

Zoo Field Trip Guidelines

Prior to your zoo visit review these guidelines with your students.

Zoo Do's and Dont's

- DO stay with your assigned students at all times.
- DO understand that animals, like us, need rest and privacy. If an animal is not visible, check back later.
- DO pick up your trash. Please dispose of garbage in trash or recycling bins.
- DO stay on pathways and walk, not run.
- DO use quiet voices.
- DO be patient and look all around the exhibit. Animals are adapted to blend in with their surroundings. They may be resting nearby.
- DO be respectful of all rules and guidelines. Your group may be asked to leave the zoo if reminded excessively to follow guidelines and rules.
- DON'T feed the animals. They are on a carefully balanced diet.
- DON'T climb on walls and fences.
- DON'T deface zoo property.
- DON'T pick plants or flowers.
- DON'T tap on exhibit glass, scream, spit and/or throw objects into exhibits. This behavior is disrespectful and will not be tolerated.
- DON'T set up for lunch at the zoo's main entrance; if this area becomes congested, it may pose a safety risk.
- DON'T leave coolers unattended in the zoo. (Do take them back to your vehicles when done)

Incidents of misconduct will be reported to the school's principal.



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Giraffe Feeding Deck Rules

- To enter the feeding deck, lettuce must be purchased
- Lettuce is \$5 per bundle, three leaves in a bundle (a bundle can be shared)
- All guests must wash their hands before and after entering the feeding deck.

When feeding:

- Don't cut up the leaves of lettuce.
- Don't touch the giraffe; just like us, they like their space and don't want hands in their face.
- Don't hang on rails
- Avoid making loud noises and sudden movements; this can sometimes spook them.
- Stay behind the orange line; this is for your safety and theirs.

Zoo Class Expectations

- Registration is required
- The classrooms have limited capacity and are only reserved for students and school staff.
- Please wait for your student's class outside the administration building or inside the zoo.
- The Zoo Class duration is 20-30 minutes.

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Safari Train Rules

- Tokens must be purchased inside the giftshop (Teachers, if purchasing 25+, a 50% discount will be applied)
- Any lost tokens will not be replaced
- Tokens are non-refundable; however, they do not expire
- All riders 12 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- All riders 3 years and up will need a token. (2 years and under are free)
- All riders must follow the Engineer's safety rules. Offenders will be asked to get off the ride and wait at the main entrance with the lead teacher.
 - All must remain seated until the train comes to a complete halt and the engineer has opened the door.
 - All must keep hands, arms, and all personal devices inside the train.

Carousel Rules

- Tokens must be purchased inside the giftshop (Teachers, if purchasing 25+, a 50% discount will be applied)
- Any lost tokens will not be replaced
- Tokens are non-refundable; however, they do not expire
- All riders 3 years and up will need a token. (2 years and under are free)
- All riders must follow the Engineer's safety rules. Offenders will be asked to get off the ride and wait at the main entrance with the lead teacher.
- All must remain seated until the carousel comes to a complete stop.

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