

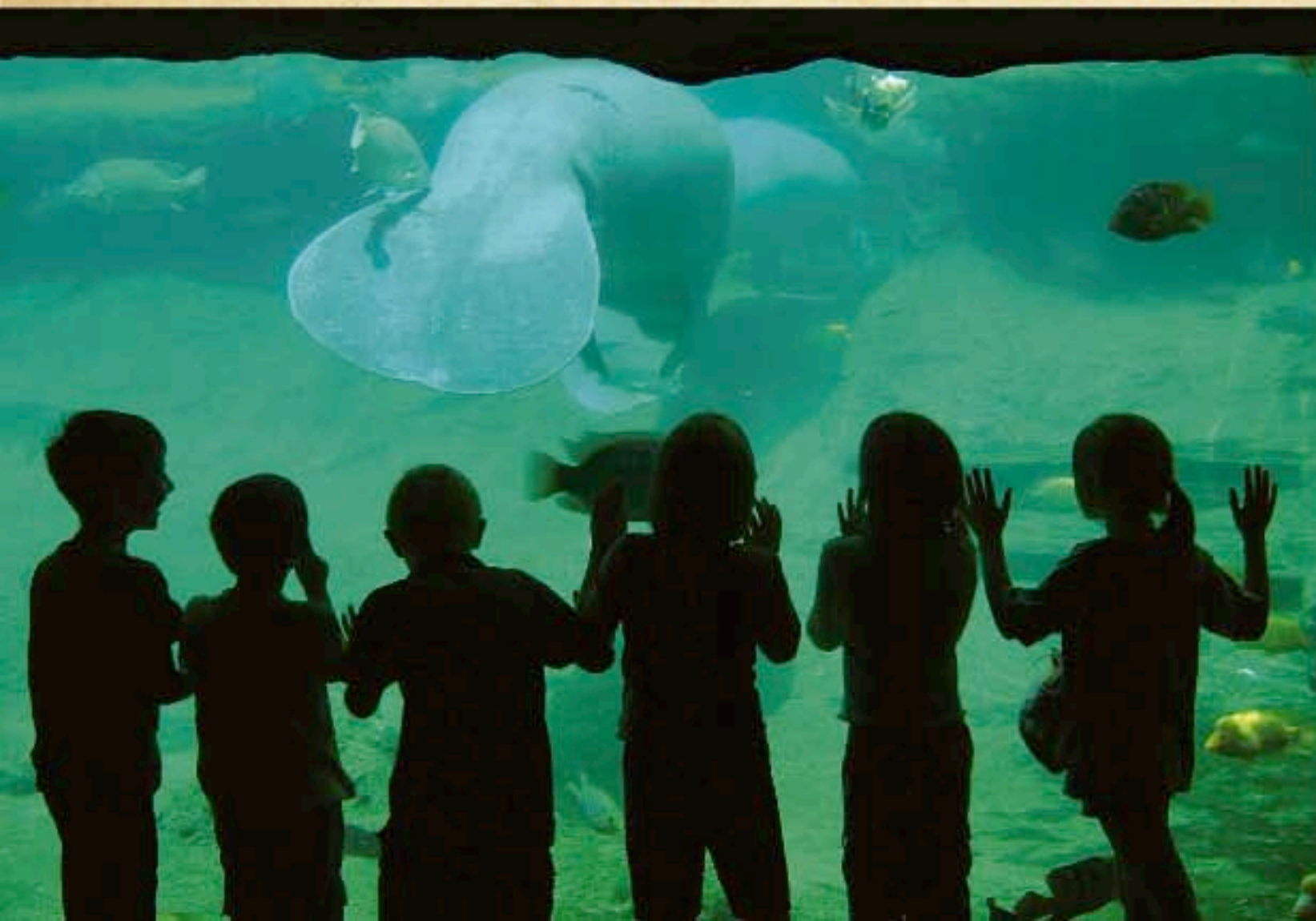


**Educator's Handbook
for Programs and Field Trips
at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo**



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PLANNING A FIELD TRIP



ALEX, ONE OF OUR CHIMPANZEES LOCATED IN PRIMATE WORLD

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RESERVATIONS GUIDELINES

- You must pre-register for all education programs and field trips.
- Zoo admission must be paid by one person upon arrival at the Zoo.
- Please make reservations 4 weeks in advance for any additional program(s) added to your self guided field trip. Program(s) must be pre-paid 2 weeks in advance and does not include Zoo admission.
- Your request will be processed in the order received. A confirmation letter will be sent to you via email if you registered online. Or, if you choose to register by phone, a confirmation will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service. Please check it for accuracy. If it is not accurate or you have not received a confirmation letter at least 7 days before your scheduled field trip date, contact the education department to verify that the field trip reservation was processed.

CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES & LATE ARRIVALS

If you must cancel or postpone a field trip, please call (813) 935-8552 Ext. 268.

- A voice mail message is sufficient to cancel field trips only.
- Changes may affect the number of free chaperones.
- Groups more than 15 minutes late for scheduled education programs are subject to cancellation without a refund.

Cancellation & refund policy for education programs are as follows:

To be eligible for a 100% refund you must cancel your program two weeks prior to the scheduled program date. No refunds will be issued after that date.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY ORDERING LUNCH AND GIFT BAGS IN ADVANCE!

Pre-Order Lunches

All lunches come with juice, potato chips and a cookie. The price below is subject to tax (unless a tax exempt certificate is present at the time of order). Lunches must be ordered one week before your visit date.

Kids Lunch Box (cold)-\$4.50 ea.

- Tuna Fish
- Ham and Cheese
- Turkey and Cheese

Hamburger and Hot Dog Buffet Lunch -Starting at \$5.25 ea.

Includes condiments, potato salad, and



30 min. of reserved indoor dining space.

PRE-ORDER GIFT BAGS

The Zoo offers this successful program that allows students to get a souvenir without shopping in the gift shops.

