



## 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 \$5.00 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 \$2.00 rate per person.

On the next page is the Educational/Youth Group Field Trip Reservation Form. Complete the form and fax it into our office at 602.914.4328, or mail to the address at the bottom of this page. 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, Wild Workshops, Animal Discoveries, Puppet Shows, or Special Needs Programs, other arrangements are required. Please call us at 602.914.4333 for more information, or 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 letter along with an Admission Check List and other details. The confirmation letter 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:

Phone: **602.914.4333**  
Fax: **602.914.4328**  
Address: **Phoenix Zoo Reservations**  
**455 N. Galvin Pkwy**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85008**

\*\* 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, Wild Workshops, and Animal Discoveries 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 (Three weeks' notice required.) Cost: \$70.00  
Requested Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (for up to 35 people)

Wild Workshop (One workshop per time. Available daily. Three weeks' notice required.) Cost: \$125.00 (\$150.00 for Intro to Animal Care)  
Requested Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (for up to 35 people)

Animal Discovery (One Animal Discovery per time. Available daily. Three weeks' notice required.) Cost: \$75.00  
Requested Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (for up to 75 people)

Puppet Shows (Oct– April, Thursdays) (3 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–May, 10a & 11a Monday only) **Please call 602.914.4333 for special booking form. (3 weeks' notice needed)** 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!*

### Wild Science Academy (15 children max)

For students 5-8 years old & 9-13 years old

Program time: 1 – 3 p.m., Third Wednesday September – May

Program fees\*:

Member First Child \$18

Member sibling discount: Second Child \$12

Third child \$10

General First Child \$30

General sibling discount: Second Child \$24

Third child \$22

Wild Science Academy lets you explore the world of science with the Zoo as your classroom! These affordable and educational two-hour classes teach science through animal interactions, behind-the-scenes experiences, laboratory investigations, group projects, Zoo hikes and other inquiry-based learning activities. Designed for home school students, but open to all, Wild Science Academy is perfect for any young student with a desire to learn more about the science of zoos. Each class is also developed using Arizona Science Standards.

**\*Fees will be changing soon.**

### Guided Tours (\$70) (35 people max)

Experience the Zoo in a whole new way and make your next field trip unforgettable with a Guided Tour! These one hour programs are specially designed for groups of up to 35 participants, allowing them to engage in an inquiry-based walking tour of select Zoo trails. 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. Your students are also challenged to explain a variety of scientific concepts evident in the natural world.

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 Classification: Exploring Animals (k-2)

Mammal, bird or reptile? How do you know what kind of animal you're looking at? Through the Exploring Animals 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 (3-4)

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 small discussion groups to uncover how various Arizona animals survive in the harsh extremes of our local ecosystem.

### **Nature's Niche: Exploring the Rainforest (3-6)**

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 some 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 (6-12+)**

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. While a Zoo instructor facilitates a group examination and discussion of real life conservation projects, 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.

### **Enriching Experiences: Exploring Behavioral Enrichment (7-12+)**

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 seven 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!

### **Science in Zoos (9+)**

How many scientists does it take to run a zoo? There's a lot of science happening every day at the Phoenix Zoo that many never even notice. Throughout the Sciences in Zoos Guided Tour, students will view the Zoo from a different perspective. A Zoo instructor will lead the group in discussions and activities, while exploring many of the science disciplines necessary to run a successful zoo and conservation program. Students will discover the importance of the Phoenix Zoo's role in conservation while uncovering many STEM career opportunities along the way.



### **Wild Workshops (\$125) (35 people max)**

Are you looking for a fun and interactive way to get your students engaged during your next field trip to the Zoo? Then join us for a Wild Workshop! These one-hour workshops are suited for groups of up to 35 participants to engage in numerous hands-on, inquiry-based activities. Your Zoo instructor will encourage discovery and critical thinking as your students explore a variety of scientific concepts. Following the activity portion, some workshops will be visited by a member of our Programs Animal Collection. Depending on the nature of the class and the comfort of the animal, some animal touching opportunities may be available!

Wild Workshops 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 animal presentation to fit your needs. Please be sure to arrive early for your workshop, as extended time cannot be guaranteed past 15 minutes.

### **Desert Connections (3-4)**

Frigid ice or scorching sand? Arid, barren wasteland, or a variable and fascinating treasure? What makes deserts unique, and how have animals adapted to live in such harsh environments? Through the Desert Connections Wild Workshop, students discover how organisms are connected to biotic and abiotic elements in their ecosystem in order to survive such environmental extremes. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads an interactive classroom workshop and hands-on discovery of some of the characteristics that define a desert biome. This workshop challenges your students' perceptions of and appreciation for deserts and includes an up-close animal encounter with one of our program animals. Depending on the nature of the class and the comfort of the animal, touching opportunities might be included.

