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EDUCATION RESOURCE GUIDE



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Planning Your Zoo Visit

Please Note: Outside food and beverages are not permitted in the Zoo. Please leave lunches, snacks, and beverages in your vehicle or at the picnic tables located outside the Zoo.

Name Tags/Clothing

We recommend name tags be worn by each person but not attached with straight pins, which could cause harm to the animals. The Zoo is an outdoor facility, so children should dress appropriately for current weather conditions. We also recommend wearing closed-toe shoes, socks, sunglasses, insect repellent, hats, and sunscreen. Umbrellas and rain ponchos may also be appropriate.

Chaperones

Chaperones must accompany children at all times. We require a minimum of one adult for every 10 children.

Safari Lunch Bags

Hotdog or sandwich, chips, a treat, and a drink. Must be ordered one week prior to your group adventure.

Snack Bar

The Snack Bar offers a variety of lunch items, snacks and beverages. Safari Lunch Bags may be ordered ahead of time for your group.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Discovery Center and at both snack bars.

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Gift Store

Find a variety of Zoo souvenirs at the ZOOFARI Outpost, located in our Barnyard Buddies Children's Zoo.

Champ the Train

Ride the world's finest miniature streamline train! Champ the Train is a 1/5-scale replica of the famous Florida East Coast Champion. On a mile-long track, Champ will take you through woods, wetlands and a 110-foot tunnel.

Animal Food

Please do not feed the animals. They are provided with healthy meals to meet their daily nutritional requirements. Special food to feed the animals in Barnyard Buddies Children's Zoo ONLY is available for \$1.00 a cup, in the ZOOFARI Outpost Gift Shop.

Wharton-Smith Tropical Splash Ground

Kids can stay cool as they splash around the Zoo's watery playground.

Feed The Giraffes

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily
Giraffe feedings are available for \$5.00 per person.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located at both snack bars and in front of the Discovery Center.

Parking

If you are arriving by bus, follow the signs to the designated bus parking area on the far side of the parking lot. We encourage schools to consider using private bus carriers in order to spend more time at the Zoo.

Late Arrivals

If you have scheduled an education program and are running late, please call 407.323.4450, ext. 125, 123, 121, or 0 for the operator. We will gladly make allowances for your group if you notify us prior to your arrival. If after 30 minutes your group has not yet arrived, your program will be cancelled. We reserve the right to adjust program length depending on staff and volunteer availability.

Zoo Information

3755 W Seminole Blvd.
Sanford, FL
I-4 exit #104
P.O. Box 470309
Lake Monroe, FL 32747
Phone 407.323.4450
Fax 407.321.0900
www.centralfloridazoo.org
Open Daily
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Group Rates for Field Trips

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Tour the Zoo at your own pace and save with discounted admission for **groups of fifteen or more**. The Zoo is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. It takes approximately three hours to visit the Zoo.

Schedule Your Group Today!
Call 407.323.4450 ext 125,
email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org
or
Book your group online at
www.centralfloridazoo.org

Children (age 3 to 12)	\$11.00
Adult	\$15.60
Child (2 and under)	FREE
One Adult (per 10 kids)	FREE
Bus Drivers	FREE

Group Leaders - Annual Pass holders of the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens are entitled to FREE Zoo admission. **Zoo Annual Pass holders do pay for scheduled activities, including Education Programs.** Group Leaders, please place the number of Annual Pass holders to receive free admission on your Group Reservation Form and attach photocopies of the annual pass holder's card.

Enhance your Zoo Adventure by adding an Education Program to your Zoo visit.
Information about our group programs begins below.



For a complete list of Florida Curriculum Standards and Common Core Standards included in our Education Programs please visit www.centralfloridazoo.org.

Curriculum Programs

Experience a living classroom where students can explore wild opportunities in learning.
Choose from the following Kindergarten thru Fifth grade programs.
Program descriptions are on pages 4 and 5.

Cost: \$13.00 per student. Teachers - Free. One chaperone per eight students required - Free.
Up to five additional chaperones maximum at \$16.60 per person.

