

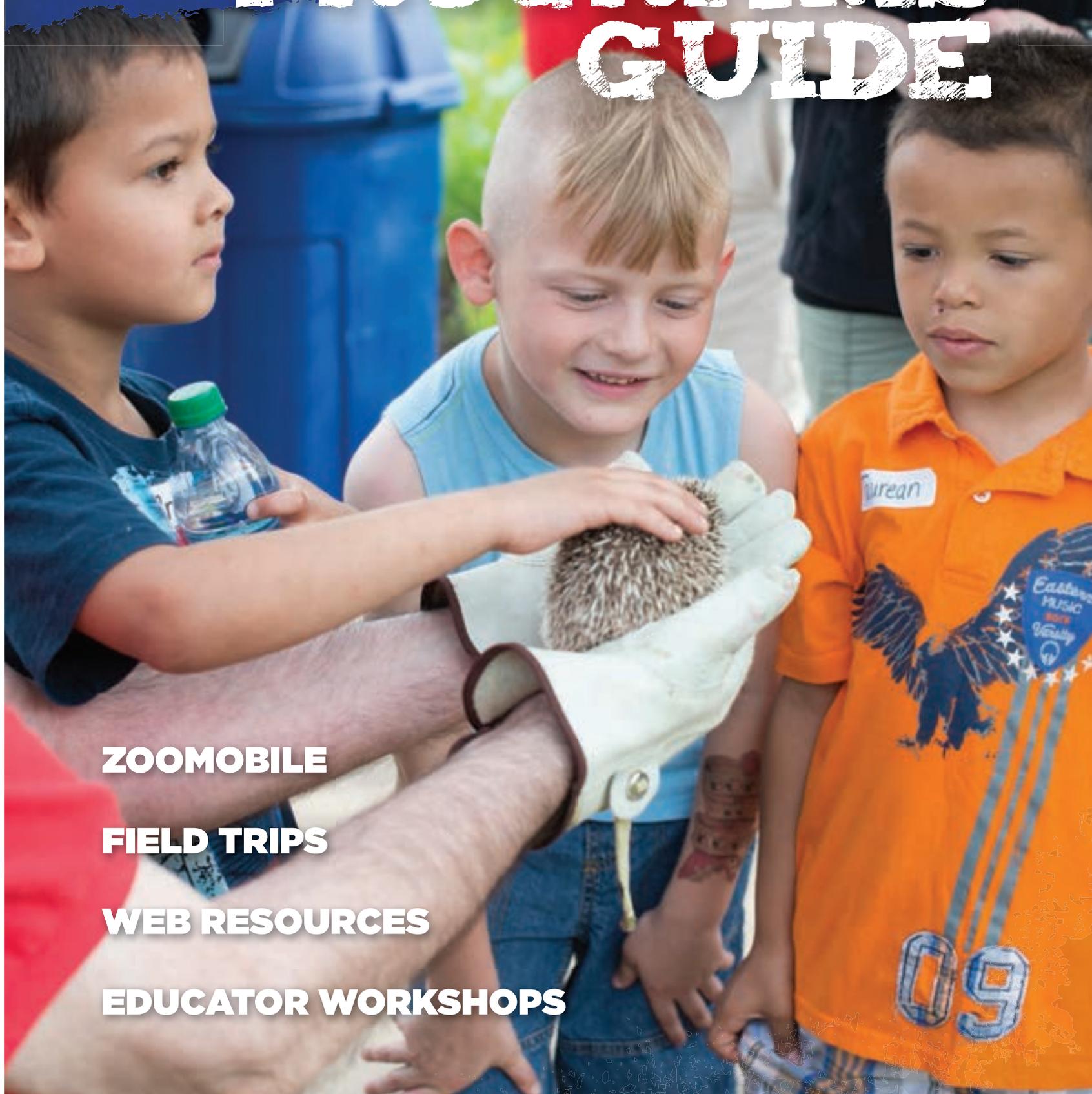
# SCHOOL PROGRAMS GUIDE

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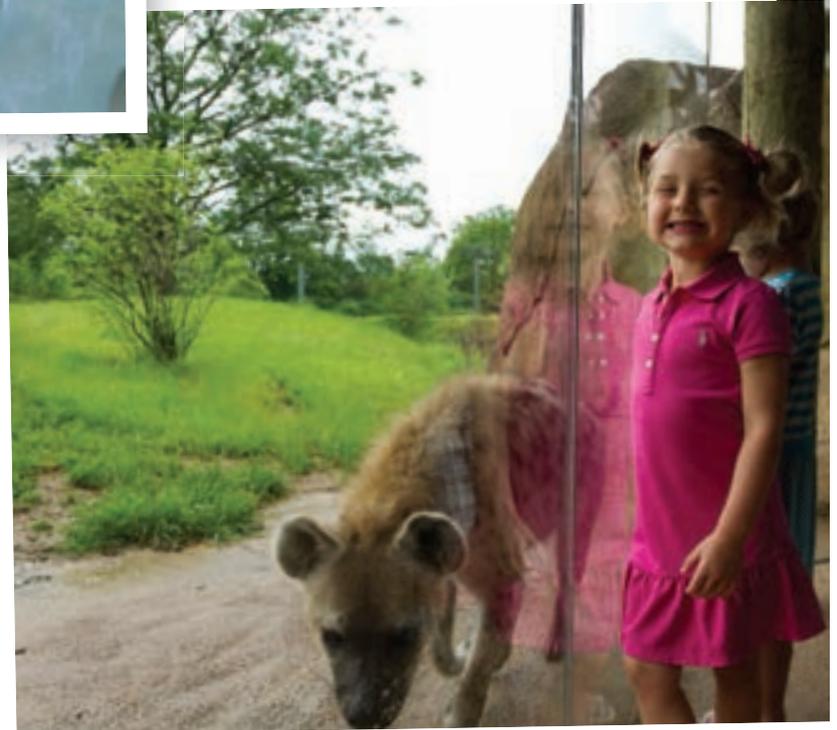




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Connecting kids and animals,  
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Inspiring people to care.



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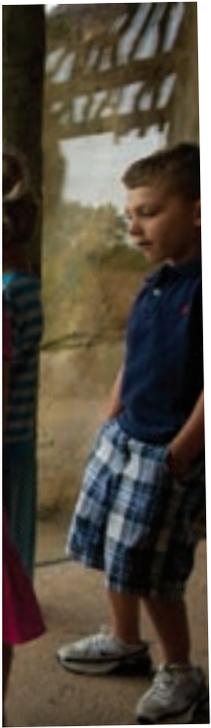
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# INSPIRED LEARNING

Let us provide the spark that ignites wonder and discovery! Offer your students an authentic experience with live animals at a classroom program or zoo field trip. Kids and animals go together naturally!



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## HOURS AND SEASON:

April 26–October 14, 2014  
April 25–October 11, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

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# ZOOMOBILE

Bring your science lessons to life with a visit from the Zoomobile. Interactive, hands-on programs engage students and include friendly zoo animals.



## CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Embark on a learning adventure, right in your classroom! Our dynamic presentations will engage students while supporting your learning objectives.

**Length:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** \$120

**Group size:** Up to 60 students  
Mileage and additional fees may apply.

## Classroom Program Topics

### Animal Tales\* – Ages 4-5

*Our interactive program helps students learn the alphabet and develop pre-reading skills.*

### Winged Wonders – Grades PreK-2

*Students dress up in colorful costumes to explore the body structures of bats, birds, and butterflies.*

