

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: September – February: \$12 per person | Title 1 School Discount: \$8 per person

15 person minimum

Cost: March – May: \$15 per person | Title 1 School Discount: \$12 per person

15 person minimum

Cost: June – August: \$15 per person

15 person minimum

Available: Tuesday – Friday; Flexible start times; 60-minute program

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 – 12th Grade

Giants of Africa

Description: Step into the heart of the African Savanna, one of the most dynamic habitats on earth! Students will discuss and investigate how some giants of Africa navigate their challenging environment and maintain the delicate balance of the savanna ecosystem.

Science TEKS (2021): K-2(K.12.B, K.13.B, 1.12.C, 1.13.A, 2.12.A, 2.13.B, 2.13.C)

3-5 (3.12.B, 3.12.C, 3.13.A, 4.12.B, 4.13.B, 5.12.A 5.12.B, 5.12.C, 5.13.A)

6-8 (6.12.A, 6.12.B, 6.12.C, 7.12.A, 7.12.B, 8.12.A, 8.12.C)

Neotropical Explorers

Description: Discover the realm of the Jaguar! The tropics contain the most biodiversity of any place on earth! Students will investigate the diversity and distribution of life in the rainforests and other tropical habitats, how species are uniquely adapted to meet their needs, and steps they can take to secure a future for wildlife.

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6-8 (6.12.A, 6.12.B, 6.12.C, 7.12.A, 7.12.B, 8.12.A, 8.12.C)

Kindergarten – 2nd 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 (2021): K-2 (K.12.B, K.13.B, 1.13.A, 2.13.B)



3rd Grade – 5th 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 (2021): 3-5 (3.12.B, 3.12.C, 3.13.A, 4.12.B, 4.13.B, 5.12.A 5.12.B, 5.12.C, 5.13.A)

6th Grade – 12th Grade

Conservation 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 (2021): 6-8 (6.4.C, 7.4.C, 8.4.C)