

Brookfield Zoo

Classroom Connections

Connections Classes
and Zoo Talks
for School Groups



Chicago Zoological Society
Inspiring Conservation Leadership



Table of Contents

Information

Questions? Hours, Directions, and Maps **3**

Programs at the Zoo

Connections Classes and Zoo Talks By Grade Level Chart **4**

Programs for Students with Disabilities **5**

Connections Classes for Early Childhood and Elementary Education . . . **6-9**

Connections Classes for Middle School and High School **10-11**

Zoo Talks **12-13**

Zoo-To-You Classes and Talks **14**

Reservations for Field Trips

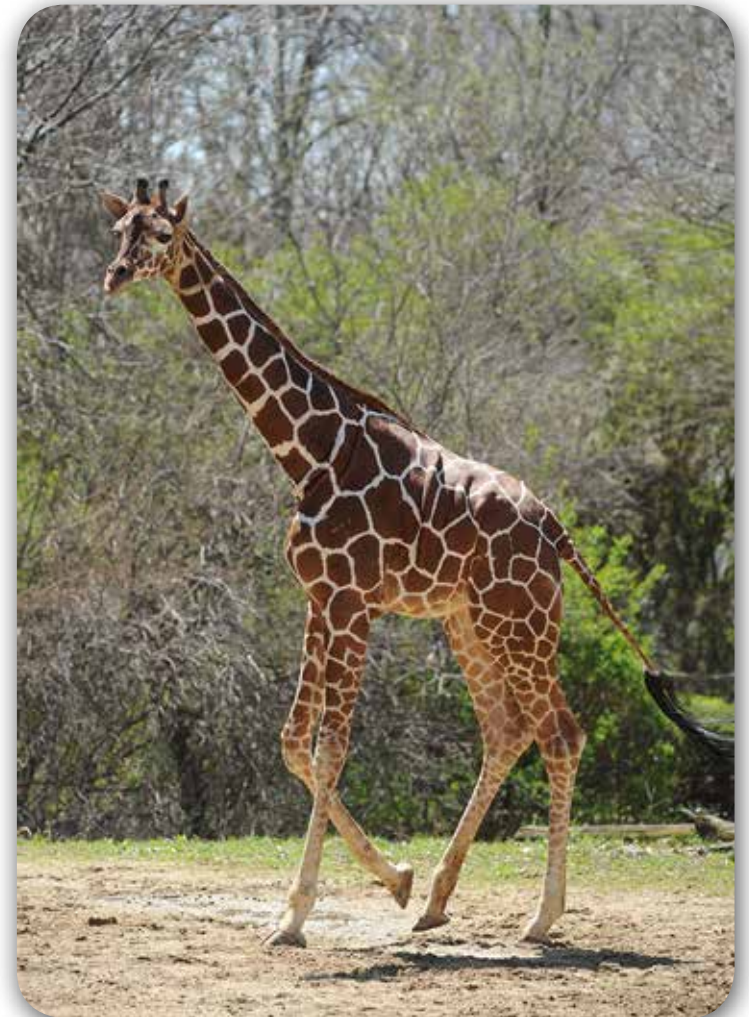
With a *Connections* Class or Zoo Talk **15**

For a Self-Guided Field Trip Only **16-17**

For a Hamill Family Play Zoo Visit **18**

Continuing Education and Graduate Programs **19-20**

Teacher Membership to Brookfield Zoo **21**



Information

Questions?

Use the following contact information to get answers.

Reservations for Field Trips with a *Connections Class* or *Zoo Talk*

Call (708) 688-8367 or e-mail Julie.Wozniak@czs.org.

Connections Classes and *Zoo Talks* are offered Monday through Friday.

Reservations for Self-Guided Field Trips

Go online to CZS.org/FieldTrips.

Accessibility

Call (708) 688-8338.

Continuing Education and Graduate Teacher Classes

Call (708) 688-8372 or e-mail Renee.Anderson@CZS.org.

Advanced Inquiry Program: Master's Degree

Call (708) 688-8223, e-mail Agnes.Kovacs@czs.org,
call (708) 688-8975, or email Debbie.Clemens@czs.org.

Hours, Directions, and Maps

Hours

Open Daily—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day—9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Directions

Brookfield Zoo is located on First Avenue between Ogden Avenue and 31st Street in Brookfield, Illinois. The zoo is just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago.

