



Oglebay Good Zoo

# EXPLORE & LEARN

A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR  
SCHOOLS AND GROUPS



# ED-ZOO-CATION PROGRAMS

Our “Ed-zoo-cation” Programs connect learners with wildlife through engaging experiences that combine animal ambassadors, biofacts, and hands-on learning. Designed for schools, scout and church groups, after-school programs, and similar organizations, these programs offer flexible formats to fit your schedule, space, and learning goals.

## ED-ZOO-CATION PROGRAMS

**30 minutes | On-site or Virtual**

Engaging 30-minute programs featuring animal ambassadors, biofacts, and multimedia components. Choose from our program topics or request customization to fit your curriculum.

## ED-ZOO-CATION TOURS

**45 minutes - 1 hour | On-site at the Zoo**

Bring classroom learning to life with guided zoo tours. Journey behind the scenes at our veterinary hospital, discover how we create animal habitats, and learn about our region’s wildlife before venturing into the zoo to see the animals in their habitats up close.

Tours focus on specific areas of the zoo and do not include a full zoo tour.

### Pricing:

Up to 25: \$300	109-152: \$1,329
Up to 44: \$387	153-172: \$1,507
45-64: \$561	173-196: \$1,715
65-108: \$948	

Pricing based on number in group, including adults and students. Groups larger than 64 guests require additional programs to accommodate classroom size.

### Virtual Programs

1 Program | \$94     4 Program Series | \$309

**Call 304-243-4100 or email  
ZooOffice@oglebay.com to book**

All programs are aligned with current educational standards (WV Content Standards & Objectives, including WV College Career Readiness Standards, Next Generation Content Standards & Objectives, and Early Learning Standards Framework), with most options adaptable for a variety of ages.

Prices are subject to applicable taxes.

## ZOO TO YOU PROGRAMS

Can't come to the zoo? We'll bring the zoo to you! These **45-minute programs** feature a Zoo Educator and live animal ambassadors. Animals may include, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and small mammals — sorry the zebra won't fit in the van!

Yes, some animals may be touched depending on the audience size and wellbeing of the animal. Small groups are encouraged (under 50 students).

*Availability is limited April and May.*

**Pricing: \$271  
Schools & Non-Profits: \$202**

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Schools and non-profit organizations receive a discounted rate of \$202 per program. Additional programs held on the same day at the same site are \$89 each. Multiple programs should be scheduled less than 30 minutes apart. When the gap between programs exceeds 30 minutes, additional fees may apply. For groups located more than 25 miles away, a mileage fee of \$3 will be charged per mile over 25 miles.

# PLAN YOUR TRIP

## LUNCHES

### Snack Bars

Our snack bars offer hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and more. If your group plans to order from the snack bars, please let us know upon booking so we may serve you more efficiently.

### Box Lunches

Box lunches include your choice of turkey wrap, hot dog, or chicken nuggets, chips, fruit cup, string cheese, and beverage. Orders must be placed at least one week in advance; minimum 10 lunches. Please note any special dietary needs. **\$7.75 per person**

*Outside food not permitted at the zoo but may be enjoyed at the shelter area.*

## SHELTERS

Groups visiting Monday - Friday April 4 - June 6, 2026 may share Levenson Shelter (at the end of the zoo parking lot) for lunch. The shelter offers covered seating, picnic tables, and restrooms. Private shelters are available for an additional fee.

## NATURE EXPRESS SHOP

Complete your trip with a visit to the gift shop. Nature Express is your go-to spot for playful, animal-themed keepsakes, educational toys, and memorable souvenirs.

## JUMBO JUMPER

Take your zoo adventure to new heights on our giant inflatable platform. Perfect for kids and kids at heart. Open weather permitting and may only be offered during a scheduled time.

## TRAIN RIDE

All aboard! Embark on a journey through the zoo aboard the Conservation Caboose. Scheduled train ride is 30 minutes. Additional fees apply.