### **Amazing Adaptations (3-6)**

How have animals adapted in order to survive? How do habitats influence those adaptations? Through the Amazing Adaptations Wild Workshop, students learn how ecosystems can change naturally and by the actions of humans, and how those changes can impact a variety of species. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads the workshop with hands-on, inquiry-based activities to uncover the remarkable ways species are perfectly suited for their environment. Students also explore various types of physical and behavioral adaptations and discover the importance of versatility.

### **Kids Who Care Conservation Club (3-8)**

What's the purpose of biodiversity and what causes some species to become threatened or endangered? Through the Critter Conservation Wild Workshop, students examine some causes of endangerment and ways we can all make a difference. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads your students through an interactive classroom workshop and exploration of what living organisms need to survive and how we can ensure the preservation of those resources and wildlife. This workshop challenges your students to seek out every day, attainable solutions to common conservation issues and includes an up-close animal encounter with one of our program animals. Depending on the nature of the class and the comfort of the animal, touching opportunities might be included. Discover the importance of wildlife conservation!

### **Wonders of Flight (9-12+)**

What is biomimicry, and how has it influenced the development of man-made flight? Through the interactive Wonders of Flight Wild Workshop, a Phoenix Zoo instructor will guide students through a variety of inquiry stations involving animal artifacts, activities, and live animals where they will observe, manipulate, and investigate flight forms, adaptations, and the mechanics of flight. Students explore various forms of organic flight including active flying, soaring, and gliding to discover the physical forces involved and the diversity of adaptations necessary for a living organism to take to the skies.

### **Introduction to Animal Care (9-12+) \$150**

How do you treat an elephant with a cold or a Komodo dragon with a toothache? Where do Phoenix Zoo animals go when they are sick or injured, and how do we meet the nutritional and behavioral needs of such a large animal collection? Through the interactive Careers in Animal Care Wild Workshop, a Phoenix Zoo instructor leads a class that challenges students to problem-solve and think critically about some of the issues animal caretakers face when working with exotic species. The program will conclude with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo's Joyce Corrigan Animal Care Center!

\*\*Due to the unpredictable nature of caring for animals, a tour of the Corrigan Center may not be possible at all times. On these occasions, a similar experience will be provided elsewhere at the Zoo.

### **Animal Discoveries (\$75) (75 people max)**

Are you looking to make your next field trip to the Zoo more memorable? Then join us for an Animal Discovery and observe animals up-close! These 45-minute programs are suited for groups of up to 75 participants. Depending on the class and the comfort of the animal, some animal touching opportunities may be available. Your Zoo instructor will encourage an exploration of what makes each animal unique and provide opportunities for questions.

Animal Discoveries 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 animal presentation to fit your needs. Please be sure to arrive early for your program, as extended time cannot be guaranteed past 10 minutes.

### **Animal Kingdom (k-2)**

I am cold blooded, lay eggs, am covered in scales, breathe air with lungs and have a backbone. What am I? Through the Animal Kingdom Animal Discovery program, students discover the five major traits that scientists use to categorize animals and utilize those traits to determine what animal they are observing. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students in a classroom presentation of program animals from different categories as students identify a variety of species based on common characteristics. The instructor challenges students with interactives and inquiry to improve their observation and critical thinking skills.

### **Creepy Crawlies (k-2)**

Spiders, snakes, bats and cockroaches! Why do some people think these animals are so creepy? Through the Creepy Crawlies Animal Discovery program, enter the world of crawly creatures and discover just how cool and very important these unique organisms are to the ecosystems in which they live. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students in a classroom presentation of program animals, allowing them to discover how learning about these creepy crawlies can dispel myths and actually change how we feel about them.

### **Desert Diversity (3-4)**

Cactus, rocks, sand and heat are all components of the Sonoran Desert, but what else do we find there? Through the Desert Diversity Animal Discovery program, students learn what five elements all living organisms require to live and what adaptations enable these animals to survive in the harsh desert. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students in a classroom presentation of program animals, while your students design their own desert habitat and discover many of the important residents who call this challenging place home.



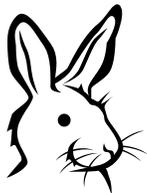
## Predator/Prey (4-8)

What makes the ultimate predator and how does prey successfully avoid becoming lunch? Through the Predator Prey Animal Discovery program, students identify a variety of adaptations necessary for predators and prey to survive. A Phoenix Zoo instructor leads students in a classroom presentation of program animals, as they assess the interdependence of predator prey relationships and the effectiveness of various survival strategies and techniques. The instructor challenges students with interactives and inquiry to improve their observation and critical thinking skills.



### **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, Oct. through April.** **FREE** with paid admission to the Zoo. **(2 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 touching experience!**

Students will be excited to touch live Cownose rays and Southern stingrays in the only exhibit of its kind in Arizona. 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.

**Please note that animal experiences are subject to change. In the event that a scheduled experience is unavailable, a comparable experience will be substituted.**

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 must have a wristband and will be charged.