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FIELD TRIP PLANNER



EDUCATOR RESOURCE GUIDE TO THE TORONTO ZOO

Curriculum-based field trips for preschool, elementary, & secondary students.



EXPLORING NATURE'S CLASSROOM AT THE TORONTO ZOO

BENEFITS OF A TRIP TO THE ZOO

- Making real-world connections through observation, inquiry, & critical thinking.
- Coming face-to-face with over 5,000 animals.
- Ignites a sense of wonder and curiosity.
- Connecting with nature, getting active, and exploring 10 km of walking trails.
- Inspires students to take action and protect wildlife.



TORONTO ZOO FIELD TRIPS - AT A GLANCE

SELF-GUIDED VISIT

Enjoy the flexibility of exploring the Zoo on your own, while discovering the amazing wildlife that call the Zoo home.

EDU-EXPEDITION

Toronto Zoo Volunteers will guide your students through the Zoo on an exciting, two-hour tour, connecting wildlife and the Zoo to your chosen curriculum-linked topic. Spend the rest of your visit exploring on your own.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Delivered by Toronto Zoo educators, school programs are a unique and exciting way to bring the curriculum to life. Virtual Visits range from a 10- minute animal Meet & Greet to a 30 - minute Guided Visit with bonus resources!

SCHOOL GROUP ADMISSION RATES STUDENTS & SUPERVISORS*

Licensed Child Care Centres**	\$9
Elementary (K-8)	\$9
Secondary (9-12)	\$10
Post-secondary	\$11

1 teacher per class receives **FREE** admission.

Kindergarten: 1 teacher + 1 ECE per class receive **FREE** admission.

Zoo Memberships are honoured for student & supervisor admission. Proof of membership required.

SUPERVISOR RATIO

Grades PreK - 3	1 supervisor per 5 students.
Grades 4 - 8	1 supervisor per 10 students.
Grades 9 - 12	1 supervisor per 20 students.

* *All rates subject to change without notice.*

** Licensed Child Care Centres must be registered with the Ministry of Education and pay for a minimum of 10 children. Valid on P.A. Days, but excludes other school holidays.

HST included in all rates - HST#119216398

BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIP TODAY

Please book at least two weeks in advance.

The Zoo is **open year-round!** Self-guided visits can be booked on any day. School programs (September to June) and guided tours (September to Victoria Day weekend) fill up quickly, so don't miss out - book early!

Information required at time of booking:

- Date of visit
- Contact teacher's name, email, & cell number
- School name, address
- Estimated time of arrival
- Number of participants, both students & supervisors
- School program or guided tour choice (*if applicable*)

HOW TO BOOK

Self-guided Visit

Book online at torontozoo.com

Edu-Expedition

Email tzvolunteers@torontozoo.ca

Virtual Workshops

Email schools@torontozoo.ca

torontozoo.com/educationandcamps/schoolprograms

DISCOVER THE ZOO

Students will be amazed by the diversity of wildlife as they explore:

- African Rainforest
- African Savanna
- Americas
- Australasia
- Canadian Domain
- Eurasia Wilds
- Indo-Malaya
- Kids Zoo
- Tundra Trek

CURRICULUM-LINKED RESOURCES

FREE to download

Self-guided tours, lesson ideas, activity guides, assignments, and more are available for elementary and secondary students from torontozoo.com.



ACCESSIBILITY

The Zoo has many features to make it accessible for all students, including complimentary admission for support persons providing one-on-one support for health and/or safety reasons. School programs and guided tours can also be modified to meet the varying abilities of students. For more information, visit torontozoo.com/explorethezoo/accessibility.



LUNCH

Picnic tables are available throughout the Zoo and students can bring litterless lunches or purchase food at a restaurant. To arrange a pizza or boxed lunch, please contact Compass Foods at **416-392-6003** prior to visit.

*50% off picnic site rentals during the school year for school groups. Contact groupevents@torontozoo.ca for more information.

PROGRAMS

EDU-EXPEDITION

\$4 + admission per student.

Get outside the classroom and join us at your Toronto Zoo! A knowledgeable Volunteer will lead a group of up to 10 individuals (students, teachers, parent volunteers) on a two-hour, curriculum based tour. Explore the Zoo, discover wild facts about your favourite animals, participate in interactive activities, and enhance what you're learning in the classroom.

Tours are available for elementary and secondary students and can start any time between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Pre-booking, two weeks in advance, is required. Please note: this experience does not involve going behind the scenes.

ELEMENTARY

- PreK - Grade 1** • Introduction to Animals
- Grade 1** • Characteristics & Needs of Living Things
- Grade 2** • Growth & Change in Animals
- Grade 3** • Plant & Animal Interactions
- Grade 4** • African Savanna Habitats & Communities

Grade 4 • Rainforest Habitats & Communities

Grade 5 • Animal Digestive Systems

Grade 6 • Biodiversity

Grade 7 • Interactions in the Environment

Grade 4-8 • Endangered Species

SECONDARY LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS

FREE to download from website.

Challenge your students to observe, read, think, record data, and make their own discoveries at the Zoo.

- Anthropology
- Biodiversity
- Evolution
- Climate Change
- Environmental Science
- Sustainable Ecosystem
- Urbanization
- Biomes

ZOO SCHOOL

Students can earn their grade 11 biology credit (SBI3U) in the summer at the Toronto Zoo!

This unique experience incorporates behind-the-scenes tours, close animal encounters, career discussions with Zoo staff, interactive classroom discussions, and memorable projects.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

FREE to download from website.

Download a curriculum-linked, self-guided tour script to support and enhance your students' learning.