\$3 Gift Bag includes:

- Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo pencil
- Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo postcard
- Surprise! (keychain, small toy, stickers, etc.).

For an additional fee, gift bags can feature specific animals and/or include a plush. Bags will be available for pick-up at the Main Gate Gift Shop the day of your field trip. Must be ordered in advance.

TO PLAN/SCHEDULE YOUR FIELD TRIP SEE CONTACTS ON BACK PAGE IN "CALL OF THE WILD"

THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO AT TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO

Whether planning your class field trip or visiting the Zoo yourself, there are many fun events throughout the year. Here are a few events that take place annually. Visit LowryParkZoo.com for this year's event dates and times.

ZOO RUN RUN

SEPTEMBER

5th annual 5K run that winds through the Zoo and along the scenic Hillsborough River. Children can enter a special "Fun Run" which follows the 5K. Register now!

ZOOBOO

SELECT NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Come see what lurks after dark at ZooBoo! It's a ghoulish good time for all. Beware of things that go bump in the night as you meander through the shadowy darkness of haunted houses and spooky trail. A haunting good time for little ones and adults alike, with free unlimited Zoo rides.

ZOOFARI

NOVEMBER

Known as one of the largest and "wildest" all-inclusive food festivals in the Tampa Bay Area, Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo invites food lovers to its annual Zoofari feeding frenzy. The event features great food sampling from dozens of restaurants, open bars, live music and the "Art Safari" wildlife art auction. Advance ticket sales will start in September.

WILD WONDERLAND

SELECT NIGHTS IN DECEMBER

Join the holiday fun at the Zoo after dark! See more than a million twinkling lights, live reindeer, holiday displays and much more.

NEW! DROP AND SHOP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON DECEMBER 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 2008

A great idea for parents, drop off your kids for a wild time at the Zoo while you put the finishing touches on your holiday shopping. The child's day will include Zoo hikes, an animal encounter and enrichment, a visit to see the Wild Wonderland reindeer, a recycled material holiday craft, and hot cocoa and cookies. Please provide your child with a snack, lunch, and bottle of water.

