

Educational Opportunities for Schools and Groups

The Erie Zoo offers programming for all ages. Your students can participate in person on zoo grounds or remotely .



Please contact the Education Department with questions and to register your program.

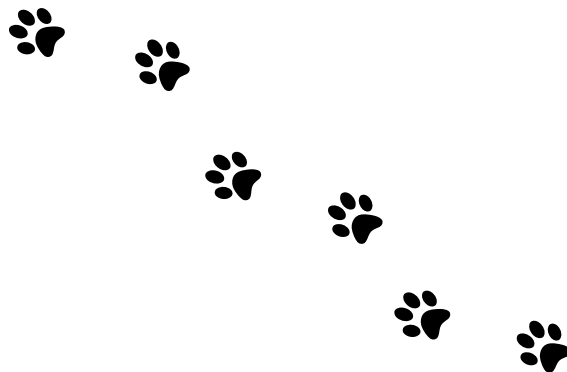
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At the Erie Zoo

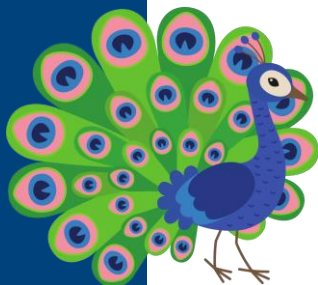
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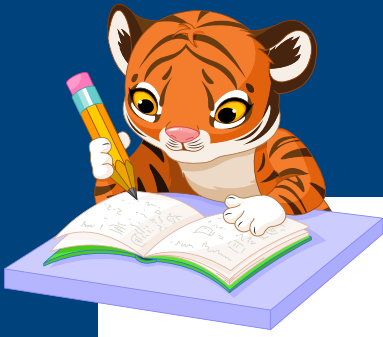
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Pen Pals

- 5 consecutive months of letters from Pen Pal
- Classes can write return letters to their animals.
- Learn about habitat, adaptations, enrichments, animal behaviors and conservation concerns and solutions for your pen pal
- Letters are written from the animal's point of view by a staff member

Pricing:

\$30 for email package

\$40 for mailed package

Animals you can choose from:

- Rhino
- Alligator
- Orangutan
- Penguin
- Red Panda
- Siamang Gibbon
- Canadian Lynx
- Lion
- Otter
- Kangaroo & Wallaby
- Llama & Alpaca
- African Painted Dog
- Monkey Troop (Colobus, Spot-nosed, Allen's swamp)



Programs at your Facility

Traveling Zoo

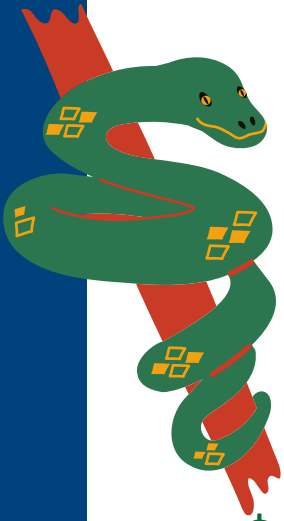
Let the Erie Zoo come to you.

- The Traveling Zoo allows students to get up close to some incredible animals and provides hands-on learning that brings lessons to life.
- We have multiple programs to choose from for students of all ages. Each of our programs aligns with state standards and engages children with the world around them.
- We believe that reconnecting with nature and wildlife is more important than ever before.
- We invite you to schedule a visit from the Traveling Zoo and give your students a memorable, interactive experience that will enhance their learning in a unique and fun way. The traveling zoo is in operation year-round.

Please email kbowes@eriezoo.org for details on pricing and program topics or call (814) 864-4091 x 1127

We will email the program request form to you.





Classroom Programs

- 30 minutes in length
- We have some selected topics; but we can cater the theme to almost anything.

Pricing:

30 people or less

\$50 for a 30-minute program

\$40 per additional group on the same day

30-50 people

\$70 for a 30-minute program

\$50 per additional group on the same day

Recommended topics include:

- Animal Adaptations
- Animal Coverings
- Endangered Species
- Zoo Careers





Educational Tours

Walking tours are **not available** during Spring Program time in late April through mid June.

- 30- 60 minutes in length
- Walking tour of zoo grounds with a guide
- Best suited for school-aged children and older

Pricing:

30 people or less

\$50 for a 30-minute tour

\$70 for a 60-minute tour

\$45/\$65 per additional group on the same day

Recommended topics include:

- Animal Adaptations
- Animal Coverings
- Endangered Species
- Zoo Careers



Animal Connections: Behind the Scenes Tours

- **Rhino**
 - Available times
 - 11:30am or 1pm
- **Penguin**
 - Available times
 - 10:30am or 2pm
- **Otter**
 - Available times 11:30-1:30
- **Warthog**
 - Available times: any
- **Colobus, Allen's Swamp and Spot-Nose monkeys**
 - Available times: 10 am or 3:30 pm



Tours last up to 30 minutes.
Photography is restricted in certain areas.
Please follow the direction of your tour guide.

