

Zoo Challenge Program Information

Dates: Monday-Friday; September-May **Times**:10 a.m. or Noon

Program Offerings

60 minutes	90 minutes
Pre-K: Animal Exploration	3 rd - 4 th Grades: Discover Georgia
Kindergarten – 1 st Grade: Staying Alive	5 th Grade: Creature Classification
2 nd Grade: Bee-cause We Need Pollinators	6 th Grade: Wild Weather
	7 th -8 th Grade: Journey through Georgia
	9th-12th Grade: Project Research – Zoo Atlanta

Teacher and Group Leader Information

- Where to meet: Your group will begin their program at the circle drive by the FRONT GATE located at 800 Cherokee Avenue S.E., Atlanta, GA 30315. Our instructors will be there to meet you and bring you into the Zoo. Buses may drop-off at the gate and park on the street or in the Zoo lot, per the instruction of Security.
- When you arrive: Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your program. A Zoo educator will greet you in the circle drive prior to the start of your program.
- If you are running late, please call the Education Department at 404.624.5822 to notify us of your expected arrival time. We will do our best to accommodate late groups but reserve the right to abbreviate or cancel your program if your group does not arrive on time.
- Keeping the animals safe: If you will be attending a Wild Walk + Animal Nutrition Kitchen program, please note that to protect the animals' health, any program participants who have traveled outside of the country 5 days prior to the tour cannot be allowed in the kitchen portion of the tour. In addition, please do not visit the petting zoo until after your program has concluded.
- **Creating an engaging experience**: Please provide the guidelines to your chaperones and students to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable visit to Zoo Atlanta. Please also notify the chaperones when and where to meet for lunch and departure.

Student Guidelines

- Have fun, ask questions, and take part in all activities.
- Stay with your group and chaperones at all times.
- Follow any directions given by teachers, group leaders, chaperones, and Zoo staff.
- Please do not run, climb on exhibits, fences or rocks, or tap on the exhibits with glass.
- Respect the animals and other Zoo guests.
- Headphones and cell phones must be turned off and put away during the visit. We suggest participants avoid bringing them into to the Zoo, as we are not liable for loss or damage.
- Go to a Zoo staff member if you can't find your chaperone.

Chaperone Guidelines

- Actively take part in the program by assisting the Zoo educator with program activities, enforcing rules, and maintaining correct headcount.
- During your visit, encourage the group to ask questions and then look for their own answers by observing the animals, reading signs and making guesses.
- Discipline is your responsibility; consult your group leader if you need assistance.
- Check with your group leader to make sure you know where and when to meet for lunch and for departures.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit our website at <u>zooatlanta.org</u> or contact our Education Reservations Center at 404.624.5822.