EDUCATOR RESOURCE BOOKLETS

FREE to download from website.

SECONDARY

- Anthropology
- Biodiversity

Have a specific theme in mind? All you need to do is ask!

All tours can be adapted for students with special needs or English as a second language.

EXTEND LEARNING AT THE ZOO

ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL

By adopting an animal, your class can contribute towards its care and on-going conservation efforts. Adoption packages include certificate, animal fact sheet, and informative newsletter. Packages begin at \$25.

To find out how your students can become Zoo "parents," call 416-392-9114 or email development@torontozoo.ca.



ADOPT-A-POND WETLAND CONSERVATION GRADES 1 - 12

Our mission is to conserve wetlands and wetland wildlife through research, education, and stewardship. Utilizing our resources, your classroom can get involved with creating, restoring, and protecting wetland biodiversity.

FREE

Curriculum-linked resources are available online for the following topics:

- Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes
- Turtles
- Wetlands

Order posters, species identification guides, and Ontario Turtle Tally, FrogWatch Ontario, & Turtle Island Conservation brochures by emailing aap@torontozoo.ca.



GREAT LAKES PROGRAM - GRADES 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11

Curriculum-linked & virtual presentations delivered across Ontario!

Grade 1 & 2 • Discover our local fish species.

Grade 4 • Explore the role of fish in the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Grade 6 • Investigate the impact of humans on biodiversity in the Great Lakes.

Grade 7 • Explore the importance of natural water resources and maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Grade 11 • Examine the diversity of living things and water quality in urban settings.

FREE

Delivered
in English
& French

A great way to engage your students in local conservation efforts!

Grade 8 Great Lakes Teaching and Learning Resource

Inquiry-based learning resource comes complete with student workbook, online component, project ideas, and teacher guide.

Water Resources

Lesson Plans: Bilingual plans available for grades 1, 2, 7, 8, & 11

Resources available in: English, French, Mandarin, Panjabi (Punjabi), & Urdu.

Please contact greatlakes@torontozoo.ca or call 416-392-6022 for more information.



BLUE SCHOOLS PROGRAM – GRADES 1 – 12

Cross-curricular and action-oriented school certification program.

After completing an in-school water audit, students take the lead and decide how to reduce or improve water consumption in the school. With support from Toronto Zoo staff, students develop and implement an action plan to support water conservation; some action examples include shoreline clean-ups, awareness campaigns, installing water-saving hardware, and rain gardens.

Please contact greatlakes@torontozoo.ca or visit: www.torontozoo.com/conservation/blueschools/ for more information

FREE



AQUA-LINKS OUTREACH PROGRAM – GRADE 7

BILINGUAL AND CURRICULUM-LINKED!

Students gain hands-on experience raising native Atlantic salmon in their classrooms and are connected to students and biologists in East Africa to discuss local water issues. All necessary equipment is provided. *Limited spaces available.*

Please contact aqualinks@torontozoo.ca or call 416-392-6022 for more information.

FREE

AND BEYOND!



EXTINCT IS FOREVER

FIGHTING EXTINCTION - WHY WE ARE HERE

The Toronto Zoo is here because the work we do behind-the-scenes is vital to the survival of wildlife. Visit torontozoo.com to watch the *Fighting Extinction - Why We Are Here* video and learn more about the important conservation work the Toronto Zoo is involved in. Use this video in your classroom to start a discussion about wildlife conservation and how students can get involved to help protect the environment.

How loud is a lion's roar? How does a snake slither? Which species are the biggest, fastest, and strongest? How does the Toronto Zoo design exhibits to meet the needs of different species? How is the Toronto Zoo helping to protect wildlife and their habitat? Find out at the Toronto Zoo!

FREE CURRICULUM-LINKED RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- Self-guided Tour Scripts (elementary) and inquiry based assignments (elementary & secondary)
- Educator Resource & Activity Packages (grade/theme specific)
- Adopt-a-Pond Wetland Conservation Resources, Posters, & Species Identification Guides
- Great Lakes - Inquiry-based Resource & Lesson Plans
- Turtle Island Conservation Resource Package (First Nations)
- All about the Toronto Zoo - Careers, Conservation, Diets, Enrichment, & more!
- Animal Fact Sheets & Zoo Baby Updates
- Videos

Or create your own open-ended, inquiry-based resources to suit the needs of your students!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO! EDUCATOR E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to schools@torontozoo.ca today and be the first to learn about field trip and outreach opportunities, new curriculum-linked programs and resources available, as well as special events and promotions happening at the Toronto Zoo.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- Science - Think beyond just Life Systems & Biology
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Social Studies/Geography
- Anthropology
- Careers
- Business
- The Arts





Book your *Field Trip* today

CONTACTS

<i>Self-guided Visits</i>	416-392-5932 or book online
<i>Edu-Expedition</i>	tzvolunteers@torontozoo.ca
<i>Virtual Programs</i>	schools@torontozoo.ca
<i>Adopt-an-Animal</i>	development@torontozoo.ca
<i>Adopt-a-Pond</i>	aap@torontozoo.ca
<i>Aqua-Links Outreach</i>	aqualinks@torontozoo.ca
<i>Great Lakes Outreach</i>	greatlakes@torontozoo.ca
<i>Serengeti Bush Camp</i>	bushcamp@torontozoo.ca

VISIT TORONTOZOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

As a not-for-profit organization, the revenues from all Zoo visits, including school field trips, directly support conservation efforts to help save vulnerable wildlife. The ongoing support of educators helps to ensure that these critical conservation efforts can continue and connects future generations to nature and the environment.

Together we can make a difference!

Curiosity • Discovery • Inquiry