Seminole County Public School Discount Rate: \$9.75 per student. Teachers - Free.
One chaperone per eight students required - Free.
Up to five additional chaperones maximum at \$16.60 per person.

Reservations: Call 407.323.4450 ext 123, email education@centralfloridazoo.org
or book online at www.centralfloridazoo.org.

Curriculum Programs

KinderZOO! - Kindergarten

It's a wild world of Zoo wonders for kindergarten students as they experience the exciting KinderZOO program! Go behind the scenes to ZooLab where live animals will help students understand how books and other media portray animals with characteristics and behaviors they don't have in real life. Observe how their adaptations make them different from one another. Journey into the Zoo to discover how plants and animals are alike and different while making observations using the five senses.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: Kindergarten

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 120 students.

Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 120 students.



First Class. . . Zoo! - 1st Grade

First graders can experience a Zoo adventure designed just for them! Meet live animals up close and make observations about animal parents and their babies. Learn how we use our five senses while meeting animals that depend on their senses for survival. Explore the Zoo and learn about animal diversity and habitats and how animals and plants use their amazing adaptations!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 1st Grade

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 75 students.

Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 75 students.



Zoo Keeper 101 - 2nd Grade

Your second graders have just been hired as Zoo Keepers. What will their new job entail? Students will learn the ropes of being animal specialists as they rotate through different learning stations around the Zoo. They will compare the basic needs as they meet live animals up close in our classroom. While on tour they will see animals from around the world to discover how Zoo Keepers plan animal habitats to meet the needs of each animal. Then explore wild Florida as we travel into bear habitat to learn how Keepers care for Florida's wildlife!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 2nd Grade

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 100 students.

Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 100 students.



Curriculum Programs

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Zoo Explorers - 3rd Grade

Your third graders will rotate through interactive learning stations as they take a walk on the wild side! Inside our classroom students will meet live animals as they discover the differences and similarities between the vertebrate classes. They will travel the globe as they tour the Zoo to identify continents, animals that live there, and learn about their statuses in the wild. A trip into bear habitat helps students learn about umbrella species, and discovery stations will show how math, science and problem-solving skills help us care for the animals. Join us to experience the wonders of wildlife while exploring the Zoo!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 3rd Grade

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 100 students. Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 100 students.



Animal Trackers - 4th Grade

During this interactive fourth grade program students will go behind the scenes and out into the Zoo on an exciting journey to discover the processes of life! ZooLab is where they will meet live animals up close as they learn how animal behaviors are shaped by heredity and learning and how energy travels the food chain. They will interact with our giant Earth ball to discover how the Earth, Moon and Sun revolve and the importance of our planet's resources. From giraffes to rhinos, bears to cheetahs, students will go in search of biomes found around the world and the animals that live there.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 4th Grade

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 75 students. Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 75 students.



Paws on the Planet - 5th Grade

Students will go on an exciting quest into the Zoo to learn how changes in the environment have affected animals worldwide and how humans are helping endangered species. Behind the scenes in ZooLab they will meet live animals as they learn about animal adaptations, life cycles, behaviors, and physical characteristics. An exploration of ZooLab pond with microscopes will illuminate the diversity of living organisms and the importance of water cycles. We'll be going "paws on" at the Zoo to learn more about wildlife in wild places!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 5th Grade

Group Size: Min. 15 students / Max. 75 students. Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 75 students.



Animal Encounters

Our Education Animal Ambassadors are ready to meet your group. Choose from the following variety of exciting up-close animal encounter presentations.

Time: 30 minutes

Dates: Monday - Friday

Ages: Pre-K and up

Cost: \$12.00 per Child; One Adult per 10 children - Free; Additional Adults \$16.60; Prices include Zoo admission.

Seminole County Public Schools Discount Rate: \$9.00 per Child; Teachers - Free; One Adult per 10 children Free; Additional Adults \$16.60; Prices include Zoo admission.

Reservations: Required two weeks in advance; call **407.323.4450 ext. 125**, email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org, or book online at www.centralfloridazoo.org

Cancellations: We require a minimum of 24 hours notice to cancel a program. Groups that cancel within 24 hours will be charged a \$25 cancellation fee.

