

EdZoocation Programs Fall and Winter 2019-2020

Please check the Erie Zoo website (www.eriezoo.org) for new program information. Pre-registration is required. To register, you can stop by the zoo office weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., call the zoo office at 864-4091, or visit the website.

Zoo Tots – Programs for children ages 6 – 24 months with an adult. **ZooTots classes include live animal visitors, a craft, story and songs or poems and free play.** Pre-registration is required. Students with special needs are welcome to attend all programming. Enter through the Education Entrance (tiger-striped) door at the foot of the office stairs. Fee is for each child.

Zoo Tots: Cost per child: \$8 members/\$12 non-members (unless noted)

Creatures around the Pond

Let's investigate what animals live around the pond and see if you can move the way they do!

Session 1: Tues., Sept. 10, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Sept. 11, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Sept. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Up all Night

Help us count all the animals that are awake at night in this cute pop-up story.

Session 1: Tues., Oct. 8, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Oct. 9, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Oct. 12, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Totally Textures!

The world is full of textures. Come to the zoo and touch animals that feel soft, hard and bumpy!

Session 1: Tues., Nov. 5, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Nov. 6, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Nov. 9, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Countdown to Christmas!

Sing Christmas songs and do a Christmas craft in this fun class for tots!

Session 1: Tues., Dec. 10, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Dec. 11, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Dec. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Leapin' Lizards and Jumping Giraffes?

Do cows hop? Do giraffes jump? No! Learn and practice animal moves in this class

Session 1: Tues., Jan. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Jan. 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Jan. 18, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Who Am I?

Who has scales and a long strong tail? Who is small, has 4 legs and fur? Come to this class and find out!

Session 1: Tues., Feb. 11, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Feb. 12, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Feb. 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

The Ants Go Marching

Hungry little ants are looking for food of all shapes and sizes in this story. Let's practice shapes in this class.

Session 1: Tues., Mar. 10, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Wed., Mar. 11, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Mar. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

In the Beginning

See what eggs-traordinary animals come from eggs!

Session 1: Sat., Apr. 4, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 2: Tues., Apr. 7, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Wed., Apr. 8, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Pre-Zoo School Classes – Pre-Zoo School classes include live animal visitors, crafts, stories, songs or poems, games and free play! Pre-registration is required. Students with special needs are welcome to attend all programs. Enter through the Education Entrance (tiger-striped) door at the foot of the office stairs. **2-5 year old** sessions are designed for an adult to **attend with** the child. Fee is for each child.

PreZooSchool: Cost per child: \$9 members / \$13 non-members (unless noted)

To Squish or Not to Squish?

All animals have an important job no matter how big or small. Come hear the story of a very small ant!

Session 1: Thurs., Sept. 19, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Sept. 21, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Messy Monster

Do you make a mess or break the rules sometimes? So does the monster in our story. Let's see what trouble he gets into.

Session 1: Tues., Oct. 1, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Oct. 2, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Oct. 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Batty Business

When bats sneak into the library overnight, they make shadows on the wall, frolic in the fountain and roam around until story time.

Session 1: Thurs., Oct. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Oct. 18, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Who's Been There?

Walking through the woods, the kids in this story discover many animals that live there. Come and meet some.

Session 1: Tues., Oct. 29, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Nov. 1, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Nov. 2, 10-11 a.m.

Bayou Bonanza! Read about three little gators and their adventure in the bayou.

Session 1: Sat, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Session 2: Tues., Nov. 12, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Wed., Nov. 13, 10-11 a.m.

Up on the Rooftop! Come sing a beloved song and do a Christmas craft!

Session 1: Thurs., Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Dec. 6, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Dec. 7, 10-11 p.m.

Who Will Pull Santa's Sleigh? Alligators, elephants, kangaroos and more want to pull Santa's sleigh. Who will get the job?

Session 1: Sat., Dec. 14, 11 am- 12 p.m.

Session 2: Tues., Dec. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Wed., Dec. 18, 10-11 a.m.

Jungle Jive! Come boogie down with these cool animals and practice some moves of your own!

Session 1: Sat., Jan. 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Session 2: Tues., Jan. 7, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Wed., Jan. 8, 10-11 a.m.

Smitten for Mittens! Just how many animals can fit inside our mitten? Read the popular tale by Jan Brett and see how many of our animals fit in our extra-large mitten.

Session 1: Thurs., Jan. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Jan. 24, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Jan.25, 11 a.m-12 p.m.

It's Tea Time! Come to the zoo for "tea", cookies and a delightful story about a boy who is late for tea because of his adventures. Come dressed in your best!

Session 1: Wed., Feb. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Thurs., Feb. 6, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Feb. 8, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ahoy, Mateys! Arrrrreeeee you ready for a pirate themed class? Let's find some buried treasure, sail your own ship and meet some awesome animals. Dress as a pirate if you wish! ARRRRGHH!

Session 1: Tues., Feb. 18, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Feb. 22, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

What Came First? The dragon or the egg? What would you do if a dragon hatched out of your egg?

Session 1: Wed., Mar. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Thurs., Mar. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Mar. 7, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

My School is a Zoo! What would you do if your principal was a tiger and your teacher was bear? What if your school was truly a zoo?

Session 1: Tues., Mar. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Mar. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Mar. 21, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

April Fools! Sheep's shenanigans get him in trouble on April fool's Day.

Session 1: Wed., Apr. 1, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Thurs., Apr. 2, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Apr. 4, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Bunny Fun! Hip Hop Hurray! Meet the zoo's bunnies in this Easter themed class.