Drop-off time: 9:30 a.m./Pick up time: 3:00 p.m.

Costs: \$30 for one child, \$25 each for two or more children. Ages: 3-8 (must be potty trained).

NOON YEAR'S EVE

DECEMBER 31 FROM 9:30-12:00 P.M.

Your little ones will love this event made for kids and their parents! Countdown to noon and ring in the New Year with Radio Disney AM 1380! Sign Up for "@ The Zoo" or visit LowryParkZoo.com for a complete list and details about all Zoo events.

ANIMALS TO YOUR SCHOOL & CLASS SLEEPOVERS

SLEEPOVERS AT THE ZOO

Explore the Zoo after dark! Your exciting evening can include:

- Ages 6 through adults
- Up-close encounter with animals
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour
- Craft
- Pizza Snack & Lite Morning Breakfast
- 15 participant minimum
- \$34 per participant (1 free chaperone for every 10 participants) -
- \$510 flat fee (groups not meeting minimum number of participants)
- Schedule 2 months in advance.

Have a sleepover between 9/1/08- 5/1/09, Monday-Thursday nights, and SAVE \$9 per person (ONLY \$25 PER PERSON). Exclusively for Public and Private School groups!

THEMES:

African Safari—Go on safari and explore various animals from across the Savannah. Meet live animals and learn about animal adaptations.

Awesome Australia—Journey the land down under to discover the people, places, environments and wildlife of Australia.

Manatee Rescue—Learn about what Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo does to save Florida's gentle giants. Tour our rescue facilities and sleep near the manatees in our air-conditioned Manatee Building.

Nocturnal Adventures—Find out who comes out when the sun goes down and experience life as a nocturnal animal. Stalk and slither your way through the Zoo to see the Nocturnal animals in action.

Rainforest Adventures—Explore the tropical rainforests to learn how the characteristics of jungle plants and animals allow them to survive in the rainforest layers.

**\$25
SLEEPOVER
SPECIAL
OFFER!**



LET THE ZOO BRING OUTREACH ANIMALS TO YOUR CLASSROOM.



**COORDINATE
WITH
ANOTHER
CLASS AND
SAVE!***

ZOO-TO-YOU ANIMALS COME TO YOUR CLASSROOM

The Zoo-to-You "Zooventures" program from Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, bring interesting animals to your school. With Zooventures, the excitement of live animals, incredible animal bio-facts and fun Zoo Keepers arrive ready to deliver an entertaining and educational program. Choose from one of the below programs or ask about how we can customize programs to meet your class needs.

Rainforest—Venture deep into the rainforest and meet the amazing animals that make this habitat their home.

Nocturnal Adventure—What's that lurking in the dark? Encounter animals that go bump in the night. From owls to tarantulas, you'll never look into the night the same way.

Native Florida—Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo Staff specializes in native Florida wildlife. During this program you'll meet animals that you might encounter near your own home.

Scales, Feathers and Fur—How do animals survive in different habitats? What traits do they have that keep them thriving? Get up close and see for yourself.

Be A Zoo Keeper—Do you have what it takes to be a Zoo Keeper? Ever wanted to know what the career entails? Meet keepers and some animal ambassadors in this enlightening program.

Program Information:

- Programs are 45-60 minutes
- Pre-K: Up to 50 students/30 minutes/\$255
- Schools and non-profit organizations: \$355 plus Gas & Mileage Fee
- Gas & Mileage Fee: \$40 for travel 20-30 miles or \$50 for travel 31-40 miles away from the Zoo.

***ADDITIONAL SAME-DAY/ SAME-SITE PROGRAMS ONLY \$150 EACH**

IN-ZOO PROGRAMS

SELF-GUIDED ZOO VISITS (PRE K-12)

- \$8 per student.
- Additional chaperones/teachers \$11

NEW! GUIDED TOURS

Your tour consists of exciting VIP adventures and behind-the-scenes information of the Zoo.

