



## EDUCATIONAL/YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP

### How to Make Your Reservation

Thank you for your interest in visiting the Phoenix Zoo with your group!

We offer an educational rate for all youth-oriented groups of \$8.00 per person (including both children and adults) for admission to the Zoo for a minimum of 15 people. In order to qualify for these rates, all students must be accompanied by at least one adult (18 years and older) per 10 children. If you qualify as a ZooReach\*\* school you are eligible for the \$4.00 rate per person.

On the next page is the Educational/Youth Group Field Trip Reservation Form. Complete the form and e-mail/fax it into our office at [teamcallcenter@phoenixzoo.org](mailto:teamcallcenter@phoenixzoo.org) fax: 602.914.4328. You are welcome to visit on any day of the year (with the one exception of December 25<sup>th</sup> when the Zoo is closed).

**Seasonal Warning:** Thursdays and Fridays in February, March and April are the busiest times of the year for field trips. If you are planning a trip during this time, please call our Reservations office at 602-914-4333 for availability. **We limit school reservations each day** to maximize your field trip experience. Some dates may be full. We recommend visiting earlier in the week or during other months throughout the year when it is less crowded.

If you are interested in any of the additional programs, such as Guided Tours, Puppet Shows, or Special Needs Programs, other arrangements are required. Please complete the bottom portion of the form to reserve a program. Note their availability as listed on the Reservation Form. If the date or time you have chosen is not available, we will call you with other options to ensure we choose a time that maximizes your zoo experience.

Once your reservation has been entered into our systems, we will email you back a confirmation e-mail along with an Admission Check List and other details. The confirmation e-mail and Admission Check List are your “tickets” into the Zoo at your special rate and must be presented at the admission area the day of your visit. If you do not receive this form within 48 hours of your fax, please call us at 602.914.4333. Please allow 10 days for mailed forms.

On the day of your visit, please have **one** representative from your school present the Admission Check List with exact attendance numbers and payment at the admission gate. Name tags with the child’s name and the name of the school/organization are recommended. **Cell phones**, when available, are important communication tools and can assist Zoo staff in prompt resolution of most situations.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Phoenix Zoo and enjoy your visit!

#### Reservations Contact:

Address: **Phoenix Zoo Reservations**  
**455 N. Galvin Pkwy**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85008**

E-mail: [teamcallcenter@phoenixzoo.org](mailto:teamcallcenter@phoenixzoo.org)

Phone: **602.914.4333** Fax: **602.914.4328**

\*\* ZooReach schools are Title One Schools grades K-12 that have at least 50% of their entire enrollment in a free or reduced lunch program as listed by the Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services.

Please complete all information and return via fax at 602.914.4328

**\*\*\* A CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU FOLLOWING THIS SUBMISSION \*\*\***

The Zoo limits school reservations to 1400 youth per day. List alternate date.	Date of Visit:	Alt. Date	Please initial here as an agreement that students will be supervised at all times while on Zoo grounds.	
	Arrival Time	Departure Time		

Full name of school or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency cell phone number (if avail.): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level of group (please circle all that apply) **(Title 1 discounts available K-12<sup>th</sup> grades only, if you have Pre-K please fill out a separate reservation form for them.)**

Pre-K   K   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guided Tours ONLY require advance payment.**  
Please complete the following if you have chosen one of these programs.  
(Date and time requests are subject to availability)

I would like to **reserve** the following field trip programs (please see next page for details):

Guided Tour (Two weeks' notice required.) (10:00 a.m. and later) Cost: \$2.00 per person  
Requested Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 15 students)

Custom Guided Tour (Three weeks' notice required.) Cost: \$5.00 per person  
Requested Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 10 students)

Puppet Shows (Oct– April, Thursdays) (2 weeks' notice needed) Cost: FREE w/admission (max of 60 students)

Theme:  Barnyard Bash (PreK)  Parade of Desert Animals (K- 2)  Rare & Special Animals (2-3)

Preferred Time(s):  10:30a  11:00a  10:30a  11:00a  10:30a  11:00a

Special Needs Program (October–April, 10a & 11a Monday only) **Please call 602.914.4333 for special booking form. (3 weeks' notice required.)** Cost: FREE w/admission (max of 15 students per class)

