



2021 Spring Homeschool Academy Information Packet

We are closely watching the COVID -19 case numbers and have decided that, in the best interest of your child's health and our staff's health, we will hold the program **virtually** for the months of **January and February** with the plan to return to in-person programming for March-May sessions.

We will stagger the virtual sessions based on grade level and will hold 45-minute sessions to cover the monthly themes. Each month, your students will receive a pre-lesson to prepare them for the program, as well as a take-home activity to extend their learning.

Online Lesson Times with Zoo Educator hosted via ZOOM.

Spring Semester

Prepare for a semester of hands-on activities, animal observations, and exploration as students are immersed in a world of biology and conservation. Each month students will build upon concepts to create a strong understanding of the topic being studied. The semester will culminate with a final project or presentation that ties all the concepts together.

Spring 2021 Dates and Time:

January 13 & February 10- Virtual Sessions

K-2nd: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

3rd-5th: 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

6th-8th: 12:30 p.m. -1:15 p.m.

9th-12th: 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

March 10, April 14, May 12- In-Person

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Participant Safety Policies

- We ask all participants to **stay home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms** or if they have been **in contact with a COVID-positive individual** in the past 2 weeks.
- Participants will be required to sign a **digital [waiver](#)** prior to the program.
- Programs will take place exclusively in **outdoor** or **semi-outdoor locations**, weather dependent.
- Participants will be strongly encouraged to maintain a **six-foot distance between one another and Zoo team members**.
- All participants are **required to wear a face mask** while participating in the program.
- The Zoo will provide **sanitation materials for participant use**, including hand sanitizer, sanitation wipes, and disinfectant spray.
- All **Zoo team members will wear a face mask** for the duration of the program.
- All **Zoo team members will maintain a six-foot distance** between themselves, other team members, and participants

What you need to know:

- Space is limited in the programs, so **only registered students can participate in the class.**
- **One parent per registered student** and siblings 2 years old and under will be admitted into the Zoo for free while students are in class. ALL additional parents and siblings will be admitted for an additional **\$10 fee** which **MUST** be purchased at the time of registration. If not purchased at registration, a full-price ticket must be purchased at the main gate.
- Programs are designed to meet the needs of the specified age group. To make your child's program a positive experience, we must adhere strictly to these groupings. Requests to put students into older or younger age groups cannot be accommodated.
- Classes vary somewhat in structure, but all include animal encounters, hands-on activities and time in the Zoo. These programs are specifically designed to meet the needs of the homeschool community. Besides learning important life science concepts, participants can interact with other homeschool students.
- Programs will take place rain or shine. Please dress accordingly.
- This program is not licensed by the State of Georgia.

Directions to Homeschool Academy

- Please plan to check-in your child between 9:45 a.m. and 9:55 a.m. and pick up your child at 11:30 a.m.
- Check-in and pick-up will occur via the Education Conservation Gate of the Zoo. The Education Conservation Gate is located in the south (right-hand) corner of the Cherokee Avenue parking lot.
- For your child's safety, an adult 18 years old or older must check-in your child(ren) with Zoo Atlanta team members inside the Conservation Action Resource Center (ARC) located inside the Education Conservation Gate. Please note that you must park your vehicle and bring the child(ren) to the check-in desk – the Zoo can be very busy on warm, sunny days and the parking lot fills quickly – please plan accordingly.

