

BROOKFIELD ZOO



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Free Online Student Materials and Teacher Training Session

Engage Your Student Scientists in Their Own Animal Behavior Study at Brookfield Zoo!

Are you planning a field trip with your students to Brookfield Zoo during this school year? Join Brookfield Zoo in Spring 2024 for an hour of virtual PD to help make your class visit to the zoo an engaging day of learning and exploration. Teach your students to design an animal behavior study, collect data, and explore their own questions about “what animals DO at the ZOO?”

Access to lesson materials, activities, and resources will be provided to participants who attend and participate in the session. 1 PD hour available.

Choose a virtual session that meets your schedule and grade level needs:

Virtual Grade K-2 Educator Sessions	Virtual Grade 3-8 Educator Sessions*
Monday, February 5, 2024, 4-5 PM Monday, March 4, 2024, 4-5 PM	Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4-5 PM <i>*High school teachers are welcome!</i>

**Links to sessions will be emailed to registrants in registration confirmation.*

Session Description:

Teaching Questioning, Investigation, and Observation Skills Through Animal Behavior Study

In this session, teachers will explore resources to implement inquiry-based animal behavior ethogram studies in the classroom and/or during nature observation. Tools and student resources to support science and engineering practices such as asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, using mathematics and computational thinking, and engaging in argument through evidence at K-8 levels will be introduced and discussed. Materials and accompanying strategies will be shared to support inquiry-based learning for lessons related to conservation, ecosystems, and animal behaviors and adaptations both in the classroom and during on-site learning at the zoo and/or in other environments where children encounter nature.

Instructor: Patricia Steinmeyer, Manager, Professional Learning and K-12 Academics, Brookfield Zoo

- 1 hour of PD credit is available for participants who provide IEIN number and required attendance documentation. PD credit will be available on the ISBE PD+ platform.

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