### Are You a Fan of the Orangutan – Grades K-2

*Explore how orangutans live in the wild and discover the creatures who share their rain forest home.*

### Classification – Grades 2-4

*Learn how scientists organize animals into "classes" based on their unique characteristics, then meet animals from five classes.*

### Habitats – Grades 3-4

*Find out what animals need to survive in deserts, jungles, forests, and more.*

### Wildlife for Sale – Grades 5-9

*Investigate the ecological and economic effects of illegal wildlife trade around the world.*

### Amazing Animals – All Grades

*Meet friendly zoo animals in this general interest program that can be customized to meet your needs.*

*\*Animal Tales Only: Program length 30 minutes;  
Cost \$30; Group size 15 students.*

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Invite us to your school!



#### ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

##### GLOBE TROTTER

Take a virtual trip to five continents in the interactive, multi-media mystery. Students work together to discover what it takes to save our planet.

**Grade level:** Grades K-5

**Length:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** \$300

**Group size:** Up to 300 students

##### WILD ABOUT ANIMALS

Wild critters and activities combine to create a lively, interactive presentation that can be customized to meet your interests.

**Grade level:** All Grades

**Length:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** \$200

**Group size:** Up to 300 students

##### ANIMAL APPEARANCE

Our friendly zoo animals are always a hit during this casual "meet and greet."