**Additional Activities**

Stingray Bay (Available on first come, first served basis.) Cost: \$1.50/person (groups of 15 or more)

Carousel Ride (Available on a first come, first served basis.) Cost: \$1.50/person (groups of 15 or more)

Payment Options:

Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Check (please mail to the address below, attn: Reservations)

Credit Card (please call 602.914.4333)

**Zoo Admissions fees, Carousel Rides and Stingray Bay can be paid for on the day of your visit by check, credit card, cash or purchase order.**



## Educational/Youth Group Field Trip Programs

*Want to make your group visit even more memorable? Try one of our special programs!*

### **Guided Tours (\$2 per person) (15 person minimum)**

Experience the Zoo in a whole new way and make your next field trip unforgettable with a Guided Tour! All of our programs are designed to support academic standards, are grade-level appropriate and include a variety of inquiry-based techniques. Your Zoo instructor will encourage critical thinking and deductive reasoning as your students explore their surroundings using multiple senses, including actively viewing animals on exhibit. You have the flexibility to choose one tour from several different programs (see below), covering a wide span of animal and conservation sciences. Each Guided Field Trip Tour is 45 minutes in length. Groups larger than 25 may be split into multiple groups.



Guided Tours are popular programs for school groups, so teachers and schools are encouraged to make reservations early. When making your reservation, please inform us of any cultural or religious aversions to any animal species or type of animal. We can adjust the tour to fit your needs. **Please be sure to arrive early for your program, as extended time cannot be guaranteed past 10 minutes.**

### **Crazy Classifications: Arizona Animals (K-2) (Please specify "AZ")**

Mammal, bird or reptile? How do you know what kind of animal you're looking at? Through the Crazy Classifications Guided Tour, students discover the five major traits that scientists use to categorize animals. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students on a tour of the Zoo's Arizona Trail, classifying vertebrate species. The instructor challenges students with interactives and inquiry to improve their observation and critical thinking skills.

### **Desert Discoveries: Exploring Arizona (3-5)**

Food, water and shelter are hard to find in the Sonoran Desert. Avoiding predators and scorching temperatures are just some of the challenges living organisms must face. Through the Exploring Arizona Guided Tour, students explore and learn about several desert animals along the Phoenix Zoo's Arizona Trail by comparing and contrasting their habitats and adaptations. Utilizing manipulatives, a Zoo instructor will guide discussion groups to uncover how various Arizona animals survive in the harsh extremes of our local ecosystem.

### **Desert Lives: Exploring Arizona's Native Plants and Animals (6-8)**

There are only four deserts in the United States and Arizona has the unique distinction to be home to all four. Each desert presents a unique ecosystem that requires life to come up with creative adaptations for survival. A Zoo instructor will guide students through the Arizona Trail where they will explore various adaptations of our resident plants and animals, and through an inquiry-based structure, use this information to determine which desert they are adapted to survive in.

### **Dynamic Deserts: Exploring Desert Conservation (9-12)**

Conservation in the desert requires a unique understanding and perspective of one of nature's harshest, and often misunderstood, biomes. With scarce resources and fierce competition, life in the desert has adapted creative techniques for survival. During this tour, a Zoo instructor will lead students on the Arizona Trail while exploring different adaptations from our resident plants and animals, and the impact humans play on this surprisingly rich and diverse ecosystem.

### **Crazy Classifications: Rainforest Animals (K-2) (Please specify "Rainforest")**

Mammal, bird or reptile? How do you know what kind of animal you're looking at? Through the Crazy Classifications Guided Tour, students discover the five major traits that scientists use to categorize animals. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students on a tour of the Zoo's Forest of Uco Trail, classifying vertebrate species. The instructor challenges students with interactives and inquiry to improve their observation and critical thinking skills.

### **Nature's Niche: Exploring the Rainforest (3-5)**

More than half of all the plant and animal species call tropical rainforests home. Just how do so many unique and valuable organisms manage to coexist in such tight quarters? By carving their own niche, finding their "job" to minimize competition and actually benefit one another and their environment. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students on a tour of the Zoo's Forest of Uco Trail to explore a few of the many interesting inhabitants of a tropical rainforest and determine just what niche they fill in their environment. Through observations and discussions, students are challenged to identify various components of a balanced ecosystem, including biotic and abiotic elements, as well as producers and consumers, and discover how valuable each one is to the other.

