



zoo school



ZOO SCHOOL INFORMATION 2022

A Day in the Life of Zoo School

The following is an example of a typical day at Zoo School. Please note each day will be different and timings/activities will vary.

Example Day at the Zoo:

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| 09:00 - 10:00 | - Reptiles and Amphibians in America's Pavilion (Diversity unit) |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | - Set-up of the plant investigation (Plants unit) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | - Lunch |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | - Behind-the-scenes tour of the Wildlife Nutrition Centre |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | - Birds around the Zoo site (Diversity Unit) |

Example Day online:

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| 09:00 - 10:00 | - Meiosis (Genetics unit) |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | - Mendelian genetics (Genetics unit) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | - Lunch |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | - Time to work on group genetics project |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | - Peer review of exercise lab (Animals: Structure and Function unit) |
| 14:30 - 15:30 | - Evolution Quiz (Evolution unit) |

Please note: The Zoo School teacher will be available to offer additional support to students/parents by appointment.

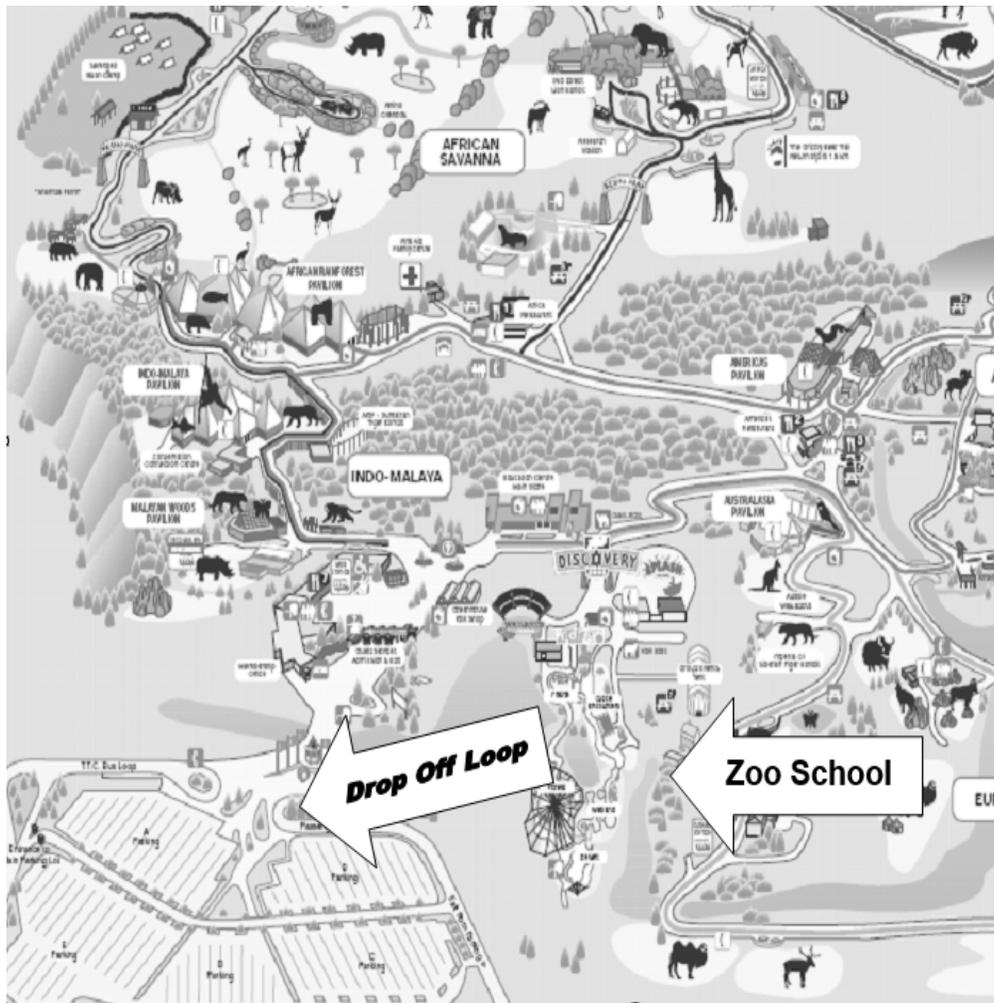
Daily Requirements

Students must provide:

- **Nut free** packed lunch/snacks
- Pens/pencils
- Appropriate indoor/outdoor clothing and footwear
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- A hat
- Zoo School ID card (issued during the course)

Zoo School Location

Zoo School will be located in the Education Portable



Student Drop-Off / Pick-Up

Zoo School operates between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm. On the first day of Zoo School at the Zoo, the class teacher will come to meet the students at the *Passenger Drop Off Loop* situated at the front of the Zoo. On subsequent days students will be expected to make their own way to the classroom, and arrive no later than 8:55 am. Zoo School Photo I.D. cards will be required for admission. At the end of the day students will make their own way out of the Zoo. If they are being picked up they should be met at the *Passenger Drop Off Loop*. Students driving their own vehicles will be provided with a parking pass each day.

Zoo School Policies and Procedures

Please refer to the Zoo School Policies available at;

<http://www.torontozoo.com/EducationAndCamps/ZooSchool.asp>

Attendance Policy

Zoo School recognizes that regular student attendance and punctuality are essential to student achievement and will communicate with parents/guardians regarding attendance issues.

It is essential that students meet the minimum number of instructional hours to successfully complete the course. Students will be expected to complete additional assignments for missed classes.

Zoo School will do its best to accommodate any students who have to be absent from class for a valid reason. If students are absent from class to an extent where it is deemed that they will be unable to complete all of the necessary course content, as set out by the Ministry of Education, a credit may not be granted.

Disclosure Policy

Students will complete a mid-term test at the end of the second week of Zoo School. Upon receiving their grade students will have the option to drop the course; however no refund will be available. Dropping the course at this stage would result in no record of this course appearing on their Ontario Student Transcript. Withdrawals from the Zoo School course must be made in writing to the school no later than two instructional days following the issue of the mid-term report card. For all students continuing after this point Zoo School is required to disclose the student's performance and final grade on their Ontario Student Transcript.

Student Absence or Late Reporting Procedure

Each absence or late arrival results in a lost learning opportunity which may not be regained. Parents/guardians are requested to call (416-392-5944) if the student will be absent or late. This will aid in the smooth running of the course, for all students.

Homework Policy

Homework is an essential part of Zoo School. Students are expected to review their daily notes regularly and complete any assigned tasks. The major unit assignments comprise a major component of the final mark and completion of these assignments is necessary to be successful in Zoo School.

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