

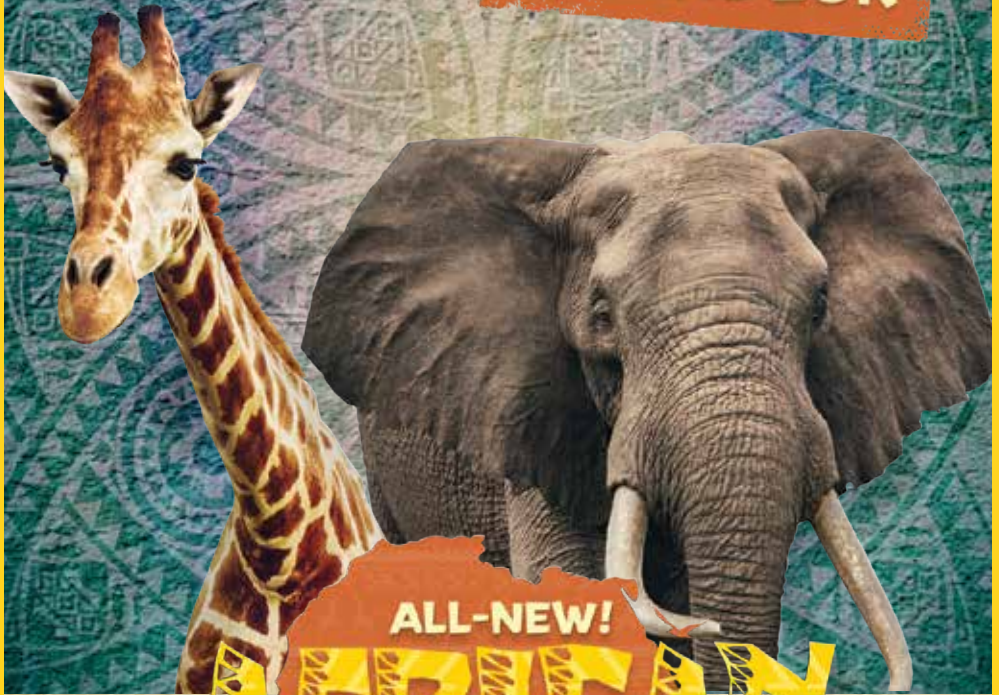
ZOO ATLANTA

**2019-2020
SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDE**



Summer 2019

FROM **GRACE**
TO **GRANDEUR**



ALL-NEW!

AFRICAN
SAVANNA

This summer, all life is connected on the African Savanna at Zoo Atlanta!

Come explore this legendary landscape while learning how the species that roam the Savanna are connected to our everyday lives through our choices, actions, and so much more. Join the journey!

OPENING
SUMMER
2019!

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GREETINGS FROM ZOO ATLANTA!

As you gear up for another successful school year, we wanted to provide you with a look at the NEW educational offerings from Zoo Atlanta. Zoo Atlanta was founded in 1889 and is the oldest cultural destination in Atlanta. The Zoo has a long tradition of supporting the community through our education programs, both at the Zoo as well as in schools and communities throughout the region. The Zoo's mission, to "save wildlife and their habitats through conservation, research, education and engaging experiences," is the foundation of our work. The educational programs at the Zoo support the mission by empowering individuals to become responsible environmental stewards through active, engaging, educational experiences.

Most recently, the Zoo's educational experiences have been innovated to better align with the Georgia Standards of Excellence, as well as to harness our core competencies in biology, research and conservation. The Zoo has diverse offerings for grades PreK to 12. From guided exploration as part of a Wild Walk to more in-depth classroom experiences such as the Zoo Challenge program, we have an experience that will fit your student learning outcomes.

In addition to all that the Education Department offers, Zoo Atlanta will open our NEW African Savanna experience in summer 2019. The experience will feature new habitats for African elephants, giraffes, zebras and other savanna animals. Many of our education experiences will feature this unique ecosystem and the dynamic animals that live there.

We hope to see you soon!

With gratitude,

Michelle Kolar

Vice President of Education

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FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

REGISTRATION

- All education programs require pre-registration.
- You will receive one FREE adult chaperone ticket per every 10 students. Additional adults pay the same rate as students.
- Minimum group size of 10 students is required to receive the discounted admission rate. No maximum.
- For more information, please contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822 or education@zooatlanta.org.

ARRIVAL

- Buses drop off at the circle drive located at 800 Cherokee Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, GA 30315.
- A Zoo Ambassador will greet you and instruct the lead chaperone to head to the Front Gate to check in the group while the bus unloads.
- Once the bus is unloaded, a Zoo Ambassador will direct you to the Zoo Entrance.
- Please refer to your registration confirmation email for more information on arrival and bus parking.