**Grade level:** All grades

**Length:** Up to 60 minutes per animal

**Cost:** \$50 per animal; up to 3 animals

**Group size:** No limit



*You may qualify for a free program! See page 6.*

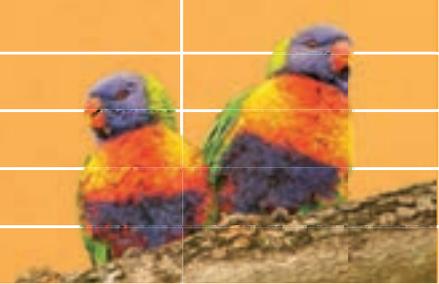
# FREE ZOO PROGRAMS

Thanks to generous sponsors and funders, we are pleased to offer these free programs to schools.

Some programs are free only to schools within designated counties due to grant support. Check the chart to see if your school qualifies.



Program	Any Zoomobile program/any grade level	Animal Tales Zoomobile program/PreK	Classification Zoomobile program/grade 3	Zoo Careers program/grades 6-12	Mini-Class program
County	 See page 4 for program description	 See page 4 for program description	 See page 4 for program description	See page 12 for program description	See page 8 for program description
Adams		*			<b>FREE TO ALL SCHOOLS IN ALL COUNTIES</b>
Allen		*	*	*	
DeKalb	*				
Huntington		*			
Kosciusko	*				
LaGrange	*				
Noble	*				
Steuben	*				
Wabash		*			
Wells		*			
Whitley	*				



All Zoomobile programs are available to any school in any county for a fee. See page 4 for details

## Discovery Boxes

Borrow one of our themed educational kits for use in your classroom. Perfect for teachers, scout leaders, or homeschool families.

Discovery Boxes must be picked up and returned to the zoo office, or at libraries in DeKalb, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley counties.

Discovery Boxes are free and available for two-week loans year round. Contact the Education Department to reserve your Discovery Box in advance.

### WHAT'S IN A DISCOVERY BOX?

Contents vary, but most Discovery Boxes contain curricula, activity ideas, videos, biofacts, animal pictures, classroom materials and more.

### DISCOVERY BOX TOPICS

**What's a Zoo?** – Grades PreK-1

**Animal Body Coverings** – Grades PreK-2

**Wild Animals & Pet Animals** – Grades PreK-3

**Birds** – Grades K-3

**Bugs** – Grades K-3

**Mammals** – Grades K-3

**Penguins** – Grades K-3

**Reptiles** – Grades K-3

**Rain Forests** – Grades K-6

**Amphibians** – Grades K-8

**Indiana Family Farm** – Grades 2-8

**Marine Mammals & Oceans** – Grades 2-8

**Bats** – Grades 3-8

**Aquatic Animals** – Grades 3-8

**Indiana Animals** – Grades 3-8



# TAKE A ZOO FIELD TRIP

Nothing inspires like a zoo field trip! Ignite curiosity as you explore geography, science, language, and culture.

## Field Trip Mini-Classes

**FREE  
PROGRAM!**

Mini-classes are held at the zoo during your field trip. Classes are led by trained volunteers and may include a visit from a friendly zoo animal. Advance registration is required. Available weekdays during the school season every half-hour from 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Up to 30 students per program. No charge beyond zoo admission. Please visit [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for current admission prices or call 260-427-6800.



### TOPICS

**Down on the Farm** – PreK

**Bringing Up Baby** – Grade K

**Fur, Feathers, and Scales** – Grade 1

**Related to Reptiles** – Grade 2

**Going, Going, Gone** – Grade 3

**The Web of Life** – Grade 4

**Zoo Careers** – Grades 5-8



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## Field Trip Planner

### SAFETY

Stay safe by remaining on designated zoo pathways at all times. Nametags or matching t-shirts help us reunite students who become separated from their group.

### ADMISSION

Please have your payment and head count ready when you arrive. Discounted rates are available for school groups with 15 or more children; you must enter as a group and pay in a single transaction by school check, personal check, cash, purchase order, claim form, or credit card. Paid professional school staff are admitted free with school ID when accompanying paying students. See [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for current admission prices. Prices are updated in November, so double check before you collect student payment. Outdated prices will not be honored.

Visit [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for a worksheet to help you calculate zoo admission prices for your group as well as requirements for obtaining the School Group discount.

### CHAPERONES

Plan to bring one chaperone for every five to eight students. Chaperones should know your educational goals, guide behavior, and remain with students at all times.

### PARKING

Please park buses at the Foellinger Theater and follow the paved walkway to the zoo. Allow at least three hours for your zoo visit.



### SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The zoo wishes to meet the needs of all visitors. The entire zoo is accessible. Assisted Listening Devices and large print transcripts are available for education programs with advance notice. Call 260-427-6808 or e-mail [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org).

### FEEDING ANIMALS

Feeding zoo animals is not permitted, except for the giraffes, ducks, and goats, using only food purchased at the zoo.

### RIDES

Plan to ride the Sky Safari, Endangered Species Carousel, River Ride, Train Ride, or Pony Ride. Tickets may be purchased at the zoo entrance on arrival. Height or age restrictions may apply. See [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for prices and details.

### LUNCHES

Bring sack lunches, store them on your bus, and enjoy a picnic in the park. Simply check in with the cashier to reenter the zoo after lunch. Order box lunches at least one week in advance from the zoo's concession stand at 260-427-6810.

### GIFT SHOP

Order Treasure Bags filled with students' favorite souvenirs from the Wild Things Gift Shop and we'll have them waiting for you when you visit. Call 260-427-6810 at least two weeks before your field trip.



## FREE TEACHER PLANNING VISIT

THIS COUPON WILL ADMIT ONE TEACHER FREE OF CHARGE TO PLAN ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO A SCHOOL FIELD TRIP. PRESENT THIS COUPON WITH YOUR SCHOOL ID AT THE ZOO ENTRANCE. NOT VALID ON DAY OF FIELD TRIP.

Expires October 11, 2015

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# ONLINE RESOURCES

## NEW!

### Lesson Plans

Looking for activities to support your field trip learning goals? Visit our **Online Resource Library** at [kidszoo.org/for-educators/lesson-plans/](http://kidszoo.org/for-educators/lesson-plans/) You'll find hundreds of lesson plans organized by

- Grade Level
- State Science Standard
- Topic

Download the lesson that fits your needs. Use before, during, or after your zoo visit!



### Photo Gallery

Professional images of zoo animals are available to download at hi-resolution at [kidszoo.org/our-animals/photo-and-video-gallery/](http://kidszoo.org/our-animals/photo-and-video-gallery/)



### SUMMING UP

Fill in each line.



1. An average ZEBRA may have as many \_\_\_\_\_ zebras were spotted in the African Journey today?

If the average herd of zebras in Africa has \_\_\_\_\_ many stripes would be found in a herd?

2. The drawing of an OSTRICH foot shows \_\_\_\_\_ ostriches were out on the savanna.

3. Marabou, white, and black STORKS, or \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ toes. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_

4. GIRAFFES have long, flexible tongues in Africa. If the average giraffe is able to hour, how many acacia leaves would be eaten today in one hour? (Hint: How many giraffes are there in the African Journey today?)

5. The WILDEBEEST eat grass and hay all day of grass and hay every day, how many pounds of hay would the wildebeest in the African Journey today eat?

6. The CROWNED CRANES sport a beautiful crown of yellow feathers, what is the total number of yellow feathers on the African Journey today?

### FISH TRICKS

See how many fish you can find in the Great Barrier Reef aquarium with these markings. Write their names on the lines.



**EYE BAR**  
The dark stripe helps hide the eye, so a predator may not know which end of the fish contains the head.  
List the fish with eye bars seen in the tank.

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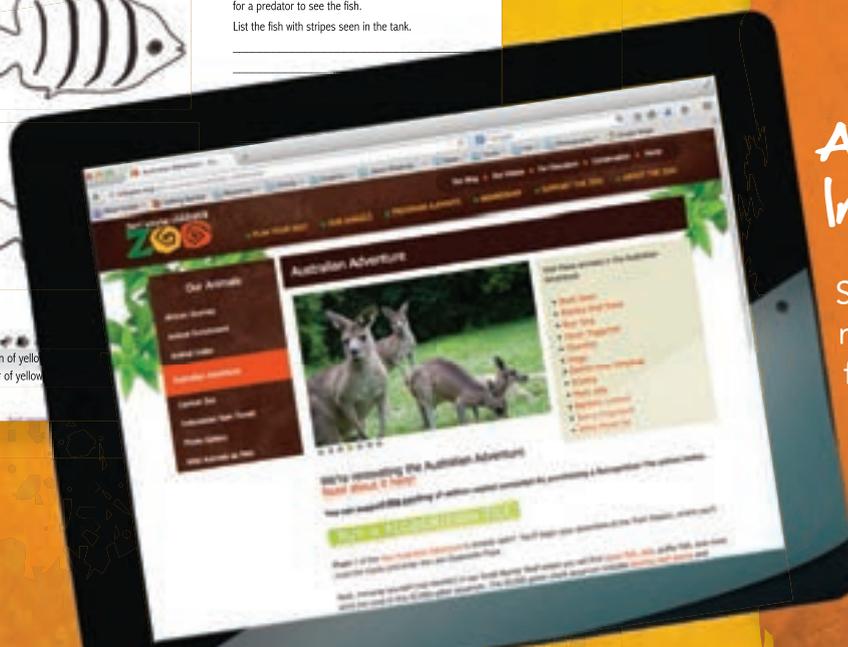
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**STRIPES**  
Stripes break up the outline of the fish's body, making it hard for a predator to see the fish.  
List the fish with stripes seen in the tank.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



