Zoomobile Program Topics

Please choose from these topics if you are requesting a formal presentation for a seated audience. The grades listed below are suggestions; we can adapt these programs for other age groups or customize a program to meet your specific needs. Note to teachers: MN and WI State Science Standards correlations for most of these programs can be found on the field trip pages of our website.

**Preschool (3-5 year-olds)**
- **Animals in Motion** – Jump, slither, and crawl along with the animals and learn how and why they move the way they do!
- **Creature Coverings** – Students will uncover the world of animal skins, scales, feathers and fur by taking a close look at animal coverings and how they help animals survive.
- **Frogs & Turtles** – Explore these favorite animals up close and learn what makes them special!
- **Super Senses** – Students will use their senses to explore the world just like animals do. Through sight, sound, smell and touch, examine how your senses compare.

**Grades K-3**
- **Animal Adaptations** – From deserts to rainforests, students will discover what adaptations animals have that help them survive in some incredible habitats.
- **Animal Life Cycles** – Who hatches from an egg? Who sheds their skin? Students will explore the stages animals go through after being born and how they develop skills and behaviors for survival.
- **Animals of Minnesota & Wisconsin** – Connect with local wildlife and their cousins while learning how they adapt to our changing seasons.
- **Birds** – Close encounters with birds provide a memorable experience to learn about bird adaptations and ecological concepts.
- **Creature Categories** – Furry or scaly, feathered or slimy—we can see and feel many similarities and differences between animals. Discover how scientists sort animals into groups based on how they look and behave.
- **Insect Investigation** – Get a close look at live insects and other invertebrates. Hands-on activities allow students to investigate insect characteristics and the important role they play on our planet.
- **Nocturnal Animals** – Students will discover why some animals stay awake at night and what adaptations help them survive in the dark.

**Grades 4 & 5**
- **Animals of Minnesota & Wisconsin** – Connect with local wildlife and their cousins while learning how they adapt to our changing seasons.
- **Birds** – Close encounters with birds provide a memorable experience to learn about bird adaptations and ecological concepts.
- **Endangered Species** – Students will meet endangered animals and their relatives and learn about the impact people have on the survival of animal species and how they and zoos can help.
- **Rainforest Rescue** – Students will learn about the diversity of the rainforest and the impact people have on this ecosystem.
- **Zoo Jobs** – Learn what it’s like to work at a zoo! Meet live animals as you explore the careers of zookeeper, animal trainer, educator, and veterinarian.
Grades 6-12
• **Animal Classification** – Live animals help students test their animal classification skills.
• **Birds** – Close encounters with birds provide a memorable experience to learn about bird adaptations and ecological concepts.
• **Herpetology** – Examine reptiles and amphibians up-close to learn about their biology, natural history, and taxonomy.
• **Zoo Jobs** – Learn what it’s like to work at a zoo! Meet live animals as you explore the careers of zookeeper, animal trainer, educator, and veterinarian.

Adults & Seniors
• **Animal Encounters** – Meet some animals up-close and gain special insight into how they live, where they come from, and what their behaviors mean. Let us know which animals interest you most!

One-Animal Presentations for All Ages
Locations within 10 miles of the zoo may schedule a 30-minute presentation with one of the following animals for $60. Audience size must be less than 50 people and the audience will not get to touch the animal. To schedule, contact Jessamy directly: jschwartz@lszoo.org. **Do not complete the online form.**
• **Owl** – Meet a live owl, explore owl biofacts and learn about the characteristics of these nocturnal raptors.
• **Bat** – Stay up all night, sleep all winter, eat insects – learn what it’s like to be a bat! We’ll visit with a live fruit bat and learn the important jobs bats do for us.