On-campus Educational Animal Programs

Preschool – Kindergarten programs

Animal Tales
Zoo story time with a twist! Learners enjoy an animal-themed read-aloud while meeting some related animals! Teachers can customize this experience even further by choosing which story we read: Little Skink’s Tail by Janet Halfmann; What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; or They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel.

Classification Clues
Mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, invertebrates...the animal kingdom is full of diversity! Learners find out what makes these animals different and what they have in common, all while meeting some of these animals up-close!

1st – 8th grade programs

African Safari*
Gigantic giraffes, spiky hedgehogs, scaly lizards, and rambling rhinos! Learn how the residents of the savanna survive in a hot and dry climate, and meet some representatives of their species right here at the Zoo! This program includes a short tour to the homes of our largest African animal residents.

Animals of the World
Who shares the savanna with lions? Who can be found hiding in the undergrowth of a rainforest? During this program, learners find out what it takes for animals to survive and thrive in different areas around the globe – with the chance to meet some animal guests from all over the world!

Food Webs
From the tiniest insect to the largest carnivore, the lives of all animals in an ecosystem are linked. Explore how animals are connected by learning about the roles they play and meeting a few animals from different spots in the food web!

Rambunctious Reptiles
What do we all have in common with a reptile? What is different? Discover what makes reptiles stand out in the animal kingdom and how important they are while meeting some of the Zoo’s warmest cold-blooded residents!

Wild Wisconsin*
Learn about the animals we share the Midwest with and find out the easy things we can all do to help our wildlife neighbors! This program includes a short tour to the Zoo homes of some of the largest feathered residents of Wisconsin!

*Recommended for groups of 50 or fewer guests. Larger groups may book this program and split into smaller groups.

Great for all grade levels!

Careers at the Zoo
Are you curious about how you can become an animal care specialist? Do you have any idea what kinds of jobs exist in a zoo beyond animal care specialist? This program offers insight into all of the hard work that goes into working in an AZA-accredited zoo and allows learners the opportunity to see a brief training session with an animal.

Create-Your-Own Program
Looking for an education program about topics other than those listed above? Conservation Education staff are ready and willing to help build a program to suit your needs! We will work with you to develop a program for your group’s specific learning goals. Depending on the program developed, live animals and biofacts may be used. Please note that a four-week minimum notice is needed for this option. Additional fees may apply to the regular animal program cost.