

Lafayette Parks & Recreation

Educator's Guide

to Programs and Field Trips



2018-2019



Why Choose Zoo Programs?



These days teachers face unprecedented challenges. Tight budgets and limited field trips make incorporating science concepts in fun and creative ways more difficult than ever.

CPZ is here to help! Through a variety of educational live animal presentations, our qualified Zoo Educators will engage your students in active learning, in a way worksheets never can. Our Animal Ambassadors bring out the natural curiosity in a child, creating a fun, inquiry-based learning environment your students are sure to love. Students are encouraged to touch animals whenever it is safe and appropriate, giving them a unique opportunity for multisensory learning. Zoo visits not only introduce students to science concepts, but serve as a great foundation for language arts, math, social studies, and art activities as well.

As a non-profit organization dedicated to education, we offer reasonably priced in-house field trips and on-site programs at the Zoo for students of all ages. Programs are available in a wide variety of topics and align with Indiana and national academic standards. It's education cleverly disguised as fun!



ZooMobile



Duration:
50 minutes

Maximum participation:
35 students

Available:
September-April

Program Fee:
\$100 for the first presentation

\$65 for each additional, consecutive session

Travel fees apply for all locations outside of Greater Lafayette.



ZooMobile brings zoo animals to you!

A ZooMobile presentation is an educational opportunity like no other! A Zoo Educator will visit your site along with five Animal Ambassadors to teach your students about the theme of your choice in an active learning environment.

By visiting individual classrooms, our presenters will bring animals right to each student's desk and into their personal learning space. Participants are encouraged, but never required, to touch the animals whenever it is safe and appropriate.

Why you'll love a ZooMobile visit:

- Multisensory learning environment
- Live animals provide opportunities to practice observation and inquiry skills
- Presentation content aligned with Indiana and national academic standards
- Many themes* to choose from:

Animal Kingdom (grades Pre-K-12)
Amazing Adaptations (grades 1-12)
Habitat Safari (grades 1-8)
Rainforest Explorers (grades K-12)
Desert Discoveries (grades 2-8)
Wild North America (grades 2-8)
South American Journey (grades 2-8)
Down Under Wonders (grades 2-8)
Creatures of the Night (grades 2-8)

**All themes are adaptable to grades PreK-12. Recommended grades above reflect best correlation for academic standards.*

ZooChats

ZooChats are a creative solution for teachers that are short on time. Shorter in duration and more focused in scope than a ZooMobile presentation, ZooChats include a visit from one or two Animal Ambassadors, biofacts and high-quality nature interpretation.

We can customize a ZooChat to most classroom topics. ZooChats are a great way to introduce a life science topic, spark interest in a research or language arts project, or reward your students for a job well done.



Why you'll love a ZooChat :

- Focused educational content provided by a professional zoo educator
- Live Animal Ambassadors bring out the natural inquiry skills in each child
- Tactile learning opportunities are introduced through the use of biofacts, such as skeletons or pelts
- Wide variety of topics and custom presentations available

Popular theme* choices include:

Zoo Careers
Slithery, Scaly, Snakes
Hedgehogs
All About Amphibians
Tortoise Talk

Choosing Appropriate Pets
Birds of Prey
Animal Armor
Marvelous Marsupials
Endangered Species 101

**All themes are adaptable to grades K-12. Custom themes available.*



Duration:
20-30 minutes

Maximum participation:
35 students

Available:
September-April

Program Fee:
\$60 for the first presentation

\$40 for each additional, consecutive presentation.

Travel fees apply for all locations outside of Greater Lafayette.



ZooChats are customized to fit your busy schedule.

Animal Tales

Duration:
20-30 minutes

Maximum participation:
25 children

Available:
September-April

Program Fee:
\$45 for the first presentation

\$35 for each additional, consecutive session

Travel fees apply for all locations outside of Greater Lafayette.

Book a 6-visit package and receive a discount!



An Animal Tales presentation introduces the young learner to animal life through a shared story and a hands-on encounter with one of our Animal Ambassadors.