### Animal Information Pages

Students can research natural history and animal facts at [kidszoo.org/our-animals/animal-index/](http://kidszoo.org/our-animals/animal-index/)

# WILD NIGHTS

EXPERIENCE THE ZOO AFTER DARK  
AT THIS POPULAR SLEEPOVER PROGRAM.

Take the ultimate safari with your students on a Wild Nights program. Enjoy after-dark nature activities, then bed down next to the shark tank. Wake up to an early morning scavenger hunt, then spend the next day exploring the zoo if you wish.

Zoo admission, pizza dinner, late-night snack, and continental breakfast are included. Perfect for schools, scouts, and other groups serving children ages 7–12.

## CHOOSE YOUR THEME

Creatures of the Night, Under the Sea, or Birthday Party.

**Availability:** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights; April – October

**Length:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$30 per child; \$20 per supervising adult and teacher. \$450 minimum fee. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your reservation.



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## Z-Team Volunteer Program

Students age 13-17 develop lifelong professional skills through our structured summer program. Annual application period is January-February. A fee is charged.\*

## Job Shadows

Spend a day shadowing a zoo keeper to learn more about this rewarding career. Available to students in grades 9-12. A fee is charged.\*

## Internships & Externships

College students and high school seniors can gain meaningful hands-on experience through unpaid experiences at the zoo. Applications are accepted all year for internships in education, zoo keeping, recreation, marketing; and externships in veterinary technology (college students only), and veterinary medicine (veterinary school students only). Learn more at [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org).

## Ackerman Scholarship

The Fort Wayne Zoological Society awards a one-time \$2,000 scholarship to an Indiana high school senior pursuing a career in the stewardship of animals. Students in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties are eligible to apply. Applications available at [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org). The annual application deadline is February 1.

## Citizen Science

Participate in real scientific research by joining the zoo's Citizen Science efforts. Check our website for FrogWatch USA training sessions and other programs that allow youth and adults to contribute to ongoing conservation projects.

## Zoo Careers Program

Zoo keepers and veterinarians aren't the only people who work at zoos. Educators, managers, marketers, accountants, and customer service staff are employed in zoos, too! A trained zoo volunteer will visit your classroom to explore the wide array of zoo careers with your students.

**Grade level:** Grades 6-12

**Length:** Variable to fit your needs

**Cost:** Free to schools in Allen County, Indiana

More information is available at [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org)

\*Assistance is available for students unable to pay program fees.



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# TEACHER RESOURCES

## EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

Join us for hands-on workshops designed to help you integrate science, literacy, and Academic Standards. Call 260-427-6808 or e-mail [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org) for details or to register. Check [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) or follow us on Facebook to learn about additional workshops throughout the school year.

## Teacher Appreciation Night

July 29, 2015

Join us for an evening of education, exploring, and fun at the zoo's annual Educator Appreciation Night. You'll participate in behind-the-scenes tours, mini-workshops, and special activities. Plus you'll enjoy food, giveaways, and 3 PGP points, and it's all FREE with pre-registration!

Educators must register in advance to get free zoo admission for the event. Send an e-mail with your name, grade level, county, and school to [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org) to get on the list!

## EDUCATOR E-MAIL LIST

Get the inside scoop on zoo happenings by subscribing to the zoo's electronic newsletter for teachers. Send your name and e-mail address to [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org) and start receiving updates each spring and fall.



### HOURS & SEASON

Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. during the zoo season.  
Business office open Mon. – Fri. all year long.

**2014** Zoo Season  
April 26–October 12, 2014

**2015** Zoo Season  
April 25–October 11, 2015

### Admission Rates

Please visit [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for current admission prices or call 260-427-6800.



## Contact Us

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