Themes include:

Florida Boardwalk—Meet the original Florida natives, past present and...futures unknown.

Primate World—Bring your group of primates to meet ours and learn about Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo's efforts to save our closest cousins of the animal kingdom.

Asian Gardens—From unusual tapirs to the appealing white bengal tigers explore the extremes that Asia has to offer.

Safari Africa—The African Savannah is home to some of the world's largest land mammals. Come on an African Safari and meet Africa's amazing giants.

Program Information:

- Ages 5 to adult
- 45-60 minutes
- Minimum total of 15 people, including chaperones
- Maximum total of 60 people, including chaperones
- \$4 per student with Zoo Admission
- \$7 per student without Zoo Admission
- Extra chaperones/teachers \$4 with Zoo Admission
- Extra chaperones/teachers \$7 without Zoo Admission
- Does not include Zoo admission
- 1 FREE chaperone/teacher per 10 students
- For Saturday and Sunday tours, please book early. Availability is limited.

SCAVENGER HUNT/TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

Heading to the Zoo soon and want to add some educational fun? Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo offers a scavenger hunt for your class, the entire school, or even teacher groups! At the end we will supply the winning group a prize.

Program Information:

- Ages 5 to adult
- 60 minutes
- Minimum total of 15 people, including chaperones/teachers 15-30 participants \$75
- 30-60 participants; \$90
- 61-90 participants; \$110
- 91-120 participants; \$130
- 121-150 participants; \$165
- 151-200 participants; \$200

Scavenger Hunts/Team Building Activity must be scheduled in advance.

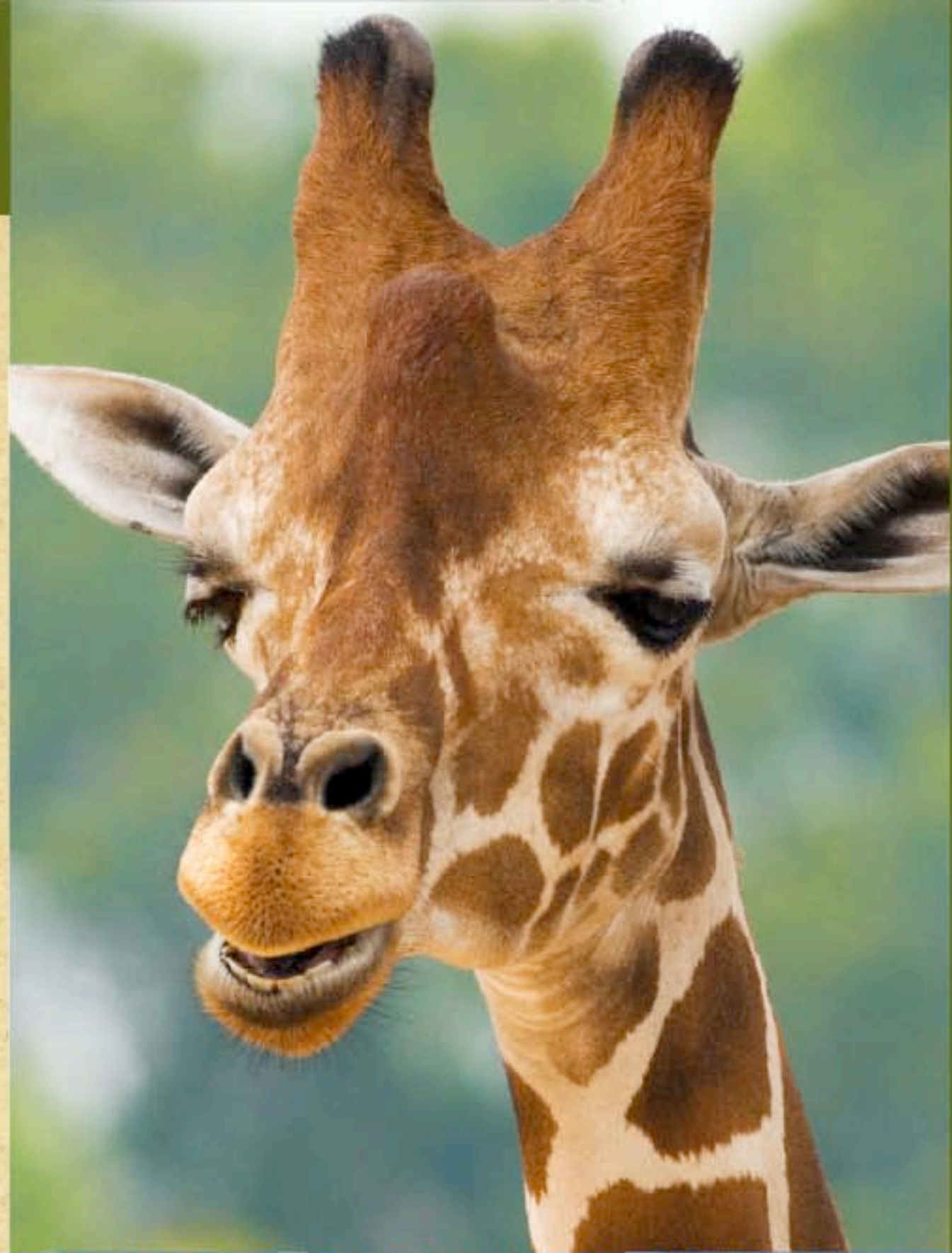
ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Come face to face with the animal ambassadors of Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo.

