Choose an EdZoocational Program at your Erie Zoo

Spring is a great time for a visit to your Erie Zoo. Your students’ understanding of the natural world will grow even more when you couple a visit to your Erie Zoo with an EdZoocation program or tour.

- Choose a program from this packet – please note that some programs have limited availability dates.

- **To reserve your program and schedule group admission** - Contact the Education Department 814-864-4091 x 247 or email at kbowes@eriezoo.org. Completion of a group admission registration form will ensure that you receive the best discount for admission.

- Plan ahead as we book quickly for May and June.
Animal Meet and Greet

Only Available April 22 through June 4, 2020
at your Erie Zoo
(Pre-k through 12th grade)

You must **pre-register** by calling the Education Department to reserve a presentation for your group. The program fee for a 30 minute meet and greet is $40 per session. Your students will get to learn about and pet three different Animal Ambassadors during that time. There are no learning centers included with this class. It is a new format. The program fee is *in addition to* your admission cost and covers instructor’s costs. Programs are limited to 30 students per session with up to two sessions scheduled in the same one-hour time slot.

Please call (814) 864-4091 Ext. 247 to schedule. The Proposed PA Academic Standards addressed by each presentation are listed with the topic description.

**For Pre-K through 1st Grade: Animal Coverings:** Meet and pet three different animals with different coverings on their skin and learn about the animals’ adaptations.


**2nd Grade through 4th Grade: Amazing Adaptations**
Students will learn about and get to pet three amazing animals and discover how these adaptations help the animal to survive.

PA Standards for Environment and Ecology: 4.5.3.D., 4.5.4.D

**5th Grade through 8th Grade: Survival Adaptation Secrets**
Students will be able to explain the relationship between adaptation and ability for survival for the three animals that they will meet in the classroom. Students will compare and contrast physical and behavior adaptations including camouflage, warning coloration, and mimicry.

PA Standards for Environment and Ecology: 4.1.5.A., 4.4.5.C., 4.1.7.A
Endangered Species!

Only Available April 22 through June 4, 2020 at your Erie Zoo

Program specifically designed for 9th-12th grade

You must pre-register by calling the Education Department to reserve a presentation for your group. The program fee for an hour-long Endangered Species Program with zoo tour of our endangered animal exhibits is $50 per session and $40 for each additional class from the same school on the same day. Short on time? You can schedule just the half-hour Endangered Species Classroom Session for $40 per program. In this class, we will discuss why animals become endangered and meet two-three live animal visitors. The program fee is in addition to your admission cost and covers materials and instructor’s costs. Programs are limited to 30 students per session. Please call (814) 864-4091 Ext. 247 or email kbowes@eriezoo.org to schedule. The Proposed PA Academic Standards addressed by each presentation are listed with the topic description.

PA Standards for Environment and Ecology: 4.1.10.B; 4.1.10.D; 4.1.10E

Other Offerings

Customized programs can be created to meet specific needs for our older or special needs students. Just ask.

Tips for Planning Programs for Special Needs Populations:

- Tell us in advance, the general functioning level of your group as well as your goals for the program.
- Inform us of any special adaptations your group may require or may be bringing (i.e. voice amplification, tactile needs or tactile defensiveness, special seating requirements, assistive devices.)
- Limit your group size to allow for the additional space that wheelchairs may require and also to suit the attention spans and patience level of your group members. Feel free to give us guidance in the instructional methods that are best suited for your group.

New PECS Books for Autistic or Non-Verbal Students

Help your students play a role in the decision making, allow them to share their needs and communicate more effectively during your zoo visit by borrowing one or more of the PECS books from your Erie Zoo Gift Shop. All that is required is a valid ID for the responsible adult, and your promise to return it before you leave the zoo for the day. Fifteen books are available so that a class can be accommodated. Please help us spread the word about this wonderful resource to your families for their personal visits to their Erie Zoo.