## GROUP ZOO ADMISSION

	Groups of 1 - 24	Groups of 25+
<b>Adults</b>	\$17.00	\$9.50
<b>Students</b>	\$13.00	\$7.00
<b>Train Ride</b>	\$5.50	\$4.75

Admission is included with Ed-zoo-cation Programs and Tours.

*Prices are per person. One teacher or staff member admitted FREE for every 10 students. Rates are subject to change. Tax exempt organizations and schools must provide a copy of the multi-state Tax Exempt Form (SSTGR Form F0003) at least 5 days prior to their zoo visit. Groups must pay in one lump sum. Any adults paying separately from the group will be charged the regular admission rate.*

## CONTACT

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[oglebay.com](http://oglebay.com)**



# PROGRAM CATALOG

The following programs are available as on-site Ed-zoo-cation experiences and Zoo-to-You programs. Workshop and Sleepover program topics are listed online.

## ALL AUDIENCES

### **FUR, FEATHERS, SCALE, AND SKIN**

Birds, mammals, and reptiles have a lot in common, but on the outside they look completely different. Explore the differences between the furry, the feathery, and the scaly, as we interact with animal ambassadors to figure out how what an animal is wearing can tell us about what it is.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.K.GS.5, S.1.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.9, S.4.GS.9, S.4.GS.10, S.4.GS.7, S.6.LS.1, S.7.LS.3, S.8.LS.1, S.8.LS.2, S.8.LS.10)*

### **HOME SWEET BIOME**

What makes a habitat a home? Learn about biomes that range from temperate to extreme and meet animals from all around the world.

*(S.K.GS.4, S.K.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.7, S.3.GS.8, S.3.GS.11, S.5.GS.10, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.2, S.6.LS.5, S.6.LS.6, S.6.LS.7, S.7.ESS.7, S.8.LS.2)*

### **PICKY EATER**

Can you identify the differences between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores? Take a look at some of the items on the zoo's grocery list and decide if any of it looks like something you would want for dinner.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.K.GS.5, S.2.GS.6, S.3.GS.12, S.4.GS.9, S.5.GS.7, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.5, S.8.LS.7)*

### **THE UNLOVABLES**

Show some love to the animals that aren't necessarily cute and cuddly. Meet some of our animal ambassadors that range from creepy and crawly to scaly and slimy in this program that focuses on invertebrates, amphibians, and reptiles.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.K.GS.5, S.1.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.9, S.4.GS.9, S.4.GS.7, S.6.LS.1, S.8.LS.1, S.8.LS.2)*

### **CAN I KEEP IT?**

Some animals make good pets, and some animals don't. With the help of both wild and domestic species, find out what makes one animal a great addition to your family while another requires a zoo full of keepers to care for it.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.K.GS.5, S.1.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.5, S.3.GS.10, S.3.GS.11, S.6.LS.1, S.8.LS.2)*

### **TOUR: WHAT'S IN A WETLAND?**

Wet your feet in an exploration of a habitat that is extremely important not only for the animals that live there, but for humans as well. Meet some of our animal ambassadors that call wetlands their home, before heading into the zoo to see a wetland in action.

*(S.K.GS.4, S.K.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.7, S.3.GS.8, S.3.GS.11, S.5.GS.10, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.2, S.6.LS.5, S.6.LS.6, S.6.LS.7, S.7.ESS.7, S.8.LS.2)*

### **TOUR: ADAPT THIS**

Animals can be found all across the globe, from frozen tundra to scorching deserts, and dealing with those conditions can be tough if you aren't well adapted. Take a look at some of the coolest behavioral and physical adaptations some animals have to help them live in even the most remote reaches of the planet.

*S.K.GS.5, S.1.GS.7, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.8, S.4.GS.9, S.6.LS.2, S.7.LS.3, S.8.LS.1, S.8.LS.3)*

### **WHAT'S OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW? TOUR**

The Ohio Valley is brimming with wildlife, even if you don't see it every day. We'll use some of our native species animal ambassadors to teach you about the animals that may be living right in your own backyard.