Program Information:

- Ages 3 to adult
- 30 minute animal encounter
- Minimum total of 15 people, including chaperones
- Maximum total of 70 people, including chaperones
- \$150 flat fee

All prices listed are subject to change without notice.



GET EYE TO EYE WITH THE GIRAFFES IN
SAFARI AFRICA AT TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO—
YOU CAN FEED THEM TOO!

ZOO SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM PROGRAMS AND SCIENCE WORKSHOP

AUDITORIUM PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO SCHOOL

Your auditorium program consists of a power point presentation that includes the use of live animals, bio-facts (animal specimens) and interactive opportunities for the audience.

K-12 Program Requirements for all Auditorium Programs

- 25-200 students
- 30 minutes
- 1:10 (1 free chaperone/teacher per 10 students)
- \$2 per student with Zoo Admission
- \$7 per student without Zoo Admission
- Extra chaperones/teachers \$2 with Zoo Admission
- Extra chaperones/teachers \$7 without Zoo Admission

GRADE K-5 AUDITORIUM PROGRAMS

NEW! Animal Olympics

Meet the best of the best...the gold medal winner of the animal kingdom, the fastest, the slowest, the strongest, the smallest, the oldest and the loudest. Test your knowledge of these amazing record holders.

African Safari

Explore the diversity of Africa and the animals that call it home. From the Savannah to the desert to the misty mountain tops, discover how each provides a variety of wildlife habitats and how these amazing creatures have adapted to their surroundings.

Amazing Australia

Go walkabout in the audacious land of OZ and see the amazing and unique Australian animals. Learn about the truly unique animals in "the land down under."

Bear-ly There: Florida's Vanishing Wildlife

What has 80 teeth, powerful jaws and carries her young around in her mouth? Alligators, of course! Some of the most amazing animals on this planet are in our own backyards. Learn to appreciate Florida's wildlife and the challenges facing their preservation.

Manatee Mania

Did you know that Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is the only manatee rehabilitation center in our area? Learn from the experts about these gentle giants and even experience a mock manatee rescue! Learn how you can help to protect the future of this mighty marine mammal. (Does not feature animal encounter)

Rainforest Adventure

Covering less than 2% of the Earth's surface, rainforests are home to 50% of all life! In this program we journey from the top of the canopy to the roots of the trees, exploring plants and wildlife that call the rainforests their home.

GRADES 6-12 AUDITORIUM PROGRAMS

Species Survival Plan

In a world where it is estimated that 100 animal species go extinct every day, many of the species seen at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo face uncertain futures in the wild. Learn about the Species Survival Plan that Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo participates in.

