



Learning Opportunities at the Zoo!

Here are our school programs:

Pick one from each column for your students' zoo program!

Lesson Theme: All of these programs can be modified to any grade level and support your classroom learning.	Animal Experiences: Meet animal ambassador up close or visit with an on-habitat animal from public side	Where?
Classification – how do we sort animals into different groups? This is great for elementary groups (fur, feathers, scales) to older students (kingdoms).	African Animals – Your program may include: ball python, pancake tortoise, rhino, giraffe, hippos	On Grounds – please check the COVID modifications below
Feeding Lab/What animals eat? – we will go over what animals eat here at the zoo, in their wild homes, and can include a virtual tour of our commissary! Covers vocabulary like herbivore, omnivore, & carnivore.	Asian Animals – Your program may include: komodo dragon, malayan tapir, clouded leopards, aviary with Asian birds	Virtually – we can coordinate with you to set up a Zoom call!
Habitats – we will cover parts of a habitat and important features of our animals wild habitats!	North & South American Animals – Your program may include: screech owl, opossum, snapping turtle, alligator, bald eagle, broad-nosed caiman	At your facility – please check the COVID modifications below
Food Web/Chain – using macroinvertebrates found in Ellen Trout Lake, we will create a food chain/web. For older students, we can introduce how food webs can show the health of an ecosystem!	Arboreal animals – Learn all about the creatures who make the trees their home! Your program may include: screech owl, opossum, aviary birds, clouded leopard, sloths & tamarins	
Modern Zoos – we will cover the goals of modern zoos (recreations, education, research, and conservation) and how we apply them each here at the Ellen Trout Zoo!	Water is our home – Visit with animals who depend on water to survive! Your program may include: broad-nosed caiman, hippo, alligator, snapping turtle, flamingo, waterfowl, otter	
How do animals survive? – we will talk about the structure & functions (adaptations) of lots of different animals to help them survive!	***Please be understanding and flexible if we need to change animals as needed.	

Time Frame: 1 hour (30 minutes for the lesson and 30 minutes for the animal experience)

How to book a program: Please fill out the program request form online to get started!

<https://forms.gle/VZuvV98nunxgeJxR9>

We will reach out to you to confirm your lesson, animal experience, date, and time!_

Tips and other information:

***We currently do not charge for zoo educational programs

***If you come to the zoo, you will need to pay admissions to the zoo for all participants before the program.

***Fill out the Dear Teacher field trip page and bring it to on the day of your visit

COVID Modifications for at the zoo programs:

- We will try to host your class outdoors but this is weather dependent, so please have your students dress appropriately – we have outdoor space throughout the zoo we can close off for your program
- We can use our indoor classrooms in inclement weather

COVID Modifications for programs at your facility:

- Our staff will wear masks the entire time
- Our staff will comply with any regulations your facility puts into place
- Any animal ambassadors traveling with us will be on a case by case basis

Ellen Trout Zoo's mission is to connect people to the natural world and our education department does just that. ETZ is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and spreads a message of conservation with our education outreach and events.

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