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Oakland Zoo Learning & Engagement

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EducationReservations@oaklandzoo.org

Meet some of our Education Animal Ambassadors up close!

This live, interactive animal presentation takes place in our outdoor Wildlife Theater (weather permitting). After the program, groups are welcome to explore the Zoo on their own until their departure. This program is great for large groups with multiple classes and multiple age ranges.

Grades: 1– 12

Program Start Time: 10:00 am (Please see our **Late Policy**)

Program Length: 30-45 minutes (based on age of group)

Availability: Wednesdays and Fridays only, September-May

Where: The Wildlife Theater in the Children's Zoo or the Zimmer Auditorium (weather dependent). Programs meet at the Lower Entrance.

Pricing (includes Zoo admission)

Adults (Teachers & Chaperones): **\$30** per participant

Students & Seniors (ages 65-75): **\$25** per participant

Parking: **\$12** per car, **\$20** per bus

Note: We cannot accept car groups with more than 75 individuals

Additional Details

- Group size: Minimum of 15 students, maximum of 90
- Chaperones:
 - Grades 1-8: one adult is required for every 8 students
 - Grades 9-12: one adult is required for every 10 students
 - Maximum number of chaperones: 25
- No siblings (including children in strollers) are allowed to attend the program.

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Rainy Days

Our programs take place rain or shine. In the event of rain or cool temperatures, we hold the program in our indoor Auditorium space. If rain is expected, we suggest your students bring the following:

- Waterproof jacket with a hood
- Hat with a firm brim (i.e. baseball hat)
- Rain boots or waterproof shoes
- Layers for warmth

We suggest limiting the number of umbrellas, due to space constraints at certain exhibits. Only in the most severe storms will students not be able to visit the Zoo. ***Please note that programs may be canceled due to Zoo closure as a result of inclement weather.***

Additional Participants

To be able to plan appropriately, we must limit the number of students and adults attending the program to the numbers on your request form.

Participants may be added (but not to exceed the maximum number of students or chaperones) up to three days prior to your program by calling or emailing our Operations Coordinator.

Adults with siblings will not be allowed to join the program. If they would like to visit the Zoo while they wait, they can pay the full standard admission at the Main Entrance cashier booth. We encourage individuals who are not joining in the program to purchase tickets in advance through our website:

www.oaklandzoo.org/tickets. ***Visiting Teachers are responsible for making arrangements for these additional adults and any adults who arrive with siblings.***

Late Policy

We may not be able to accommodate your program if you are **more than 15 minutes late** for your start time. If you think you may be late, ***please call our Operations Coordinator immediately at 510-632-9525 x219 to see what arrangements can be made.*** Although we cannot offer a refund if you do miss your program, we may be able to reschedule it for some other time during the same school year.

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Oakland Zoo Learning & Engagement supports the Next Generation Science (NGSS) & Common Core Standards and Practices in our school programs. Our programs are designed to complement and supplement your class Science curriculum.

Grades 1-8 - “Animal Adaptations & Habitats”

Why are polar bears white? Why does a camel have a hump? What would happen if the bear moved to the desert and the camel transferred to the tundra? Join us as we explore the world of animal adaptations and how each habitat affects the animals that live there – and vice versa!

Grades 6-8 - “Animal Food Webs & Ecosystems”

Herbivores eat plants, the carnivores eat them, and the decomposers always win in the end. All organisms “work” together to provide a healthy ecosystem – that’s interdependence! So what happens when one is taken out of the equation? What happens when one is added to the balance? Students will discover the importance and fragility of ecosystems by thinking critically and reimagining the world with the loss of important keystone species and the addition of invasives.

Grades 9-12 - “Illegal Wildlife Trade”

The illegal wildlife trade is the fourth most lucrative global market, with hundreds of millions of plants and animals captured each year, then traded on the black market. While the problem can seem daunting, there are ways we can help! Using our observation skills, students will learn how to identify items found in the illegal wildlife trade and help develop possible solutions. Rather than feel powerless, students will learn new skills and problem-solving techniques, empowering them to be stewards for wildlife around the globe!

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*Please note that we cannot process your Wildlife Assembly request until the **entire** packet is **completed in full** and **received** by our Operations Coordinator, Eunice Hui.*

*Return **completed** Request packet to Eunice Hui, Operations Coordinator, via **email** to: EducationReservations@oaklandzoo.org or **standard mail** to: PO Box 5238, Oakland, CA 94605*

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School Information

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

District: _____

Contact Information

Making Reservation: _____

Confirmation Phone: _____

Confirmation Email: _____

Day of Visit Contact: _____

Day of Visit Phone: _____

Program Information

Program Date:

Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____ Choice 3: _____

Transportation - We will be arriving by:

Cars Buses Public Transportation

Participants per Grade(s): min 15 students, max 125 students

◆ 1st # Classes: _____

◆ 2nd # Classes: _____

◆ 3rd # Classes: _____

◆ 4th # Classes: _____

◆ 5th # Classes: _____

◆ Other # Classes*: _____ *Specify grade(s): _____

Program Title Request: _____

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Fees & Payment



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Fee Information

		Totals
Total No. of Adults: _____ @	\$30	\$ _____
Total No. of Students: _____ @	\$25	\$ _____
Parking: No. of Cars: _____ @	\$12 per car	\$ _____
Parking: No. of Buses _____ @	\$20 per bus	\$ _____

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Total Due \$ _____

Payment Information

Check# _____ Amount \$ _____ (payable to "Oakland Zoo")

Credit Card: Visa MC AmEx Discover

Number _____

Exp. Date: ____/____ Security Code _____

Name on Card: _____

Amount to charge: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If you will be using a Purchase Order, you must email or mail us a copy of the actual PO to process your registration request.

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Required Signatures



[School Groups Only]

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I have read and agree to abide by the policies and procedures for Education programs at the Oakland Zoo as listed below.

- Payment Due Policy
- Change Policy
- Cancellation Policy

I will distribute the following sheets (which will be provided in your confirmation packet) to each teacher attending.

- ✓ Planning Checklist
- ✓ Tips for your Program
- ✓ FAQs for your Program
- ✓ Behavior Expectations
- ✓ For Chaperones
- ✓ For the Individual Driver/For the Bus Driver (as needed)

Contact Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Lead Teacher Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(if not the above contact)

Signature of Principal: _____ **Date:** _____
(Vice Principal may also sign)

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Participant Information



To better prepare the Zoo staff to provide a great program, please tell us a bit more about the participants in each program. (Please copy this page as needed for additional teachers.)

Teacher: _____

Number of Students: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Grade(s): _____

Email: _____

Using the choices below, please indicate the number of students in your class who have special needs around:

___ Physical/Mobility: _____

___ Cognitive functioning ___ Behavior ___ Hearing

___ Sight/Vision ___ Other: _____

What % of the students are English Language Learners? _____%

What is/are the primary language(s) spoken by these students (other than English)? _____

Is there anything else you'd like your zoo educator to know?

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