Magnificent Manatees

Plunge into the world of this curious creature. Learn why they are endangered and what you can do to help protect the future generations of this gentle giant. (Does not feature animal encounter)

Wildlife Careers

Ever wonder what it takes to work with wildlife? Then this is the class for you. Discover what it takes to have an animal career and what steps to take to get you there.

Native Florida (Designed for Grades 6-8)

Discover the native Florida wildlife living in your neighborhood and what you can do to help protect their habitats. Learn how snakes actually help Floridians out and why you don't want to mess with a gopher tortoise.

We can modify auditorium programs to accommodate your Pre-K play group.

Please call 813-935-8552 ext.268 to schedule your playgroup.

- Prices \$3 per student with Zoo Admission
- \$7 per student without Zoo Admission
- 1:5 ratios
- Additional \$3 per chaperone with Zoo Admission
- \$11 per chaperone without Zoo Admission

All prices listed are subject to change without notice.



ZOOKEEPERS CARE FOR AN INFANT MANATEE IN THE DAVID A. STRAZ, JR. MANATEE HOSPITAL

THE FLORIDA WATERSHED

This program was designed for students learn the importance of wetlands to our natural environment. While at the Zoo, students will participate in a drainage run-off race experiment, an In-Zoo scavenger hunt, have an animal encounter and, if time permits, take a tour of the David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Hospital.

Program Information:

- Grades 6 - 8
- Minimum total of 15 people, including chaperones
- Maximum total of 60 people, including chaperones
- 10AM - 1PM
- \$20 per student
- Payment is due two weeks in advance
- One Zoo ticket will be provided to each paying student

NOTE: You **DO NOT** need to book a field trip for this program

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

ZOO PROGRAMS WITH MOSI, THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM AND YMCA CAMP CHRISTINA

Wetland Connection: Four Days and Four Sites

Enjoy a four-day environmental exploration of Florida's Wetlands, held at four exciting locations: Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, The Florida Aquarium, MOSI and YMCA Camp Christina.

Program Information:

- Grades 4 - 6
- Minimum total of 15 people, including chaperones
- Maximum total of 60 people, including chaperones
- 9:30AM - 1PM
- \$46 per student (this includes programming at all 4 sites)

Call YMCA Camp Christina to make reservations or for more information at (813) 677-8400.

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TEACHER RESOURCES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

FIELD TRIP AND PRE/POST VISIT MATERIALS

Pre/Post visit materials are available for K-12th Grade on-line at www.LowryParkZoo.com/edzoocator and then look under EdZoocator School Program. The curriculum is designed to prepare and enhance your students' learning at the Zoo.

TEAM LEADER MEETINGS AT THE ZOO

We offer classroom space for teacher meetings. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. jennifer.bacon@LowryParkZoo.com

E-NEWS LETTER "@ THE ZOO"

Stay updated! Sign up to receive the Zoo's monthly electronic newsletter. Be the first to learn about new school and teacher programs, discounts, new animals, births and exciting Zoo events. Sign-up for "@ the Zoo" on the Zoo's homepage.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

From August to March the Zoo School offers monthly continuing education classes for teachers. Many are free so sign-up today! Advanced registration required. Email Erica.Clark@LowryParkZoo.com.

Project WILD Workshop for K-12th educators (FREE)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 FROM 9AM-3:30PM

Project WILD is a supplementary environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. Activities have been correlated to the Sunshine State Standards and FCAT style questions. Each participant will receive a free guide full of innovative activities. Participating teachers are eligible for in-service credit.

Fight for Florida For K-4th educators (FREE)

NOVEMBER 1, 2008 FROM 9AM-11AM

This workshop provides innovative ideas to help educators teach about past, present, and future trends in human population and the effects on animal habitats. Bring the conservation lessons we have learned from the endangered Florida Panther and the American Alligator into the classroom and find ways to engage your students in the fight for the conservation of Florida's disappearing habitat and wildlife through this interactive and exciting workshop at the Zoo!

