

GUARDIANS OF WILD

FIELD TRIP PLANNER

Educator resource guide with curriculum-based field trips for
preschool, elementary and secondary students.



EXPLORING NATURE'S CLASSROOM AT THE TORONTO ZOO



BENEFITS OF A TRIP TO THE ZOO

- Making real-world connections through observation, inquiry, & critical thinking.
- Coming face-to-face with over 3,000 animals.
- Ignites a sense of wonder and curiosity.
- Connecting with nature, getting active, and exploring 10 km of walking trails.
- Inspires students to take action and protect wildlife.

TORONTO ZOO FIELD TRIPS - AT A GLANCE

SELF-GUIDED VISIT

Enjoy the flexibility of exploring the Zoo on your own, while discovering the amazing wildlife that call the Zoo home.

EDVENTURES

Join our knowledgeable Zoo educators for a 75 minute, curriculum-linked, STEM learning experience. Programs begin either onsite with a Zoo tour or in a classroom setting. During a 30 minute interactive presentation, students participate in small group activities, designed to enhance and extend their learning. After touring through one of our pavilions and engaging with our staff, students will demonstrate an increased awareness and appreciation of wildlife and nature, and understand what steps they can take to help protect it.

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS

Choose from one of our 45 minute interactive style, curriculum-linked presentations to engage and enhance your students' learning experience at the Zoo.

CUSTOM SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROGRAM

Available mid-October to the end of April. Choose from a variety of options to create a custom program that is relevant to your sector and curriculum expectations.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Delivered by Toronto Zoo educators, school programs are a unique and exciting way to bring the curriculum to life. Virtual Visits range from a 10 - minute animal Meet & Greet to a 30 - minute Guided Visit with bonus resources!

BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIP TODAY

Please book at least two weeks in advance.

The Zoo is open year-round! Self-guided visits can be booked on any day. School programs (September to June) fill up quickly, so don't miss out - book early!

Information required at time of booking:

- Date of visit
- Contact teacher's name, email, & cell number
- School name, address
- Estimated time of arrival
- Number of participants, both students & supervisors
- School program (if applicable)

SCHOOL GROUP ADMISSION RATES STUDENTS & SUPERVISORS*

Licensed Child Care Centres**	\$10.50
Elementary (K-8)	\$10.50
Secondary (9-12)	\$11.50
Post-secondary	\$12.50

1 teacher per class receives *FREE* admission.

Kindergarten: 1 teacher + 1 ECE per class receive *FREE* admission.

Zoo Memberships are honoured for student & supervisor admission. Proof of membership required.

SUPERVISOR RATIO

Grades PreK - 3	1 supervisor per 5 students.
Grades 4 - 8	1 supervisor per 10 students.
Grades 9 - 12	1 supervisor per 20 students.

* All rates subject to change without notice.

** Licensed Child Care Centres must be registered with the Ministry of Education and pay for a minimum of 10 children. Valid on P.A. Days, but excludes other school holidays.

HST included in all admission rates. HST# 119216398

Paid school programming is HST exempt.



HOW TO BOOK

Self-guided Visit

Book online torontozoo.com/tickets/schoolgroups

Email groupbooking@torontozoo.ca

EdVentures/ Interactive presentations /

Specialist High Skills Major Program

Email schools@torontozoo.ca

Book online torontozoo.campbrainregistration.com

Virtual Workshops

Email programs@torontozoo.ca

torontozoo.com/schools





DISCOVER THE ZOO

Students will be amazed by the diversity of wildlife as they explore:

- African Rainforest
- Africa Savanna
- Americas
- Australasia
- Canadian Domain
- Eurasia Wilds
- Indo-Malaya
- Kids Zoo
- Tundra Trek
- Greenhouse
- Wildlife Health and Science Centre



PROGRAMS

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS 45 min

Cost: \$150/program* + admission
(*Max. 60 students/program)

Times: 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm
Pre-booking is required.

Primary Polar Bear Program (K - Grade 3)

Chill with our polar bears in the “coolest” program at the Zoo! Students will learn about the individual Zoo bears, cool creature features and adaptations, their life cycle, and behaviours. Your students will “bear-ly” be able to contain their excitement!