*(S.K.GS.4, S.K.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.7, S.3.GS.11, S.5.GS.10, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.2, S.6.LS.5, S.6.LS.7, S.7.ESS.7, S.8.LS.2)*

## PRE-K - GRADE 2

### **I LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!**

Will it fly, slither, or hop? Animals move in different ways, and we'll get you moving with them in this program that keeps you on your feet. Meet some of our zoo animals and predict how they can get around.

*(S.K.GS.4, S.2.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.5, S.3.GS.7, S.3.GS.12, S.4.GS.9)*

### **TAIL TALES**

Listen to some new stories or classic favorites, and then get up close with the animals that bring these books to life.

*(ELA.K.31, ELA.1.31, ELA.1.33, ELA.2.31, ELA.3.31)*

## KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5

### **ANIMAL SENSES**

See, smell, hear, taste, and touch. Stopping short of tasting, we'll use our own senses to investigate different animals and the special structures they have to help them sense the world around them.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.2.GS.7, S.4.GS.9, S.4.GS.10)*

### **UP ALL NIGHT**

Tons of the animals that live around us don't exactly keep the same sleep schedule we do. We'll make sure to wake up some of our own nocturnal critters to greet you as we figure out why some animals want to sleep all day and be up all night.

*(S.K.GS.3, S.K.GS.5, S.1.GS.6, S.3.GS.7, S.3.GS.12, S.4.GS.9, S.5.GS.7)*

### **FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD CHAINS**

Piece together the puzzle of a food chain as you meet some of our animal ambassadors. Figure out where they get their energy, and just maybe what eats them.

*(S.2.GS.6, S.5.GS.5, S.5.GS.7, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.6)*

## GRADE 3 - 8

### **INSIDE OUT**

Get a real inside look, as you investigate animal x-rays and skulls. With the help of animal artifacts, we'll see how different animals are built from the inside out as we compare what's underneath to the living, breathing genuine article.

*(S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.12, S.4.GS.9, S.6.LS.7, S.7.LS.3, S.8.LS.3, S.8.LS.7, S.8.LS.8, S.2.GS.8, S.4.GS.11, S.7.ESS.3, S.7.ESS.4, S.7.ESS.5)*

### **ALIEN INVADERS**

Alien and invasive species are one of the leading causes of extinction today. Discover how animals become aliens and what scientists are doing to try and stop that trend.

*(S.K.GS.4, S.K.GS.5, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.7, S.5.GS.10, S.6.LS.1, S.6.LS.5, S.6.LS.7, S.7.ESS.7, S.8.LS.10)*

### **ANIMAL MYTHBUSTERS**

We've heard some crazy things about animals. Does a scared ostrich bury its head in the sand? Can a meerkat eat a scorpion without getting sick? With your help, we'll investigate to find out if those stories are fact or fiction.

*(S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.5, S.4.GS.9, S.6.LS.1, S.8.LS.1)*

### **ANIMAL TRAINING**

Training is one of the greatest tools of a keeper. From capturing unique behaviors, to preparing an animal for veterinary care, or just spicing up their day, training helps keep the animals at the zoo happy and healthy. See it in action and we'll see if we can train your students the same way we train our animals.

*(S.6-8.L.3, S.6-8.L.4, S.7.LS.4, S.8.LS.1)*

### **TOUR: THE GREAT AMERICAN INTERCHANGE**

Though connected today, North and South America spent over 150 million years separate from one another, giving plenty of time for unique animals to arise on both continents. Meet species of North and South American ancestry, and learn about the huge changes that came once the two continents connected and the impact of Native Americans on those species.

*(S.3.GS.6, SS.3.21, S.7.ESS.5, S.7.ESS.6, S.8.LS.6, S.8.LS.7)*

### **TOUR: CONSERVATION EXPLORATION**

Wildlife conservation is one of the most important responsibilities of the Good Zoo. Visit with some of the zoo's most endangered species, learn a little bit about why these animals are facing such a tough time in the wild, and find out what zoos are doing to help.