Session 1: Thurs., Apr. 16, 10-11 a.m.

Session 2: Fri., Apr. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: Sat., Apr. 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Programs for School Age Children Ages 5-12 years

All ZooSchool classes include live animal visitors, crafts, games and more. Activities will be provided to suit the needs of the varied ages of the students. These classes are great for Home school students and scouts also! Pre-registration is required. Please register early. If we don't have enough participants 2 weeks prior to the class, it may be cancelled. All Full-day sessions include a pizza lunch, drink and snack. Please dress for the weather. Students with special needs are welcome to attend all programs. Enter through the Education "tiger-striped" Entrance door at the foot of the office stairs. You must pre-register for these programs.

Home Schooler ZooSchool Club – Get ready for another year of zoorific learning adventures. The group meets monthly and this year we will explore "Careers". Students will be introduced to current conservation issues as well. The group activities and extension ideas are tied to the state standards for science, environment and ecology. We meet once a month on the second Thursday from October through April from 1–3 p.m. Dates are: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 2019; Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, and April 9, 2020. **Pre-registration is required.**

Cost per child: \$90 members/\$115 non-members

Each additional child from the same family: \$80 members/ \$100 non-members

Purchase each day separately: Cost per child: \$ 15 members/\$ 18 non-members

For Grades 1 – 8

Zoo Detectives

Moms and Dads, Drop your children off at the zoo while you enjoy a night out on the town. Cats see at night, bats use their flight. Become super sleuths, as we put your detective skills to work in discovering what animals you are going to meet. Learn to identify scat and tracks of native animals. We also will provide a pizza dinner, drink, games, carousel rides and of course a walk out on zoo grounds! For children ages 4-12. Children must be completely potty trained.

Cost: \$15 per member child/ \$20 per non-member child

Each additional child from the same family: \$11 members/ \$16 non-members

Session 1: Fri., Nov. 8, 6-9 p.m.

Santa's Workshop

Celebrate the holiday season with us at the Erie Zoo. Come to this special workshop style class where you'll be busy as elves making gifts to take home for all the good girls and boys in your family! Crafts are different from last year! **There will be no animal ambassadors at this class.**

Cost per child: \$15 members/\$20 non-members

Session 1: Sat., Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m.

Totally Tropical Beach Party

Moms and Dads, Drop your children off at the zoo while you enjoy a night out on the town. You will meet tropical animals and make sand art! We also will provide a pizza dinner, drink, games, carousel rides and of course a walk out on zoo grounds! For children ages 4-12. Children must be completely potty trained.

Cost: \$15 per member child/ \$20 per non-member child

Each additional child from the same family: \$11 members/ \$16 non-members

Session 1: Fri., Feb. 14, 6-9 p.m.

Around the World: Travel around the world through different stories, activities and art projects while meeting animals that reside there. A pizza lunch and snack are included. A fun time on a no-school day!

Cost per child: \$30 members/ \$40 non-members

Each additional child from the same family: \$25 members/ \$30 non-members

Session 1: Mon., Apr. 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fun for Everyone:

Families, Singles or Small groups - These programs are designed for an adult to attend alone or with a child(ren) age 3 and up. Please register early. If we don't have enough participants 2 weeks prior to the class, it may be cancelled. These programs have a **specific beginning and end time**. They are not "open house" style events. Doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start time of the program. Students with special needs are welcome to attend all programs. Enter through the Education "tiger-striped" Entrance door at the foot of the office stairs.

Rhino Adventure- This program will include a behind the scene rhino tour, keeper talk and all participants will be entered in a raffle for one of our "Rhino Rembrandt" art pieces. Anyone ages 3 and older must pay to participate.

Cost: \$15 members / \$20 non-members

Session 1: Sat., Nov. 16, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Sat., Nov. 16, 2-2:30 p.m.

Session 3: Sat., Nov. 23, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session 4: Sat., Nov. 23, 2-2:30 p.m.

Winter Wonderland: The weather outside is frightful, but the zoo is so delightful. Help us to make winter a little more wonderful for some of our zoo animals by making and watching some of our larger animals receive snow-themed enrichments.

Cost per person: \$8 members/ \$11 non-members.

Session 1: Sat., Jan. 18, 1-2:30 p.m.

Sensational Sloth:

Sloths are slow and seats go fast when we have a sloth meet and greet. Come to the zoo to meet our resident sloth! Anyone ages 3 and older must pay to participate.

Cost: \$15 members / \$20 non-members

Session 1: Sat., Mar. 28, 10-10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Sat., Mar. 28, 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Adult Programs: For ages 18 and older only!

Enter through the Education "tiger-striped" Entrance at the foot of the office stairs. Please register early. If we don't have enough participants 2 weeks prior to the class, it may be cancelled.

Amazing Animals

Adults with special needs: This class is for you! We will gather twice a month for 45 minutes and you will meet 4 animals up close and personal during each class session. An aide is included in the cost as well.

Adults: Cost per pair: \$8

Tues., Sept. 24, 10-10:45 a.m.

Fri., Oct. 25, 10-10:45 a.m.

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Fri., Oct. 25, 10-10:45 a.m.

Wed., Nov. 20, 10-10:45 a.m.

Fri., Dec.13, 10-10:45 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 28, 10-10:45 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 26, 10-10:45 a.m.

Fri., Mar. 27, 10-10:45 a.m.

Tues., Apr. 14, 10-10:45 a.m.