Junior/Intermediate Polar Bear Program (Grade 4-8)

Discover how the species *Ursus maritimus* is perfectly adapted to an environment that few animals can “bear”. Together with Zoo staff, determine the important role that polar bears play in their Arctic ecosystem, what threatens their survival, and how we can make a difference.

EDVENTURES 75 min

Cost: \$125/program* + admission
(*Max. 30 students/program)

Times: 10:30-11:45 am or 12:15-1:30 pm
Pre-booking is required.

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ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten • *Uniquely Me, ABC, 123*

Grade 1 • Needs, Senses, & Characteristics of Living Things

Grade 2 • Classification and Adaptations of Living Things

Grade 3 • Plant & Animal Interactions

Grade 4 • Habitats, Communities, & Human Influences

Grade 5 • Animal Digestion, Health, & Well-being

Grade 6 • Biodiversity & Human Impacts

Exploring Wildlife Conservation Presentation (Grades 8-12)

Have you ever wondered what it takes to run a world class conservation-based zoological park? Join us in this interactive presentation, as we review the meaning of biodiversity, its importance, and learn about careers associated with ensuring the survival of the world’s most vulnerable species and their habitats. Attendees will learn about reproductive science programs running here at your Toronto Zoo and develop a deeper understanding of the science behind managing endangered wildlife populations. Students will be challenged to reflect upon the various human activities that affect the diversity of living things and learn how they can become “Guardians of Wild” by participating in citizen science programs.

Custom Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM) (Grades 11/12)

Available mid-October to end of April. Our custom sector-related Reach Ahead Experiences, Certificates, and Partner Sector Experiences connect real-world learning with career exploration, and unforgettable experiences. Minimum of 20 students and maximum of 60 per program. Check www.torontozoo.com/tz/highskillsmajor for more information! Options include the following:

Reach Ahead Experience:

- Tour & Special Meet the Keeper
- Career Panel
- Human Resources Presentation
- Custom Speakers
- Wildlife Conservation Presentation

Certifications:

- Public Speaking & Connecting with your audience
- Customer Service

Partner-Sector Experiences

- Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) Training

ZOO SCHOOL

Students can earn their grade 11 biology credit (SBI3U) in the summer at the Toronto Zoo! Registration Now Open!

This unique experience incorporates behind-the-scenes tours, close animal encounters, career discussions with Zoo staff, interactive classroom discussions, and memorable projects. Visit www.torontozoo.com/tz/zooschool for details.



ACCESSIBILITY

The Zoo has many features to make it accessible for all students, including complimentary admission for support persons providing one-on-one support for health and/or safety reasons. School programs can also be modified to meet the varying abilities of students.

For more information, visit torontozoo.com/tz/accessibility



LUNCH

Picnic tables are available throughout the Zoo and students can bring litterless lunches or purchase food at a restaurant. To arrange a pizza or boxed lunch, please contact Compass Foods at **416-392-6003** prior to visit.

*50% off picnic site rentals during the school year for school groups.
Contact groupevents@torontozoo.ca for more information.

EXTEND LEARNING AT THE ZOO

RESOURCES

ADOPT AN ANIMAL

By adopting an animal, your class will contribute to the valuable conservation work of the Toronto Zoo. Packages begin at \$25, and include a personalized certificate of adoption.

To learn more or to adopt, visit wildlifeconservancy.ca or phone 416-392-9114

SPECIES-AT-RISK AND FIELD CONSERVATION LEARNING RESOURCES

Through our Field Conservation Programs, including the Adopt-A-Pond, Bat Conservation and Great Lakes Programs, many resources are available to support Species-At-Risk, wetland and Great Lakes conservation education in your classroom.