Animals Have Class (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

This popular program answers such questions as, *"What makes a bird a bird?"* and *"How are mammals different than reptiles?"* Easily adapted to all age levels.

Pirates of the ZOORibbean (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

It's a ZOORibbean adventure as we set sail on an exciting pirate's journey in search of amazing coastal and island animals. Discover the true treasures of a pirate's life!

Animals Around the World (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

It's geography in action! In this around-the-world-in-30-minutes presentation you'll discover animals from around the globe.

Florida Natives (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

Meet some of the wonderful animals that share our state, including some you might see in your own backyard. This encounter features Florida's diverse wildlife including alligators, opossums, or gopher tortoises.

Rainforest Adventures (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

What makes rainforests so special? Students will learn about the rainforests of the world as they meet real rainforest animals. Learn reasons this important ecosystem is threatened and ways we can help save it.

Happy Habitats (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

What do all living things need to survive? From desert to rainforest, animals are found in a variety of habitats throughout the world. Discover how they have adapted to their habitats while meeting animals from different biomes around the world.

Animal Encounters

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Creatures of the Night (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

Fascinating night life comes to light during this nocturnal adventure with some incredible creatures of the night. Discover amazing characteristics and adaptations that have allowed these animals to be successful in the dark.

Animals in Action (Pre-K and up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

Animals move in many ways. How many can you think of? How many can you imitate? Discover all the right moves and get moving during this lively presentation!

Animal Adaptations (Pre-K - Up)

Group size: Max. 200 per day

They're weird, wacky and wonderful! Meet some creatures with strange features in this up close look at some unusual animal adaptations.



Wild Florida Adventures

This exciting Zoo adventure includes a portion of the Kids' Zip Line Adventure Course, a 30 minute up-close Florida native animal encounter, and plenty of time for your group to explore the Zoo. While testing their agility through the trees, your students will explore Florida's forest habitat as they learn about the plants and animals found in their backyard. The animal encounter will feature some of Florida's diverse wildlife including alligators, opossums, or gopher tortoises. As your group travels the Zoo they will learn fascinating facts about animals from around the world who share similar adaptations and habitats.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ages: K-5th Grade

Group Size: Min. 20 students / Max. 100 students. Please plan to schedule more than one day if you have more than 100 students.

Cost: \$22.00 per student. Teachers - Free.

One chaperone per 10 students required - Free.

Additional chaperones \$16.60 per person.

***Helmets provided at no additional fee.**

Reservations: Call 407.323.4450 ext 125, email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org or book online at www.centralfloridazoo.org



Group Tours

Planet Safari Tour

Travel the Zoo with a Zoo Guide and learn fascinating facts about the animals. Your Zoo Guide can answer your questions while challenging the audience with questions such as, "*What can we do to help preserve wildlife and wild places?*"

Time: 1 1/2 hours

Ages: 2nd Grade + up

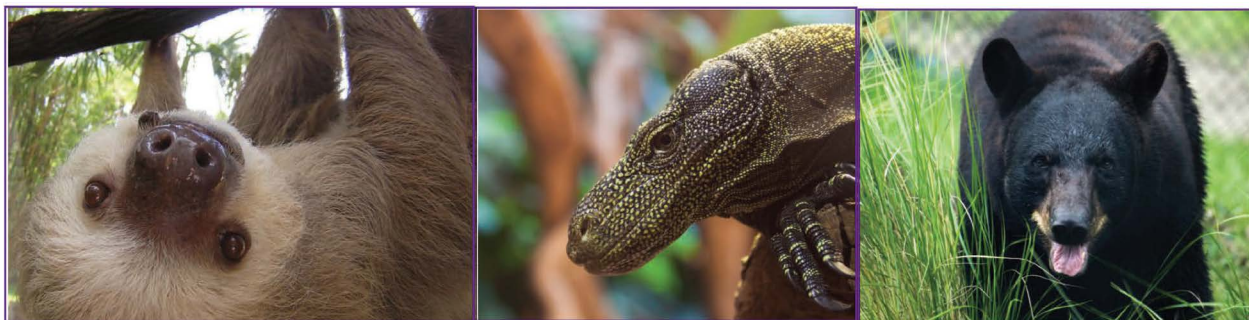
Group Size: Max. 100

Cost: \$12.00 per Child; One Adult per 10 children - Free; Additional Adults \$16.60; Prices include Zoo admission.

