

## An Evening with Daniel Kasoo: Maasai Warrior, Elder and Conservationist



Making PPZ one of only four zoo stops on his US tour!

Growing up in the African bush in a Maasai boma, it's not surprising Daniel Kasoo found a career sharing what he knows best: his passion for Kenyan wildlife. First as a ranger and then as a professional guide, Daniel has spent more than 10 years helping support the mission of Lewa Wildlife Conservancy ([www.lewa.org](http://www.lewa.org)) by introducing guests to the flora, fauna and conservation efforts that make Lewa the environmental catalyst it is.

Educated initially in a Kenyan public school, Daniel attended professional guide training in Nairobi. He excelled in the field, as most recently demonstrated by passing his bronze and silver level guide examinations (managed by the Kenya Professional Safari Guide Association- ([www.safariguides.org/about.html](http://www.safariguides.org/about.html))). Daniel plans to sit for the highest level, gold, in the next year.

Daniel currently is the Assistant Manager and Head Guide for Lewa Safari Camp in Kenya. Daniel is also an elder in his Maasai community.

Daniel's talk will include:

- Information about the black rhino and Lewa's role in protecting the black rhino
- Overview of life as a Maasai and what it's like to work as a guide on Lewa
- Brief history of Lewa, how it went from a cattle ranch to a rhino sanctuary
- Overview of Lewa's current initiatives and programs
- An extended question and answer session.

**September 24, 2009 at 7pm**

Location: Safari Room in Potter Park Zoo's Discovery Center

Tickets: \$10 for Members and \$12 for Non-members and will be available beginning Wednesday August 19 by phone (517) 342-2718, [online](#) or at the zoo.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis

Presentation not recommended for young children

All proceeds from ticket sales will support PPZ's rhino conservation efforts and exhibit renovation

