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School/Group Advanced Tickets

The Erie Zoo offers School and Group rates. Reservations should be made at least 2 weeks in advance to receive the Advanced Ticket rates.

Payment ahead of time is preferred; but not required.

Please contact the Erie Zoo with questions.

More Information:

Kim Bowes PO Box 3268 Erie, PA 16508 814-864-4091 x1127 kbowes@eriezoo.org



School and Group Advanced Tickets Information



- School Field Trip Form
 - Groups of 15 paying people or more
 - · Special needs classrooms: See Zoo Inclusion form
 - Licensed Pre-K-12 schools and colleges
 - During the months of September-June
- Group Trip/Advanced Ticket Form
 - Great for church groups, scouts, businesses, daycares, summer camps, etc.
 - Groups of 15 paying people or more
 - Visiting during March-November
 - Can visit on a specific date or can receive tickets for anytime during the current zoo season
- Zoo Inclusion Ticket Form Requirements
 - Great for organizations for clients with special needs, therapeutic organizations or group homes and special needs classrooms
 - Must purchase a minimum of 10 tickets
 - Visiting during March-November
 - Can visit on a specific date or can receive tickets good for anytime during the current zoo season

Reservations should be made at least 2 weeks in advance to receive the Advanced Ticket rates. Payment ahead of time is preferred: but not required.

Groups will have a quick and smooth entrance at the gate (Education Entrance- tiger striped door) on the day of your arrival.

Groups visiting on specific dates will receive wristbands for entry on the day of your visit.

Train is not guaranteed to run before May or after Labor Day

Please be specific with arrival time: We stand and wait to check you in.

Please call if you need to cancel or reschedule.

Please return the completed form to the contact information below:

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School Field Trip Form-2025/2026

Please email to kbowes@eriezoo.org to register

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:		
Admission Tickets		Rides (Ma	y through August or Weather Permitting)		
Adults (ages 13 and up)	\$7 x=_				
Children (ages 2-12)	\$7 x=				
Free Adult (1 per 10 childr	so x=	Total Ride	Total Ride Fees:		
School Nurse /Medically n Bus Drivers Total Admis	\$3x = \$0 x = ssion Fees	• Special Needs Classroom: Se			
Ride fees:	_ +	Licensed	d Pre-K-12 schools and colleges		
Education fees:	+	During t	the months of September-June		
Add-ons/Souvenirs: =					
GRAND TOTAL FEES:					
Payment Check # Credit Card		te:			
☐ Discover	3-digit code: _	3-digit code:			
☐ Visa	☐ Chip Card (☐ Chip Card (check if yes)			
☐ Master Card	Name of pers	Name of person approving charge:			
American Expr	ess				

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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.

More

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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)





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 <u>kbowes@eriezoo.org</u> 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
- EndangeredSpecies
- 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

<u>Pricing:</u>

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



- Tortoise
- Porcupine



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)



Prices:

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

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



Programs at the Erie Zoo

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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
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Educational Programming Request Form

Date of Visit:	Rain Date:	Arrival Time:	Departure Time:				
Contact Person's Na	me:	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	<u>n</u>	Animal C	Connections: Behind The Scenes				
☐ \$50 (less than 30 people) 30-minute program		gram 🔲 \$200-	☐ \$200- Tour with 10 people or less				
☐ \$40 additional a	groups	☐ \$100- each additional 10 people					
☐ \$70 (30-50 peo	ple) 30-minute program	☐ Anima	☐ Animal Requested:				
☐ \$50 additional a	groups						
☐ Topic Chosen:			Animal Connections: Encounters				
Pan Pals (5 month	s of letters)		Training or Feeding Demo				
Pen Pals (5 months of letters)			☐ Animal Requested: ☐ \$30- Ambassador Animal Meet and Greet				
-	□ \$30-email package						
□ \$40-mailed pac	каде	\$50- 1	Ambassador Animals Meet and Greet				
Animal Chosen:							
Educational Tours (not available during April through mid-June) \$\text{\$\subseteq\$ \$\\$50- 30-minute tour (30 people or less)}\$ \$\text{\$\subseteq\$ \$\\$70- 60-minute tour (30 people or less)}\$ \$\text{\$\subseteq\$ \$\\$45/\\$65 additional tours (30 people or less)}\$		through Scaveng	er Hunt				
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		ess)					
☐ Topic Chosen: _		Travelir	ng Zoo				
		Email <u>k</u>	bowes@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 Addre	Organization Address:		
City: 5	State: Zip	code:			
Time Requested:	ne Requested: Number o		Number of Teachers:		

2025/2026 Souvenir Magnet

\$2.00 each

Total Needed _____x \$2.00