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Reservations: Required two weeks in advance; call 407.323.4450 ext 125, email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org or book online at www.centralfloridazoo.org

Cancellations: We require a minimum of 24 hours notice to cancel a program. Groups that cancel within 24 hours will be charged a \$25 cancellation fee.



Endangered Species Tour

Meet threatened and endangered animals at the Zoo and discover what efforts are being taken to save their ecosystems. Students will learn about the different designations of threatened, endangered and also Florida's own listing of Species of Special Concern.

Time: 1 1/2 hours

Ages: 3rd Grade + up

Group Size: Max. 100

Cost: \$12.00 per Child; One Adult per 10 children - Free; Additional Adults \$16.60; Prices include Zoo admission.

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Bring the Zoo to You Programs

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Preschool & VPK Outreach Presentations

Our Education Animal Ambassadors are ready to come to you! Choose from the following variety of exciting animal presentations. Each program features creative play and a close look at three live animals. Each time a *Where's the Bear?* or *Hooray for Rainforests* program is presented \$25 (or \$35 for two back-to-back programs) will be donated to conservation efforts taking place in the wild.

Time: 30 minute presentation

Who: Ages 2-5. Maximum of 25 students each session.

Where: In your preschool classroom or multi-purpose space.

Cost: \$175 for first program and \$50 for each consecutive program at the same location on the same day; maximum of three programs per day.

Seminole County Public Schools Discount Rate: One Program: \$131 and \$50 for each consecutive program at the same location on the same day; maximum of three programs per day.

Reservations: Required two weeks in advance; call 407.323.4450 ext 125 or email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org

Animals in Action

Animals move in many ways. How many can you think of? How many can you imitate? Discover all the right moves and get moving during this lively presentation!

Best Bet for Pets

What kind of pet would you like? Maybe a tiger or a really big snake? What's wrong with having a wild animal as a pet? It's "wild vs. domestic" in this up close look at the best bet for a great pet.

Where's the Bear?

Black bears in Central Florida? There certainly are and they need our help! Children will play an active part in this lively presentation that emphasizes the simple concept that by saving black bear habitat, we will also be saving many other species as well. Animals sharing the bear's habitat will be part of the presentation. (Donation to Florida wildlife conservation projects.)

Hooray for Rainforests

Imaginations will soar as children are magically transported to the rainforest through interactive activities involving sounds, movement, stories, and, of course, real rainforest animals. The wonder of this fascinating ecosystem will come alive and help shape curiosity and appreciation for a future of caring. (Donation to Savenature.org)

Happy Habitats

What do all living things need to survive? From desert to rainforest, animals are found in a variety of habitats throughout the world. Discover how they have adapted to their habitats while meeting animals from around the world.



Bring the Zoo to You Programs

Outreach Presentations For All Ages

Our Education Animal Ambassadors are ready to come to you! Choose from the following variety of exciting up-close animal presentations.

Time: One hour

Group Size: Up to 75 students per program

Cost: One Program: \$300; Two Programs: \$400

Seminole County Public Schools Discount Rate: One Program: \$225; Two Programs: \$300

Reservations: Required at least two weeks in advance. Please call **407.323.4450 ext. 125** or email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org for more information or reservations.

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Florida Natives

Meet some of the wonderful animals that share our state, including some you might see in your own backyard. This program features Florida's diverse wildlife including alligators, opossums, or gopher tortoises. Learn why it is imperative that we become stewards of our state in order to save habitat for these natives.

Go WILD!

This multi-concept presentation brings fun to your students while they meet some amazing Animal Ambassadors. Topics such as animal senses and adaptations will come alive as your students explore how animals protect themselves and find food.

Creatures of the Night

Fascinating night life comes to light during this nocturnal adventure with some incredible creatures of the night. Discover amazing characteristics and adaptations that have allowed these animals to be successful in the dark.