LUNCH

- Group lunch storage is available in the Zoo at The Lunch Den, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., year-round. Lunches should be in a labeled cooler/container.
- You can also pre-order your lunch! For just \$8.50 per person + tax, your group can order your choice of pizza or sandwich, whole fruit, cookie and a drink! Please contact Special Events at speialevents@zooatlanta.org or 404.624.5995. Orders must be placed 14 days prior to your visit.

SELF-GUIDED FIELD TRIP

Explore the Zoo on your own at a discounted group rate! Add to the educational experience by using our standards-based curriculum guides and grade-specific activities, available on zooatlanta.org, before and after your Zoo visit.

Grades PreK-12 | \$10.99 per person

REGISTRATION

- Educational group reservations must be made at least 7 days prior to the date of your visit to receive the discounted school admission rate of \$10.99.
- You will receive one FREE adult chaperone ticket per every 10 students.
- Payment is due at least 7 days prior to the date of your visit.
- Educational groups will not receive refunds for any unused portion of your reservation or for rain.
- Payments are NOT accepted at the gate for the \$10.99 Educational Group Rate.
- Once the reservation is paid in full, any additional admission must be purchased at the gate for the \$14.99 walk-up rate.
- For more information, please contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822 or education@zooatlanta.org.

SPONSORED ADMISSIONS

Zoo Atlanta is thrilled to offer free Self-Guided Field Trips to a limited number of Georgia Title I Schools for their students. The Sponsored Admission Program is offered based on availability of funds. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the program. One application is submitted per class or individual school group, as applications are not accepted for entire schools.

To apply please visit: zooatlanta.org/sponsored-admission

ZOO CHALLENGE

These educator-led programs, for students grades PreK through 12th, can enhance your field trip to the Zoo through inquiry-based explorations that focus on creating a connection for your students to wildlife and wild places while supporting the curriculum of your classroom and the Georgia Standards of Excellence in Science. Whether you're looking to further explore the rainforest, or want to know more about the importance of pollinators on our planet, you can choose the program that best fits your curriculum and your students!

Grades PreK-12 | \$15.99 per person

START TIMES: 10 a.m. or 12 p.m.

PROGRAM THEMES

Grade Level	Themes	Georgia Standards
PreK	Animal Exploration	CD – SC1.4A, CD – SC5.4A
K – 1st Grade	Staying Alive	SKP1: B, SKL2: A, S1L1: B
2nd Grade	Bee-cause We Need Pollinators	S2L1: A, C, D
3rd – 4th Grade	Discover Georgia	S3L1: A, B, C, S3L2: A, S4L1: B
5th Grade	Creature Classification	S5L1: A
6th Grade	Wild Weather	S6E3: A, S6E4: A, S6E6: A, B
7th – 8th Grade	Journey Through Georgia	S7L4: A, C, SS8G1: B, C
9th – 12th Grade	Project Research	SB5: A

REGISTRATION

- Educational group reservations must be made at least 5 weeks prior to program date.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of reservation.
- Minimum group size is 10 with a maximum of 80 per session.
- Payment is due at least 4 weeks prior to the date of your visit.
- Unpaid reservations will be cancelled if payment is not received.
- All cancellations forfeit the \$50 deposit.
- Educational groups will not receive refunds for rain.

ZOO EXPLORATION WILD WALK

Take a walk on the wild side as Zoo educators lead you on a guided tour through the Zoo to discover amazing animals from around the world. During these exclusive tours, the guides will share fun facts and interesting stories for an inside scoop on what it's like to care for these creatures. All tours can be tailored to cover grade-specific standards with advance notice.

For an additional \$5, upgrade your older explorers (3rd grade and up) and extend your tour to take a look behind the scenes at the **Animal Nutrition Kitchen** or the **Veterinary Clinic**.

Grades PreK–12 | \$14.99 per person

START TIMES: 9:30 a.m.,
11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

PROGRAM THEMES:

Grades PreK–5

Animal Adaptations: Run, jump, crawl, and climb – animals have amazing adaptations to move, hide, and stay alive. Tour the Zoo and observe animals in action to learn what makes them unique, and maybe even similar to us.



Grades 6–8

We're All Connected: From the mighty oaks to the tiny terrapins, we are all connected on this Earth. During your tour, learn about different roles that animals play in their ecosystems, and find out why biodiversity is so important.

Grades 9–12

Conservation Connections: Plants and animals around the globe face the threat of extinction and need our help. Learn about Zoo Atlanta's conservation and research initiatives, and explore the ways the animals in our care are ambassadors for their wild counterparts.