Availability is Limited

Tours can be adjusted for a larger group; but the experience and fees will change. if possible, we can request a different time frame.

Prices

\$200 for 1 tour with 10 people or less

\$100 for each

Additional 10 people

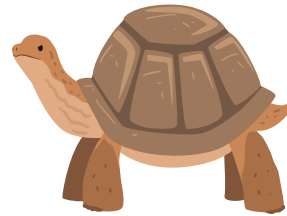


Animal Connections Encounters:

- **Animal Training Session at the exhibit: Limited in bad weather**
 - **Otter**
 - **Leopard**
 - **Lion**
 - **Painted Dog**
 - **Red Panda**

- **Animal Feeding Experience:**

- **Tortoise**
- **Porcupine**



- **Ambassador Animal Meet and Greet**
 - **Small animals not on Exhibit**

Prices:

- **\$100 for each Training or Feeding Demo**
- **\$30 for each Ambassador Animal Meet and Greet (15 minutes) or meet two animals for \$50 for 30 minutes**

Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt Kit includes:

- Folder
- Pencil
- Hunt
- Answer Key
- Erie Zoo Fun Patch



Topics Include

- Endangered Species (6th-adults)
- Animal Adaptations (all ages)
- Animal Coverings (pre-k-2)

This is a self guided option that you can do at your own leisure while at the zoo.

Prices:

\$6 per Scavenger Hunt Kit
Extra patches \$3

***Must be pre-ordered; not available at the door.**



Educational Opportunities- Scheduling Information

- **Educational opportunities have some limitations**
 - Animal Connections: Behind the Scenes Tours and Animal Encounters have a limited amount available both daily and weekly. If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please register well in advance.
 - The Erie Zoo has 3 classrooms and a few outdoor education areas that we use and concurrent classes can be scheduled based on staffing availability.
- **The program request form is not your official approval.**
 - Once received, the Education Department will review the request, reach out with any questions and then send an official confirmation.
- **Educational programs change every year even though the topics remain the same.**
 - Programs are adapted for each individual group's knowledge, skills and abilities.
 - Please let us know if your group would like us to cover something more in-depth during your program
 - Programs can be made to fit your groups requests.

Please return the completed Educational Programming Request form to the Education Department contact information below:

Kim Bowes
Education Program Coordinator
PO Box 3268, Erie PA 16508
kbowes@eriezoo.org
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Educational Programming Request Form

Date of Visit: _____ Rain Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Grade Level: _____

Organization Name: _____ Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Time Requested: _____ Number of Students: _____ Number of Teachers: _____

Please note that programs are not guaranteed until a confirmation has been sent to you with details.

Classroom Program

- ☐ \$50 (less than 30 people) 30-minute program
- ☐ \$40 additional groups
- ☐ \$70 (30-50 people) 30-minute program
- ☐ \$50 additional groups
- ☐ Topic Chosen: _____

Pen Pals (5 months of letters)

- ☐ \$30-email package
- ☐ \$40-mailed package

Animal Chosen: _____

Educational Tours ([not available during April through mid-June](#))

- ☐ \$50- 30-minute tour (30 people or less)
- ☐ \$70- 60-minute tour (30 people or less)
- ☐ \$45/\$65 additional tours (30 people or less)
- ☐ Topic Chosen: _____

Animal Connections: Behind The Scenes

- ☐ \$200- Tour with 10 people or less
- ☐ \$100- each additional 10 people
- ☐ Animal Requested: _____

Animal Connections: Encounters

- ☐ \$100- Training or Feeding Demo
 - ☐ Animal Requested: _____
- ☐ \$30- Ambassador Animal Meet and Greet
- ☐ \$50- Ambassador Animals Meet and Greet

Scavenger Hunt

- ☐ \$6- Individual Hunt- Number Requested _____
- ☐ \$3- Extra Patches-Number Requested _____
- ☐ Topic Requested: _____

Traveling Zoo

Email kbowes@eriezoo.org for details

Souvenir Request Form

Date of Visit: _____ Rain Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Grade: _____

Organization Name: _____ Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Time Requested: _____ Number of Students: _____ Number of Teachers: _____

2025/2026 Souvenir Magnet

\$2.00 each

Total Needed _____ x \$2.00