*(S.K.GS.6, S.2.GS.7, S.3.GS.7, S.5.GS.10, S.6.LS.5, S.6.LS.7, S.7.ESS.7, S.8.ESS.1)*

## GRADE 6 - 8

### **CLASSIFICATION CONNECTION**

Bet you didn't know a deer has more in common with a whale than it does a horse. In this program, explore how scientists are able to identify common ancestors and come to conclusions like birds are living dinosaurs. With the help of animal ambassadors, we'll figure out where some animals, and ourselves, fit on the evolutionary tree.

*(S.8.LS.6, S.8.LS.7, S.8.LS.8, S.8.LS.9, S.8.LS.10)*

### **MAMMALIAN MADNESS**

Learn the characteristics of the 3 different orders of mammals and meet some animal representatives from the marsupial and placental orders! Discuss the evolutionary benefits of the differences.

*(S.8.1, S.8.2, S.8.7)*

### **TOUR: ZOO ENGINEER**

At the zoo, most people are just looking at the animals, but plenty of work goes into designing naturalistic exhibits to mirror an animal's native habitat. Head into the zoo with one of our educators to get a firsthand look at how we've brought places like Madagascar, the Amazon, or the Himalayas right here to the Ohio Valley.

*(S.K-2.ETS.1, S.3-5.ETS.2, S.6-8.ETS.1, S.6-8.ETS.2)*

**Want a program that you don't see here? We can design a program to fit your specific classroom needs or topic. Please contact the Good Zoo office to discuss available options.**

# FIELD TRIP RESERVATION REQUEST

Please complete the following form to request a reservation for an Ed-zoo-cation Program or Tour. Workshops and Sleepovers may be booked online. Questions? Call the Zoo Office at 304-243-4100 or email ZooOffice@oglebay.com.

Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name/Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Exemption:  No  Yes *Tax exemption from (SSTGR Form F003) must be received with request. Download form: <https://www.us-taxrev-sst-sstgb.pdf>*

Attendance Count: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Check those that apply:

Zoo Admission Only  Train Ride  Educational Program or Tour  
(Program times will be determined by availability on a first-received basis.)

\*Tax-exempt organizations and schools must provide a copy of their Tax Exempt Certificate (SSTGR Form F0003) with their Group Reservation/Field Trip Request Form. Tax will be added if this form is not received by the zoo at least 10 days prior to the date of the field trip. You may download the form from [www.state.wv.us/taxrev/sst/f0003.pdf](http://www.state.wv.us/taxrev/sst/f0003.pdf)

## Educational Programs & Tours (Check program selections). All programs are 30 minutes unless otherwise noted.

### All Audiences

- Fur, Feathers, Scale, and Skin
- Home Sweet Biome
- Picky Eater
- The Unlovables
- What's in a Wetland?\*
- Can I Keep It?
- What's Outside Your Window?\*
- Adapt This\*

### Pre-K - Grade 2

- I Like to Move It, Move It
- Tail Tales

### Kindergarten - Grade 5

- Animal Senses
- Up All Night
- Food Glorious Food Chains

### Grade 3 - 8

- Inside Out
- Alien Invaders
- Animal Mythbusters
- Vet School 101
- Animal Training
- The Great American Interchange\*
- Conservation Exploration\*
- Raptor Rehab\*

### Grade 6 - 8

- Classification Connection
- Mammalian Madness
- Zoo Engineer\*

### \*Ed-zoo-cation Tours

Boxed Lunch:  Yes  No

Available Lunches:

Hot Dog Qty. Ordered \_\_\_\_\_  Turkey Wrap Qty. Ordered \_\_\_\_\_  Chicken Nuggets Qty. Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Dates will not be reserved without a deposit. Deposits are non-refundable once a program is confirmed. Taxes apply.

Email your reservation request to ZooOffice@oglebay.com. We will send a confirmation within 3 business days.

### Please send request and deposits if applicable to:

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