First, our talented educators will read an age-appropriate animal-themed picture book. Then, children will learn facts about an animal featured in the story and interact with a live version of that animal. Children are permitted to touch the animal whenever it is safe and appropriate.

Recommended for preschool and early elementary ages, this program is perfect for early childhood centers, daycare facilities, and academic preschools.



Why you'll love Animal Tales:

- Provides a balance of language arts, science inquiry and social interaction
- Inclusion of both focused and fascinated attention activities helps lengthen youthful attention spans
- Storytelling provides opportunity to practice active listening skills
- Early exposure to novelty builds confidence and critical thinking skills
- Select your animal visitor*:

Chicken	Parrot	Snake
Rabbit	Tortoise	Armadillo
Hedgehog	Lizard	Guinea Pig

**Additional animal selections including sloth, wallaby, opossum, toad and many more are available exclusively to multi-visit package clients.*



Schools on Safari

Take your class on a field trip they are sure to love! Schools on Safari field trip packages are available late April through the month of May.

Your visit to the Zoo will include:

- A 30-minute live animal presentation on your choice of themes: Amazing Adaptations, Homes and Habitats, or Animals Have Class
- Self-guided, self-paced tour of the Zoo's educational exhibits, including the Wallaby Walkabout and Otter Creek
- Specially designed resource materials to turn your field trip into an educational experience like none other
- An optional ride on the historic Columbian Park train is available exclusively to Schools on Safari participants at a discounted rate
- Admission to the Zoo for all students, teachers and chaperones is free

Your live animal presentation will feature some of the Zoo's most amazing Animal Ambassadors. Participants are encouraged to touch the animals whenever it is safe and appropriate. Presentation discussions are designed with Indiana and National academic standards in mind.



Hop on over for a great time!

Duration:
30 minute presentation plus self-guided tour

Maximum participation:
30 students per session

Available:
Late April - May

Program Fee:
\$60
(optional train ride—additional \$15 per presentation group)



Educational Tours

Looking for a fun fall field trip? Available only in the months of September and October, an Educational Tour at Columbian Park Zoo will help your students get a jump on the academic year.

Educational Tours combine a 30-minute live animal presentation in the Bill and Donna DeFouw Education Center with a guided tour of up to three exhibit areas.

The classroom portion will allow your students an opportunity for hands-on learning, while the guided tour leads children on an exploration of our interactive exhibits.

Observing animals in their zoo habitat will naturally inspire questions. Having a qualified zoo educator at your side to answer questions and interpret animal behavior can transform natural curiosity into scientific inquiry.



Make a field trip to the Zoo a part of your curriculum!

Duration:
60-75 minutes

Maximum participation:
25 students per group

Available:
September-October

Program Fee:
\$100 per presentation group



Exhibit Areas include:
Wallaby Walkabout
Otter Creek
Family Farm
Butterfly Garden
Prairie Dog Town
Galapagos Tortoise
...and more!

How to reserve

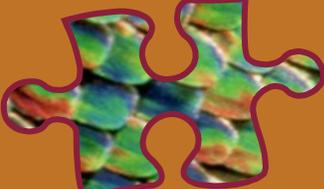


"Thank you for another great experience. We've come back now for several years and love the whole experience!"
-Sally Smith,
Pleasant Hill School

- 1. Choose your program.**
- 2. Have a first- and second-choice date in mind, as well as a preferred start time.**

- 3. Call the Columbian Park Zoo Education Department at 765-807-1540 or e-mail us at zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov.**

- 4. Let us do the rest!**



"The kids had a great time! They said it was the best field trip ever."
-Kyle Gingrich
Fulks, Little
People's School

Our Mission:



The Columbian Park Zoo's mission is to encourage the appreciation of the world's wildlife, to enhance the preservation and conservation of biodiversity and to inspire educational discovery and exploration in a fun, family-oriented environment for all citizens of the Greater Lafayette Area.

