

Zoo Field Trip Tips for Teachers

Review this sheet to help your trip run as smoothly as possible.

Pre-Zoo Field Trip:

1. The zoo has created a FREE activity book and key concepts for grades K-5th.
2. Discuss with fellow faculty members attending the zoo WHERE and When lunch will be.
3. Discuss with fellow faculty members attending the zoo WHERE and When Zoo School will be if registered.
4. Discuss with fellow faculty members attending the zoo WHERE and When departure will be.
5. Review the chaperone guide, print, and hand them out to your parents before arriving at the zoo.
6. Advise your parents to purchase their tickets prior to students arriving at the zoo.
7. If your group is attending a Zoo Class, PLEASE advise chaperones that they must wait outside the administration building and NOT in the hallways or classrooms with students. This helps the students be less distracted while in class and helps us maintain room capacity.

At the Zoo:

1. Chaperones should wait for all school groups inside the main entrance after purchasing their tickets.
2. Prior to unloading the bus, reiterate expectations and guidelines for the field trip.
3. Unload the students in the grass area in front of the administration building or along the sidewalks while the Primary Contact is checking in or paying for the group.
4. School groups should use the Group Entrance and not queue in the Ticket Purchase line.
5. Carousel and Train tokens can be purchased at a discounted group rate inside the gift shop.
6. It is best to purchase giraffe feeding tokens at the Giraffe terrace. (\$5 for three leaves)
7. If you choose to eat lunch on the zoo property with your students, picnic benches near the zoo's center can be utilized.
8. The Pavilion or White Tent can be reserved for 2-hour time blocks for \$150. (Reservations with a \$50 deposit must be made in advance)

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Animals may be on or off exhibit dependent on weather. Please review the temperature restrictions for the animals below. Please respond to the initial confirmation email if you would like to reschedule.

The following animals will be OFF exhibit during "feels like" temperatures.

Seasonal

- Albert, the American Alligator, comes off the exhibit before the first cold snap. Usually, the first week of November.

Under 55 degrees

- Giraffe (Past sundown)

Under 50 degrees

- Tortoises
- Macaws

Under 45 degrees

- Steenbok - when wet outside
- Colobus Monkeys
- Dwarf Caiman
- Giraffe (w/calves only)

Under 40 degrees

- Giraffe
- Spider Monkeys
- Howler Monkeys
- Anteaters
- Lemurs
- Ostrich - when wet outside

Under 35 degrees

- Capybara
- Kori bustards

Under 32 degrees

- Steenbok
- Crowned Cranes
- Flamingos
- Caribbean Cove Animals
- Birds in Giraffe yard
- Fossa

Extreme Weather/Snow/Ice

All other animals will either be OFF exhibit or have access to their indoor dens.

In some cases the animals may have access to their indoor dens and choose not to be outside. If an animal is not visible, check back later.



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