ZOOM Around the World

Discover a world of animals without leaving your classroom. Students will meet animals native to the far corners of our planet. A diversity of species, which often fill similar niches, will be presented. Representatives might include an emperor scorpion, yellow-billed hornbill, or savannah monitor.

The Wonder of Rainforests

What makes rainforests so special? Through interactive activities, amazing biofacts and real rainforest animals, students will be transported to the rainforests of the world. Students will learn the reasons this important ecosystem is threatened and ways each of us can help save it. (Donation to Savenature.org)

Weird Animal Adaptations

They're weird, wacky and wonderful! Meet some creatures with strange features in this up close look at some unusual animal adaptations.

ZOOper Heroes

Investigate the world of super heroes who have special animal abilities. From fact to fiction, we'll discover what kind of amazing adaptations it takes to be Spiderman, Batman, Catwoman, and more!

Bring the Zoo to You Programs

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Traveling Zoo Tales

Inspire your students to read with a fun visit from the Zoo! These 30 minute book talks focus on specially chosen books from the SSYRA and the FRA reading lists. **Traveling Zoo Tales** will inspire your students to read, to explore, to dream of extraordinary things, and to connect to your already established reading program! An Education Staff member with our Animal Ambassadors will visit your students and share an interactive discussion about the book.

Time: 30 minutes per program / Maximum of three back-to-back programs per day.

Grades: Pre-K – 2nd grade / 3rd – 5th grade / 6th - 8th grade

Cost: \$175 for first program and \$50 for each consecutive program at the same location on the same day; maximum of three programs per day.

Seminole County Public Schools Discount Rate: \$131 per day and \$50 for each consecutive program at the same location on the same day; maximum of three programs per day.

Group Size: Up to approximately 60 students per program.

Reservations: Required at least two weeks in advance. Please call 407.323.4450 ext. 125 or email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org for more information or reservations.



Wild Jobs

Zoos offer several career choices such as zookeeper, animal curator, accountant, exotic animal veterinarian, and so much more! This interactive program opens students eyes to the diversity of careers associated with a zoo and how to prepare for them. The Wild Jobs program includes two live education animals.

Time: 45 Minutes

Dates: Monday - Friday

Cost: \$250

Ages: 4th -12th

Reservations: Required at least two weeks in advance. Please call 407.323.4450 ext. 125 or email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org for more information or reservations.

Create Your Own ZOOventure

Don't see a program that fits your needs? Custom-design a program tailored to your students with a **Create Your Own ZOOventure**! Tell us what elements you'd like to include, and we'll do the rest. The possibilities are limitless!

For programs at the Zoo: Call 407.323.4450 ext. 123, email education@centralfloridazoo.org
For programs at your facility: Call 407.323.4450 ext. 125, email fieldtrips@centralfloridazoo.org

Admission Discount for Teachers

Public and Private School Teachers, enjoy 10% off single day Zoo Admission for your entire party.

Must show valid school ID to receive discount.

Not valid with other discounts.
No coupon required.



50% off a Zoo Annual Pass For Seminole County Public School Instructional Personnel (Teacher)

Copy of valid school ID required to receive discount.

Not valid with other discounts or coupons.
Good for Single, Senior Plus, and Family level passes only. Teacher must be listed as the account holder.
One discount per SCPS employee, per year.

25% off a Zoo Annual Pass For Seminole County Public School Non-Instructional Personnel

Copy of valid school ID required to receive discount.

Not valid with other discounts or coupons.
Good for Single, Senior Plus, and Family level passes only. SCPS staff member must be listed as the account holder. One discount per SCPS employee, per year.

ANNUAL PASS BENEFITS

- Visit the Zoo throughout the year. Blackout dates apply for special daytime events at the Zoo including Hippity Hop Adventure and Zoo Boo Bash.
- Enjoy discounted single day admission for guests.
- 10% off your purchase of \$5 or more at our Zoofari Gift Shop.
- Plan a ZOOPER Birthday Party for a discounted rate.
- Receive 10% off the Zoo's aerial adventure course.
- Stay up to date with the Zoo through our bi-monthly emails.
- Save on education programs & summer camps for the kids.
- Visit over 150 zoos and aquariums at a discount.



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