

## Education Program: Zoo Connection Class

Connect your students with nature as they participate in TEKS supported lessons and activities, explore bio facts, and have up close encounters with live animal ambassadors.

Classroom space is limited and is best suited to groups of 90 students or fewer.

**Cost:** \$12 per person; \$8 per person/Title 1 Schools; *15-person minimum*

**Time:** 60-minute program, available Tuesday – Friday, variable start time.

*Unless otherwise arranged, your program will start 15-minutes after your scheduled arrival time.*

Choose from several themed topics to make the most of your visit to the zoo.

### Zoo Connection Class Topics

#### Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### Giants of Africa

Description: The African Savanna is home to the largest concentration of megafauna anywhere in the world! Get to know some of the largest animals in the world and the sometimes-weird adaptations that allow them to survive in an ecosystem full of danger and competition.

Science TEKS: K-2 (K.9.A, K.9.B, K.10.B, 1.9.A, 1.9.C, 1.10.A, 2.9.A, 2.9.B, 2.9.C, 2.10.A)

3-5 (3.9.A, 3.9.B, 3.9.C, 3.10.A, 4.9.A, 4.9.B, 4.10.A, 4.10.B, 5.9.A, 5.9B, 5.9.C)

6-8 (6.12.E, 6.12.F, 7.10.B, 7.10.C, 7.11.B, 7.12.A, 8.11.A, 8.11.B)

#### Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

##### Animal Wrappers

Description: Animals come in many different coverings, just like some of your favorite snacks! Students will investigate animals with fur, feathers and scales and discover how those coverings help animals survive in different environments and how scientists classify living things based on their similarities.

Science TEKS: K-2 (K.9.A, K.10.A, K.10.B, 1.9.A, 1.10.A, 2.9.A, 2.10.A)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### Who Eats Who?

Description: For animals living in the wild it is eat or be eaten! Students will investigate how animals in different ecosystems interact with one another, construct their own food chains, and predict how just one missing piece can affect the whole ecosystem.

Science TEKS: 3-5 (3.9.A, 3.9.B, 3.10.A, 4.9.A, 4.9.B, 5.9.A, 5.9.B, 5.9.C, 5.10.A)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### Wildlife Careers

Description: What does it take to run a zoo and secure a future for wildlife? Students will discover the diverse roles that dedicated staff play in the work of zoos and aquariums from animal care, conservation, guest experience, and development and marketing. Each person and their passion for nature makes a difference.

Science TEKS: 6-8 (6.3.D, 7.3.D, 8.3.D)