enjoy panda-centric activities and ate panda shaped cookies.

News from China

Giant panda cub born in NW China

A third giant panda cub was born through artificial fertilization Friday at a research center in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, sources with the center confirmed Saturday.



Nine-year-old panda Zhu Zhu, whose name translates

Panda cubs growing up fast



Twin panda cubs born through artificial fertilization in China are now 20 days old and growing up fast, with the eldest panda breaking weight records.

Their mother, Lou Sheng, was one of the first giant pandas born through artificial insemination and gave birth to the male and female twins via the same method.

into "pearl" in Chinese, gave birth to a female cub at 7:12 a.m. Friday, September 4th, said Jin Xuelin, deputy director of the Shaanxi Rare Wild Animals Rescue and Breeding Research Center in Zhouzhi County in the suburbs of the provincial capital Xi'an.

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Heading home: Giant panda 'Yang Yang' to return Sichuan home

Chen Ruihua/Xinhua



Giant panda "Yang Yang" eats bamboo in a zoo of the Seven Star Scenic Area in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on Aug. 27, 2009. Many citizens and tourists came to the zoo to see "Yang Yang" as he will be transferred back to the Sichuan Wolong Panda Protection and Research Center.

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With a weight of 800 grams, the male cub is heavier than normal. His younger sister, who was born 18 minutes later, is still catching up at 650 grams.

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Cubs at one month



Lou Sheng resting with both cubs

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Displaced pandas to return home by 2012

United Press International, Monday, 21 September 2009

According to a report from Xinhua News on Saturday, the pandas were moved from the Wolong base in southwest China's Sichuan Province following an 8.0 magnitude earthquake last year.

A group of 60 giant pandas relocated because of the massive earthquake last year is expected to be returned home by 2012, according to state media.

Initially there were a total of 63 pandas at Wolong before the May 12, 2008 incident, but one was killed during the earthquake, one is missing and another died from health complications, according to Luo Zengbin, deputy head of the Sichuan Provincial Forestry Department.

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Coming to America?

If you build it, they will come. At least that is what the Oakland Zoo is hoping

By Wayne Freedman

It is the kind of place that might bring you nose to nose

He is closer than ever, as the zoo finishes a \$1 million home for the creatures. It could be the kind of exhibit that puts zoos on maps. The pandas will have tall grass,

with an otter, and if Executive Director Joel Barrett makes good on his dream, a lot more than that. "I have a half of a filing cabinet drawer on just pandas," Barrett said.

Barrett is talking about a paper trail of giant panda protocol and his quest to have China send the Oakland Zoo a mating pair.

climbing towers, and all the bamboo they can — which is quite a lot. It will also include a nursery for any bears born.

Oakland's Zoo has spent almost a decade on the project, and now has a tangible panda palace to show the Chinese government that it means business.

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Panda News Down Under

Adelaide's getting ready for the big debut



A Hollywood-style campaign to promote Adelaide's giant pandas has been unveiled.

Plush pandas wearing Liza Emanuele-designed outfits, a board game and a children's book by South Australian author Phil Cummings are among the official Wang Wang and Funi merchandise expected to go on sale from mid-November.

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Panda arrival delayed

September 23, 2009

The arrival of two pandas on loan from China has been delayed by quarantine arrangements. Wang Wang and Funi were due to begin their quarantine period in Adelaide on October 17.

But a spokesperson for the Adelaide Zoo said today that the schedule had now changed with public holidays in China affecting quarantine timelines. The arrival of the pandas was now expected about two weeks later than the original schedule.

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Panda Keeper has been selected

The highly-coveted job is the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere and the zoo has had interest from people all over Australia.



Adelaide Zoo's former orangutan keeper Simone Bayly has been chosen to head the team caring for the pandas.

She will travel to China soon to learn more about Wang Wang and Funi before they are shipped to Australia. Ms Bayly will study their behavior and learn more about the reproductive cycle of giant pandas.

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News from a Member

A Personal Account

The following is an excerpt from an essay written by Chet Chin of Malaysia sharing her experience at the Bifengxia Panda Center on the one year anniversary of the earthquake.

Chet is also a member of the Pandas Unlimited, a group who continues to contribute \$ 5,000 annually for the adoption of Wen Yu . Wen Yu was the last cub born to Mao Mao, the panda who was lost in the earthquake, so she is a very special reminder of Mao Mao.



Each time I read of a new birth this year, I was reminded of my first two volunteer trips which had been during the birthing season, too – Wolong in September 2007 and Bifengxia in August 2008. In Wolong, I remember seeing newborn cubs through the windows of the Wolong nursery. In Bifengxia, there was the added excitement of hearing about new cubs being born in the night when I got to the Base the following morning!

I've already done my volunteer trip this year (I've promised myself at least one trip a year). Initially, I'd planned to go around the same time as the previous two years. Then sometime in April, I thought it would be good if I could be there on the day of the first anniversary of the May 12 earthquake. Soon after that thought came to mind, I saw an airfare promotion - a coincidence, or Someone Up There was helping with my plans? So I bought a return ticket to Guangzhou and followed through with the internal flight arrangements and accommodation bookings. Even the visa application this year went through without a hitch, unlike last year which had additional security restrictions due to the Beijing Olympics. So, everything was in place and I found myself among my beloved pandas in early May 2009.

[To read Chet's account in its entirety, follow the link >>](#)

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