



Teacher Newsletter 2020

Field Trips

A visit to the Lake Superior Zoo will inspire student learning and add “life” to your curriculum! To receive school group admission rates, you must have 10 or more paying guests and make a reservation in advance by visiting our Field Trips page at LSZooDuluth.org

School Group Admission Rates

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| PreK-12 th grade students | \$5.00 |
| Teachers/Chaperones/Adults | \$10.00 (1 free per 10 paid students) |
| Bus Drivers | Free |

Enhance your field trip with a hands-on education program!

Zoo programs support Minnesota and Wisconsin State Science Standards and include live animals and interactive activities. See the next page for topic choices. Make a reservation and see standards correlations by visiting our Field Trips page at LSZooDuluth.org

Education Program Rates

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| Animal Programs | Add \$2.00 per student (\$35 minimum) |
| Guided Zoo Tours | Add \$3.00 per student (\$55 minimum) |
| Behind-the-Scenes Programs | Add \$4.00 per student (\$60 minimum) |

Who’s New at the Zoo?



Coming Early 2020



Field Trip Guide

Plan a successful, educational, and fun field trip by downloading our Field Trip Guide from the Field Trips page of our website. The guide includes:

- Checklist of how to prepare for your visit
- Answers to questions you may have about payment
- Information to share with your chaperones
- Links to educational resources
- How to make the most of your visit!

Zoo Hours

Open 7 days/week, year-round (Closed 11/26/20, 12/25/20, 1/1/21)

Memorial Weekend through Labor Day: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Remainder of Year: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Animal Programs

Animal programs are engaging 30-45 minute presentations that feature three live ambassador animals. Choose one of the topics below that best fits your learning. Maximum number of students per program is 40. Groups larger than 40 will need to book multiple programs.

Preschool

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 birth and how they develop skills and behaviors to survive.

Animals of Minnesota & Wisconsin – Connect with local wildlife and their cousins while learning how they adapt to our changing seasons.

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 will allow students to investigate insect characteristics and the important role they play in our world.

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 how they can help save animals in the wild.

Rainforest Rescue – Students will learn about the diversity of the rainforest and the impact people have on the animals that call it home.

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 will help students test their animal classification skills.

Herpetology – Examine reptiles and amphibians up-close to learn about their biology, natural history, and taxonomy.

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Zoomobile

Bring the Zoo to You!

A classroom presentation offers your students up-close interactions with animals and special insight into ecology and animal behavior. Animal programs listed on this page are also available as a Zoomobile program at your location. Fees begin at \$115 for a 45-minute presentation featuring four animals, and are based on your distance from the zoo. Learn more and make a reservation by visiting the Zoomobile page of our website at LSZooDuluth.org



Bring Your Class to Earth Tracks!

Earth Tracks 2020 will be a 3-day event! Join us one of the following days for hands-on learning stations and engaging animal presentations that explore ways that human actions impact wildlife and what we can do to help. All activities are **FREE** with paid zoo admission. More details are available on our website. Make a reservation soon!

Wed. May 13: Aliens Among Us • **Thr. May 14: Green Kids** • **Fri. May 15: Northland Animals**

Additional Resources

Financial Support

\$100 Discount

Make your field trip reservation before March 31 and get \$100 off your group admission/program when you visit the zoo. Visits can take place any time in 2020. Available while funds last. Contact Jessamy for details: jschwartz@lszoo.org

Yellow Bus Fund

Apply for funding to reimburse your bus transportation to and from the zoo. Available while funds last, thanks to the Donald Weesner Foundation. A link to the application is on the Field Trips page of our website.

Teaching Kits

Reserve a teaching kit to use in your elementary classroom. Kits contain lessons, artifacts and activities that will help you teach about amphibians or Northwoods wildlife. See the Educator Resources page of our website for more info.

Lessons

Whether you're coming to the zoo for a program or having the Zoomobile come to you, access the pre- and post-visit lessons on our website to reinforce the science concepts your students are learning.

LSZooDuluth.org

Guided Zoo Tours

Embark on a 90-minute tour of the zoo with an experienced guide and learn the unique stories of our animals. Groups larger than 15 will be split into multiple groups. Maximum of 45 students per tour time. Tour does not include Australia Building.

Behind-the-Scenes Programs

These memorable 90-minute programs teach about the important work taking place behind-the-scenes at the zoo. Maximum number of students per program is 30.

Animal Care (Grades K-5) – Students will learn how zookeepers care for the animals and what it takes to keep them healthy. Activities include peeking behind the scenes, preparing diets and meeting animals up close!

Zoo Careers (Grades 6-12) – Experience what it's like to work at a zoo! Students will learn about the many jobs at a zoo including zookeepers, educators, and veterinarians. Tour behind the scenes, prepare animal diets, observe animal training, read x-rays, and more!

Zookeeper Job Shadowing

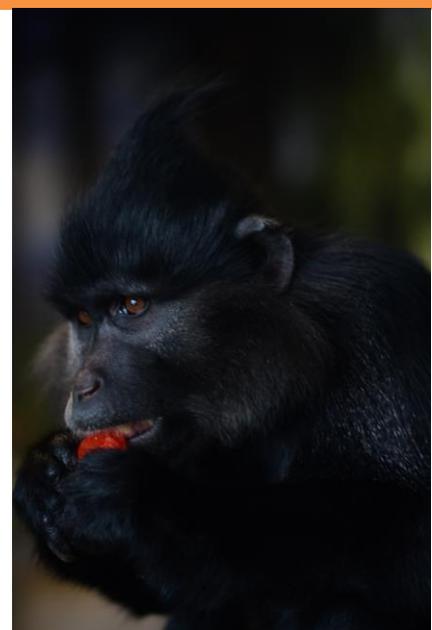
Ages 13-17 • \$30 per student

Do you have a small group of teens interested in animal care? This 3-hour program allows 2-4 students to spend a morning helping behind the scenes at the zoo. They'll get to make animal diets and enrichments, tour our veterinary clinic, clean a holding area, watch animal training and more! Schedule a morning that works best for your group. Contact Jessamy at jschwartz@lszoo.org for more details.

Lunch Space

Field trips taking place between November and March have the opportunity to reserve an indoor lunch space upon request (space limited to 40 students per lunch period). During warmer months, there are picnic tables on zoo grounds and in the park adjacent to the parking lot. On cold or rainy days, lunch can be enjoyed in our Safari Café or any open space in our Main Building or Primate Building.

Lunches should be stored on the school bus if possible. If your bus is not staying at the zoo, inquire about storing your lunches in the Main Office.



Our Mission: to provide close-up animal experiences that inspire connections to wildlife and action toward conservation in our region and around the world.