STEM WILD WALK

Have you ever thought about where the design for reflective tape came from, or what inspired the design of Velcro? Engineers often use the natural world as inspiration for design. During this guided experience, students will explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to discuss the amazing world of bio-inspired design and the ways animals and nature continue to inspire engineers every day. Maybe you will become inspired to create as well!

For an additional \$5, upgrade your older explorers (3rd grade and up) and extend your tour to take a look behind the scenes at the **Animal Nutrition Kitchen** or the **Veterinary Clinic**.

Grades PreK–12 | \$14.99 per person

START TIMES: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Students will learn about the practice of biomimicry and how it can help us identify solutions to human problems. Further, they will discuss the science behind using animal adaptations to design tangible items when solving problems.

REGISTRATION

- Educational group reservations must be made at least 5 weeks prior to program date.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of reservation.
- Minimum group size is 10 with a maximum of 120 per time slot.
- Payment is due at least 4 weeks prior to the date of your visit.
- Unpaid reservations will be canceled if payment is not received.
- All cancellations forfeit the \$50 deposit.
- Educational groups will not receive refunds for rain.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822 or education@zooatlanta.org.

TWILIGHT TREK

Come see the Zoo in a whole new light – twilight! Join us for an evening of adventure and exploration. Find out what the animals do after hours as you enjoy a guided trek through the Zoo with an experienced Educator. Take part in engaging activities, learn more about the technology used to observe native wildlife, and find out how you can help Zoo Atlanta save wildlife and wild places around the globe.

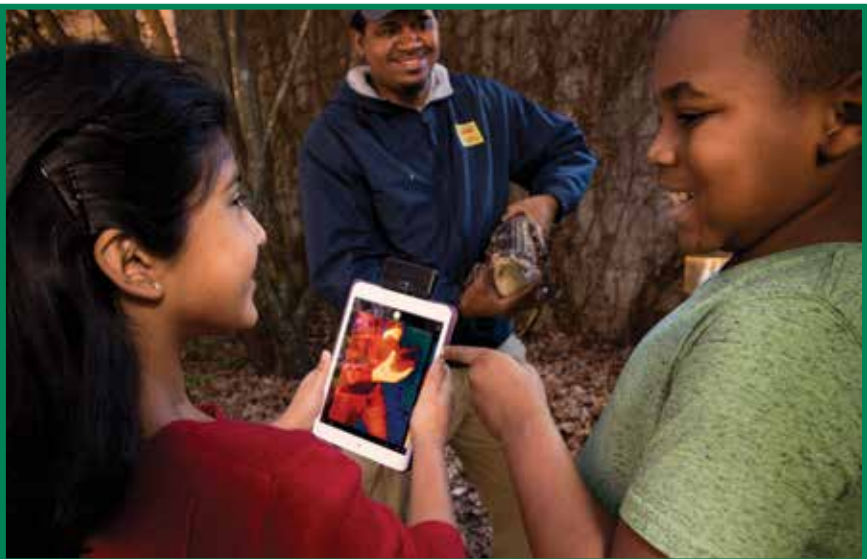
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Grades PreK–12 / Adult: \$15, Student: \$7

REGISTRATION

- Reservations must be made at least one week prior to the program start date.
- Full payment is due upon reservation.
- Educational groups will not receive refunds for rain; programs will take place rain or shine. Please be sure to dress accordingly.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 404.624.5822 or education@zooatlanta.org.



NIGHTCRAWLERS

Welcome to the African Savanna, home to some of the most recognizable and charismatic creatures on the planet. Join us for an exciting overnight adventure to learn more about elephants, giraffes, lions, ostriches and more. Take part in engaging activities to better understand how we are connected to these magnificent animals, and learn what Zoo Atlanta is doing to help save wildlife around the world. Participants will sleep in indoor, climate-controlled rooms away from animal habitats and will receive a light evening snack and continental breakfast. Following breakfast, enjoy a guided Zoo tour. This program highlights the new African Savanna experience opening in summer 2019 – register now to reserve your night!

