

## Meet Santa at Assiniboine Park Zoo's North Polar Party

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, December 13, 2016- Meet Santa at Assiniboine Park Zoo this weekend, December 17 and 18 at the Zoo's **North Polar Party**. Visitors can check out one of the Zoo's warm up spots like the Tundra Grill where they can meet Santa and enjoy a hot holiday breakfast along with winter keeper talks and extra holiday activities.

"The holiday season is a great time of year for families to visit Assiniboine Park Zoo," said Janice Martin, Curator at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. "Not only can they meet Santa, but they'll have a chance to see polar bears, wolves, snow leopards and more, which thrive in winter temperatures and are very active in the cold weather."

The following activities will be taking place at the Zoo's North Polar Party on Saturday December 17 and Sunday December 18, 2016.

- **Holiday breakfast** – Begin your day with a tasty holiday breakfast. Warm up with our Belgium Waffles, Tundra Grill's Signature Breakfast Plate, Peppermint Hot Chocolate or Hot Apple Cider from 9 am to 11 am at the Tundra Grill. Breakfast specials start at only \$7.25!
- **Special Candyland presentation for our polar bears** – This unique holiday presentation is a must see! Watch the polar bears get into the Christmas spirit with a Candyland themed party at 10 am at the Tundra Grill.
- **Santa's Tundra Workshop** – Warm up, do some holiday crafts, and take your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Taking place from 10 am to 3 pm at Tundra Grill (in the Journey to Churchill Exhibit). Santa will be available for photos from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- **McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre**– Visit the McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre to learn about our strong, heavy horses with the 11 am keeper talk. Carriage rides will also be available at the Heavy Horse Centre between 1 pm and 3 pm. Don't forget to bring your camera and take your holiday family photo!
- **Winston on Location** – Don't miss your chance to get a photo with Winston, the Polar Bear Mascot. He'll be making appearances on Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm and on Sunday from 11am to 1 pm in the Journey to Churchill exhibit.

- **Toy Mountain Drive**– Help us make the holidays a little brighter for kids! We are gathering new unwrapped toys for Salvation Army’s 2016 Toy Mountain campaign and inviting the community to make a donation. Simply purchase a new toy and place it (unwrapped) in the official donation bin at the Zoo entrance before 4 pm on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Zoo is open 9 am to 4 pm daily. For full event details, please go to [assiniboineparkzoo.ca](http://assiniboineparkzoo.ca).

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