



# 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 November - 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!



## 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](https://torontozoo.com/tickets/schoolgroups)

Email [groupbooking@torontozoo.ca](mailto:groupbooking@torontozoo.ca)

### EdVentures/ Interactive presentations / Specialist High Skills Major Program

Email [schools@torontozoo.ca](mailto:schools@torontozoo.ca)

Book online [torontozoo.campbrainregistration.com](https://torontozoo.campbrainregistration.com)

### Virtual Workshops

Email [programs@torontozoo.ca](mailto:programs@torontozoo.ca)

[torontozoo.com/schools](https://torontozoo.com/schools)

## 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)

## 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 Orangutan Presentation (Grades K-3)

Climb to new heights as we discover how our orangutan friends' characteristics and adaptations help them survive in a rainforest environment. Students will understand the connection between orangutans and plants by creating an orangutan nest and 'weaving together' information gathered during the session.

##### Junior Orangutan Presentation (Grades 4-7)

Did you know that orangutans are the largest arboreal ape? Get comfy, as we swing into some of the characteristics that we share with this highly intelligent species. Together with Zoo staff, students will discover why they are referred to as "gardeners of the rainforest", learn about adaptations necessary to survive in the rainforest canopy, as well as investigate the causes behind populations declining in the wild. After exploring what items contain palm oil using the PalmOil App, students will leave armed with the knowledge of what personal actions they can take to help protect this amazing species.

##### 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.

#### 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*

#### Custom Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM)

Available November - April. Choose from a variety of sector specific programming to reflect the preferences of your students. Options include the following:

- Special Meet the Keeper and Tour
- Career Panel
- Human Resources Presentation
- Exploring Wildlife Conservation Presentation
- Custom Challenge or Speaker

*SHSM certifications coming soon! Check website for more information!*

#### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:groupevents@torontozoo.ca) for more information.



# EXTEND LEARNING AT THE ZOO

## 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](http://wildlifeconservancy.ca) or phone 416-392-9114



## ADOPT-A-POND WETLAND CONSERVATION

Our mission is to conserve wetlands and wetland wildlife through research, education, and stewardship. Utilizing our resources, your classroom can get involved with creating, restoring, and protecting wetland biodiversity.

*Resources are available online for the following topics:*

- Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes • Turtles • Wetlands

Order posters, species identification guides, and Ontario Turtle Tally, and FrogWatch Ontario by emailing [aap@torontozoo.ca](mailto:aap@torontozoo.ca).

FREE

## CURRICULUM-LINKED RESOURCES

*FREE to download*

Self-guided tours, lesson ideas, activity guides, assignments, and more are available for elementary and secondary students from [torontozoo.com/zootoyou/resources](http://torontozoo.com/zootoyou/resources).

## 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. Twenty successful candidates will have the opportunity to paint a rain barrel, with pieces showcased at the Zoo in April 2025. Prizes will be awarded. Visit [torontozoo.com](http://torontozoo.com) for full details.



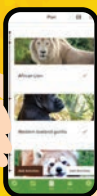
## WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO! EDUCATOR E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to [schools@torontozoo.ca](mailto: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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GET IT ON Google Play

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# AND BEYOND!



## RESOURCES

### 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](https://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
- Adopt-a-Pond Wetland Conservation Resources, Posters, & Species Identification Guides
- Great Lakes - Inquiry-based Resource & Lesson Plans
- Turtle Island Conservation Resource Package (First Nations)
- All about the Toronto Zoo - Species Recovery Programs, 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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Virtual Programs	<a href="mailto:programs@torontozoo.ca">programs@torontozoo.ca</a>
Adopt-an-Animal	<a href="mailto:wildlifeconservancy@torontozoo.ca">wildlifeconservancy@torontozoo.ca</a>
Adopt-A-Pond	<a href="mailto:aap@torontozoo.ca">aap@torontozoo.ca</a>
Serengeti Bush Camp	<a href="mailto:bushcamp@torontozoo.ca">bushcamp@torontozoo.ca</a>
Grade 11 Biology Credit	<a href="mailto:zooschool@torontozoo.ca">zooschool@torontozoo.ca</a>

VISIT [TORONTOZOO.COM](http://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*