## Tropical Treasures (6-9)

Tropical rainforests are fragile ecosystems requiring a delicate balance for sustainability. So just what happens when you lose a rainforest? Through the Tropical Treasures Guided Tour, students explore the Forest of Uco at the Phoenix Zoo, discovering the importance of rainforests, the resources acquired from them and the interdependence of the inhabitants found therein. Students gain an appreciation for the challenges we face in attempting to maintain a stable and diverse ecosystem and uncover the value of rainforests around the world.

## More Than a Zookeeper (10-12)

How many people does it take to run a zoo? From zookeepers, to computer technology, and everything in between, there are many career options at zoos. During the More Than a Zookeeper tour, students will discover that there are many diverse jobs in zoo settings and that every job role is important to the operation of a zoo. A Phoenix Zoo instructor will lead the group in career focused discussions while exploring Zoo trails to recognize the many job disciplines necessary to run a successful zoo and conservation program.

## Enriching Experiences: Exploring Behavioral Enrichment (K-12)

Movies, music and video games provide us with hours of entertainment, but what does a zoo do to keep a monkey from getting bored or a zebra from being stressed? Behavioral Enrichment! By providing mental and physical stimulation through naturalistic settings and environmental enhancements, managed setting animals' lives are greatly improved. The benefits include increased natural behaviors and healthy, stress-free individuals. The Enriching Experiences Guided Tour provides students with the opportunity to explore and learn about many types of behavioral enrichment used by the Phoenix Zoo through comparing and contrasting a variety of exhibits and species. Utilizing manipulatives, a Zoo instructor will facilitate observations and discussions to discover some of the intricacies involved in the behavioral management of managed setting animals — making life more stimulating for the Zoo's animals and guests alike!



### Custom Guided Tours (\$5 per person) (10 person minimum)

Are you looking for a fun and interactive way to get your students engaged during your next field trip with a topic of your choosing? Then join us for a Custom Guided Tour! Custom Guided Tours are directed towards your specific wants and needs. Our trained Zoo staff works with you to create a completely customizable 60-minute educational walking tour of one of our Zoo trails – covering the exhibits and topics you are interested in. Tours are subject to availability and do not include behind-the-scenes viewing areas.

Guided Tours are available on a daily basis, excluding holidays and special event days, and occur in any weather condition. Please note that Guided Tours are subject to change. In the event that a scheduled experience is unavailable, a comparable experience will be substituted.



### PUPPET SHOWS – Introduce young children to animals!

Puppet shows are offered **Thursdays, October through April** in the Neely Center. All shows last approximately 20 minutes and can seat up to 60 participants. Available programs are: **Barnyard Buddies** (for Preschoolers), **Parade of the Desert Animals** (for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades), and **Endangered Species** (for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades). Puppet Shows are presented by our volunteers and are FREE with paid admission to the Zoo. (2 weeks notice needed)



### SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS – A “touching” experience!

Special Needs Programs are offered for children who are mentally, emotionally, or physically challenged, or have a learning or speech disability. The presentations are hosted by Zoo volunteers trained to teach students with a sensory-motor approach. Programs last about 40 minutes and are presented to a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 15 students at a time. **Available Mondays only by reservation, October through April.** FREE with paid admission to the Zoo. (3 weeks' notice needed)

### CAROUSEL RIDE – Come take a spin!

On the Endangered Species Carousel you will find a fun array of 33 hand-carved animals representing rare and endangered species from around the world. These magical, playful animals are sure to bring out the inner child in everyone. ADA sea shell seating available. Each ride lasts about 5 minutes with 10 minutes for loading and unloading. Rides on a first come, first served basis. \$1.50 per person for groups of 15 or more. Children age 2 and under must be accompanied by a standing adult at no additional charge.



### STINGRAY BAY - Don't miss this up-close encounter!

Students will be excited to touch live Cownose rays. This experience is located near the main entrance to the Zoo. Visit on a first come, first served basis. \$1.50 per person for school groups of 15 or more.

Please call Reservations with questions or to book a program at 602.914.4333. Parents and caregivers are strongly discouraged from attending with infants and children who fall outside the age range of the program for which they are registered. However, everyone in attendance at the program over the age of 12 months will be charged.

