



# FEED A GIRAFFE!

Experience a close encounter with one of FWCZ's animals



## GRADES 1-8

### MATERIALS

- Money for giraffe feeding

### STANDARDS

- SCI.1.3.1
- SCI.1.3.3
- SCI.1.3.4
- SCI.2.3.1
- SCI.4.3.3
- SCI.6.3.5

### OBJECTIVES

- Observe behavior of a giraffe as it eats.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Giraffes are herbivores that have developed adaptations for acquiring food.

### PROCEDURE

- Pay for students' giraffe feeding.
- After or during feeding, have students fill out the Feed a Giraffe! worksheet.

### RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Students are graded on completion of worksheet along with discussion of giraffe behavior during feeding.

### EXTENSIONS

- Discuss with students how the feeding behavior of other animals, such as pets, compares to giraffes.
- Before the giraffe feeding, ask students to predict what the giraffe behavior will be.
- The "Be a Giraffe Watcher" activity on the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo website is an excellent companion activity.





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After you have fed the giraffes, answer the following questions.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did you feed the giraffes?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How interested were the giraffes in the food? Were they hungry? Did they come right to you? Did they ignore you? Give many details about your observations.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Describe any part(s) of the giraffe that you felt when you were feeding it. Use as many descriptive words as possible.

4. Record any interesting behaviors you saw as you fed the giraffes.