Animals on the Brink For 6th-12th educators (FREE)

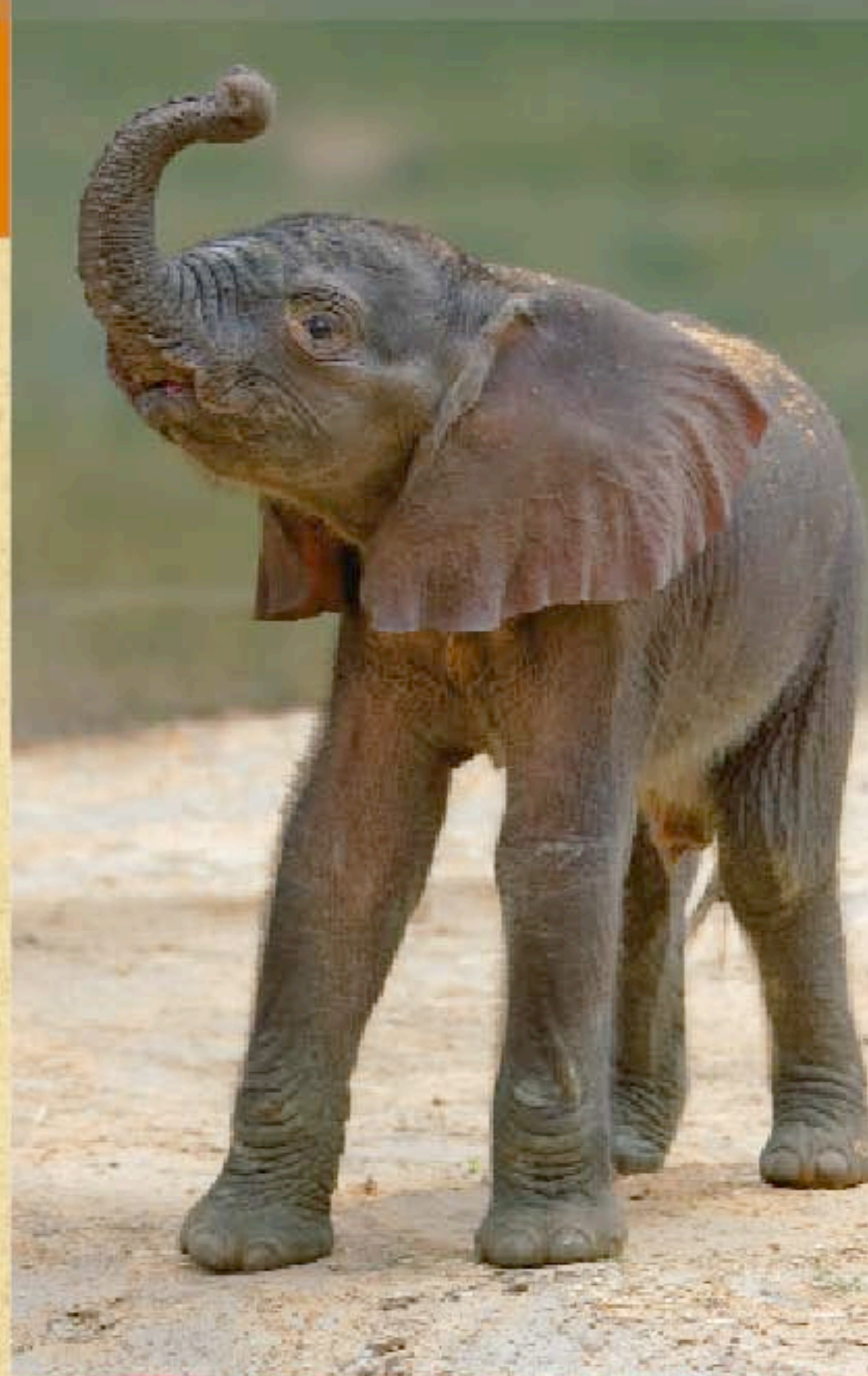
DECEMBER 6, 2008 FROM 9AM-11AM

Around the world species are disappearing. This workshop will explore the factors that are leading to extinction of hundreds of species of wildlife everyday. Learn what Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is doing for animals that face uncertain futures in the wild. Find out ways that you can help your students to be a part of the solution with this Species Survival Plan based workshop.