Grades 1–12 | \$65 per person

AFRICAN SAVANNA PROGRAM THEMES

Grade Level	Themes
1st – 3rd Grade	African Elephants
4th – 5th Grade	Research in the Savanna
6th – 8th Grade	The Savanna Ecosystem
9th – 12th Grade	Conservation & Communities in Africa

REGISTRATION

- Educational group reservations must be made at least 5 weeks prior to program date.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of reservation.
- Payment is due at least 4 weeks prior to the date of your visit.
- Unpaid reservations will be canceled if payment is not received.
- All cancellations forfeit the \$50 deposit.
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ZOOMOBILES

Let the Zoo come to YOU! Learn all about wildlife and wild places without leaving your classroom. This popular program gives your students a connection to animals and conservation while complementing your curriculum. All programs are in line with Georgia Standards of Excellence and include live animal encounters and engaging activities. ZooMobile programs are designed for PreK to 12th grade. Make the most of the Zoo's visit by booking up to three 45-minute programs.

Grades PreK-12

ONE SESSION: \$360 **TWO SESSIONS:** \$475 **THREE SESSIONS:** \$590

PROGRAM THEMES		
Grade Level	Themes	Georgia Standards
PreK	Wild Feature	SKL2: A
K – 2nd Grade	Beastly Basics	S1L1: B
3rd – 4th Grade	Georgia Goes Wild	S3L1: A,B,C
5th Grade	What Vertebrate Am I?	S5L1: A
6th – 8th Grade	Discovering Biomes	S7L4: D
9th – 12th Grade	Endangered Species	SEV2: D, SEV5: A

- Educational group reservations must be made at least 5 weeks prior to program date.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due at the time of reservation.
- Minimum group size is 10 with a maximum of 60 per session.
- Payment is due at least 4 weeks prior to the date of your visit.
- Unpaid reservations will be cancelled if payment is not received.
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EDUCATOR RESOURCES

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Zoo Atlanta offers a variety of professional learning events for educators throughout the year. Each of these experiences harnesses the unique animal ambassadors at the Zoo to explore grade-specific topics. These grade-focused programs will take each teacher participant through the curriculum, as well as provide a brief planning time to discuss how to adapt the learnings to their learners and classroom.

To learn more about what is being offered this school year, visit zooatlanta.org/program/professional-learning.

CASES FOR CONSERVATION

Cases for Conservation are educational toolkits filled with curriculum, biofacts and other unique Zoo-related materials for grades PreK – 7th. Each Case focuses on a specific grade and different topic. Cases for Conservation are free to borrow. Zoo Atlanta provides this educational resource to school

districts, public libraries and other educational groups throughout the region to supplement educational experiences for children about wildlife and wild places. Similar to checking out a book from a library, these toolkits can be checked out from the Zoo for a two-week period and utilized in your classroom setting.



To learn more about the specific topics and how to check out these resources, visit: zooatlanta.org/program/cases-for-conservation.

EDUCATOR EVENTS

EDUCATOR EXTRAVAGANZA

October 5, 2019

In the early fall of each year, come to the Zoo for an after-hours exclusive event just for educators. As part of this evening event, educators will get a preview of the NEW educational experiences from Zoo Atlanta. Educators will also enjoy special animal ambassador programs facilitated by our animal care team, as well as networking opportunities with fellow teachers.

Visit zooatlanta.org/learn for registration information.

EDUCATOR FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY

March 14, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bring your family to enjoy a day at the Zoo designed just for you. On this day, educators receive free admission, and their guests receive discounted admission. Spend time interacting with Zoo educators at activity stations throughout the Zoo, where families can engage in fun, science-based conservation exploration while enjoying a day out. Educators will also receive discounts in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company Gift Shop and select food locations.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY

The J.O.E.Y. Volunteer Program (Just Outdoors, Events, and Youth) is an opportunity for families or guardian-child groups to give back to their community and spend time together outdoors by volunteering at events hosted by Zoo Atlanta. The J.O.E.Y. Volunteer Program is for parents or guardians and children **ages 8-13** to volunteer at Zoo Atlanta. J.O.E.Y.

Volunteers earn service hours by serving at a minimum of 9 of the Zoo's public events over the course of a year.



TEENS

The Teen Program promotes the personal and professional development of teens so that they become leaders in animal science and conservation education. The Teen Program is designed for students **ages 14-17**. It is an opportunity for teens to have fun volunteering while learning about the environment, wildlife conservation, community engagement and professionalism. Volunteers develop their social skills, identity and independence and can make a difference with causes they are knowledgeable and passionate about.

ADULTS

Volunteering at Zoo Atlanta is a great way to learn about conservation issues, get to know others who share your passion for wildlife, give back to our community, or just have fun! The Adult Volunteer Program provides opportunities for individuals to use their talents to support Zoo Atlanta by matching their skills with the needs of various Zoo departments. We seek applicants who can work independently, are comfortable in a fast-paced environment, understand the role accredited zoos play in wildlife conservation, and can effectively communicate Zoo Atlanta's mission to our visitors.



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