Adopt-A-Pond Wetland Conservation Program— learning resources focused on reptile, amphibian and wetland conservation including species identification guides, books, posters, and Community Science. More information at torontozoo.com/adoptapond

Great Lakes Program— learning resources focused on the Great Lakes, water conservation and Species-At-Risk including activity booklets, lesson plans, teacher guides, educational videos. More information at torontozoo.com/tz/greatlakes

Bat Conservation — learning resources focused on Ontario Bat conservation including species guides, stewardship guides and educational videos. More information at torontozoo.com/bats

MEET THE GUARDIANS

Bring your class to a “Meet the Guardian” during your field trip, free with admission. Visit www.torontozoo.com/MeetTheGuardians for a daily schedule so you can plan where to be at what time!

What to Expect

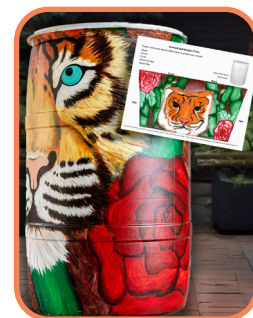
- Meet the Guardian (Animal Care Staff) & Animal Ambassador
- Learn about animal care, training, and enrichment
- Encourage your students to ask questions
- Connect curriculum to real-world science and careers

RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT!

NEW!

The Rain Barrel Art Project is open to students in grade 9 – 12 in Ontario. Artists must submit a design for judging. Thirty successful candidates will have the opportunity to paint a rain barrel, with pieces showcased at the Zoo in April 2026. Prizes will be awarded.

Visit www.torontozoo.com/rainbarrel for full details.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO! EDUCATOR E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to schools@torontozoo.ca today and be the first to learn about field trip and outreach opportunities, new curriculum-linked programs and resources available, as well as special events and promotions happening at the Toronto Zoo.

Animal
Facts



Plan
your
visit



Find your way



Download the
**NEW Toronto Zoo
experience app!**

Features include: Interactive Map,
Special Events, Plan Your Visit, and
much more!



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AND BEYOND!

EXTINCT IS FOREVER

FIGHTING EXTINCTION - WHY WE ARE HERE

The Toronto Zoo is here because the work we do behind-the-scenes is vital to the survival of wildlife. Visit torontozoo.com to watch the *Fighting Extinction - Why We Are Here* video and learn more about the important conservation work the Toronto Zoo is involved in. Use this video in your classroom to start a discussion about wildlife conservation and how students can get involved to help protect the environment.

How loud is a lion's roar? How does a snake slither? Which species are the biggest, fastest, and strongest? How does the Toronto Zoo design exhibits to meet the needs of different species? How is the Toronto Zoo helping to protect wildlife and their habitat? Find out at the Toronto Zoo!

FREE CURRICULUM-LINKED RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- Self-guided Tour Scripts (elementary & secondary)
- Educator Resource & Activity Packages
- Species-At-Risk and Wildlife Conservation Resources, Curriculum Guides, Lesson Plans and Educational Videos (Field Conservation Programs)
- Turtle Island Conservation Resource Package (First Nations)
- All about the Toronto Zoo - Conservation Breeding & Reintroduction Programs, Enrichment, Animal Welfare, & More!
- Animal Fact Sheets & Zoo Baby Updates
- Videos

Or create your own open-ended, inquiry-based resources to suit the needs of your students!

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- Science - Think beyond just Life Systems & Biology
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Social Studies/Geography
- Anthropology
- Careers
- Business
- The Arts





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CONTACTS

<i>Self-guided Visits</i>	groupbooking@torontozoo.ca
<i>EdVentures/Presentations</i>	schools@torontozoo.ca
<i>Virtual Programs</i>	programs@torontozoo.ca
<i>Adopt-an-Animal</i>	wildlifeconservancy@torontozoo.ca
<i>Serengeti Bush Camp</i>	bushcamp@torontozoo.ca
<i>Grade 11 Biology Credit</i>	zooschool@torontozoo.ca

VISIT TORONTOZOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

As a not-for-profit organization, the revenues from all Zoo visits, including school field trips, directly support conservation efforts to help save vulnerable wildlife. The ongoing support of educators helps to ensure that these critical conservation efforts can continue and connects future generations to nature and the environment.

Together we can make a difference!



Curiosity • Discovery • Inquiry