Project WET Workshop For K-12th educators (FREE)

MARCH 23, 2009 FROM 9AM-3PM

Project WET is a supplementary environmental education program emphasizing water related activities. Activities have been correlated to the Sunshine State Standards and FCAT style questions. Each participant will receive a free supplementary guide full of innovative activities. Participating teachers are eligible for in-service credit.



TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CLASS TO GET INVOLVED. IN 2005, THE ZOO WELCOMED TAMANI, THE FIRST AFRICAN ELEPHANT BORN AT TAMPA'S LOWRY PARK ZOO

After the elephant was born, the Zoo asked schools in a 7-county area of Greater Tampa Bay to submit African names with special meanings.

Hundreds of schools participated, proposing nearly 600 names.

Tamani was submitted by the students in Sarah Eicher's second grade class at Frontier Elementary in Clearwater. For submitting the winning name, Eicher's class received a special field trip to the Zoo including transportation, admission, lunch, a guided tour and tee-shirts. As a special bonus, each student in the class also received a six month family pass to the Zoo.

CALL OF THE WILD

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo offers many ways to register for Field Trips.

NEW! Online: LowryParkZoo.com/register

Phone: Call (813) 935-8552 ext. 268

Email: Jamie.Myers@lowryparkzoo.com

DOWNLOAD FREE CURRICULUM:

www.lowryparkzoo.com/edzoocator

RESERVE GROUP FIELD TRIPS ONLINE:

www.lowryparkzoo.com. Click on the Education at the Zoo, click the Zoo School tab and then click on the third paw print.

POSTPONE OR CANCEL A FIELD TRIP:

Call 813-935-8552 ext. 268

A voice mail message is sufficient to cancel field trips only.

PROGRAMS:

To schedule Auditorium Programs, Sleepovers, In-Zoo Programs and Animal Encounters, or Team Building Activities contact: 813-935-8552 ext. 268 or Jamie.Myers@lowryparkzoo.com

ZOO TO YOUR SCHOOL:

Call 813-935-8552 ext. 268 or email: Jamie.Myers@lowryparkzoo.com

TO CONDUCT TEACHER WORKSHOPS:

Call 813-935-8552 ext. 209 or email: jennifer.bacon@lowryparkzoo.com

WETLANDS CONNECTIONS:

Call YMCA Camp Cristina for reservations or more information at (813) 677-8400.

PRE-ORDER LUNCH:

Contact Food Service Manager at 813-935-8552 ext. 254

PRE-ORDER GIFT BAGS:

Contact Gift Shop Manager at 813-935-8552 ext. 215



TIPS FOR AN ENJOYABLE VISIT

- When you call to reserve your field trip, request a Teacher Pass (free admission) to visit the Zoo prior to your day.
- Take advantage of the free, self-guided curriculum we provide. Use the material as a pre/post activity for your Zoo experience. Download materials at www.lowryparkzoo.com/edzoocator.
- Save time and pre-order lunch for students (please allow a week notification).
- On the day of your visit complete paperwork with the final headcount of children and adults. Bring the completed paperwork to the Zoo's Main Gate and pay admission for your group.
- Go over Zoo Rules and Regulations with chaperones on the bus prior to arrival.
- Remember, if your group scheduled a special program, a confirmation letter will be sent to inform you where your group is to meet the Zoo instructor.
- Provide "school nametags" and wear school t-shirts for your entire group. This is a great way to keep an accurate head count. We strongly suggest you DO NOT WRITE students names on the name tags.

Most of all—have fun and enjoy the #1 Zoo in the USA as named by *Child* magazine!



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