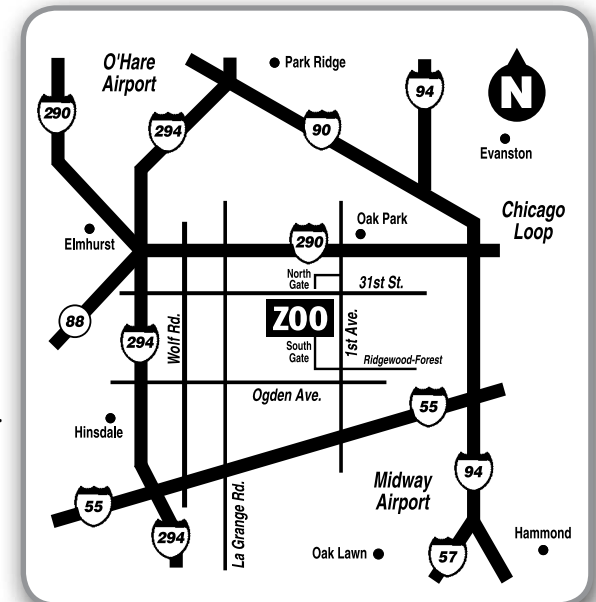
There are exits to First Avenue from the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and from the Stevenson Expressway (I-55).

Map of the Zoo



You can print a map of the zoo grounds by going to CZS.org/ZooMap.

General Zoo Information

For information go to CZS.org or call toll-free 1-866-GOTOZOO (outside Chicago). In the Chicago area, call (708) 688-8000.



Connections Classes and Zoo Talks for School Groups by Grade Level

Zoo Class Title	Page	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	HS
 Animal Encounters	5, 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Bears	7	✓	✓									
Critter Coverings	7	✓	✓									
Dinosaurs of All Shapes and Sizes	7	✓	✓	✓								
 How Things Are Wrapped	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wolves for Younger Students	9	✓	✓									
Animals of the Night	6		✓	✓	✓	✓						
Giraffes–Head to Toe	8		✓	✓								
How to View the Zoo	8, 10		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pee Wee Talk: Primates Around the World	12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Animals That Fly	6			✓	✓							
Nature Hikes	8, 10			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Animal Adaptations	6			✓	✓	✓	✓					
Animal Bites	6				✓	✓	✓					
Bats	7				✓	✓						
Butterflies	7				✓	✓	✓	✓				
Desert Communities	7					✓	✓					
Wolves and Their Survival	9, 11					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Africa: The Land, The People, The Animals	6, 10						✓	✓	✓			
Learn to Observe	8, 10						✓	✓	✓			
Reading Animal Tracks and Signs	9, 10						✓	✓	✓			
Wonders of Our Wetlands	9, 11						✓	✓	✓			
Zoo Talks: Animal Training and Enrichment	12						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Habitat Design	12						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Local Habitats	12						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Primate Populations: Overview of Tropic World	13						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Species Survival Plans	13						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Understanding Zoos: From Connections to Conservation	13						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zoo Talks: Zoo Careers	13						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science Inquiry	9, 11							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Quality	11								✓	✓	✓	✓

Programs for Students with Disabilities

Brookfield Zoo Can Meet the Needs of Every Student

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Grades Pre-K through 3. \$4.00 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 30 MINUTES LONG

Students meet and touch two live animals. Information is adjusted for the age of students. Their interests and questions guide the discussion on animal features and how they are alike and different.

HOW THINGS ARE WRAPPED

Available for all ages. \$4.50 per student.

Minimum of five students and maximum of 12 students with staff as required based on the needs of the group.

Use your senses to explore real animal artifacts, photos, and live animals. Find out how different animals use their fur, skin, feathers, and scales. This class can be modified, including class length, to meet the particular needs of your group. A visit to Hamill Family Play Zoo is included.

For information on visual schedule books, large service animal maps, sign language interpreters, or any other services needed due to a disability, please call (708) 688-8338.



- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Connections Classes

AFRICA: THE LAND, THE PEOPLE, THE ANIMALS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

The awe and wonder of Africa await your students as they engage in hands-on activities. Investigate three human cultures surviving in three diverse ecosystems: the rain forest, the savannah, and the desert. After your class, you are invited to visit Africa's famous animals, such as gorillas, monkeys, giraffes, zebras, meerkats, and more for the self-guided portion of your day.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Grades 1 through 4. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, four adults are required.

What makes the "perfect animal"? Students will find out as they build their own animals, touch animal artifacts, and meet an animal up close. After class, students and their chaperones can explore the park to find animals that are perfectly suited to their habitats.

NGSS: 1-LS1-1, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS3-2, 4-LS1-1

ANIMAL BITES

Grades 2 through 4. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, four adults are required.

Learn more about what different animals eat by exploring their teeth. Using observation, games, and hands-on activities, students will learn to sort animals into groups based on the foods they eat. Your students will have the opportunity to use real animal skulls to practice identifying herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores.

NGSS: 2-LS4-1, 3-LS3-2, 4-LS1-1, 4-LS1-2



ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Grades Pre-K through 3. \$4.00 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 30 MINUTES LONG

Students meet and touch two live animals. Information is adjusted for the age of students. Their interests and questions guide the discussion on animal features and how they are alike and different.

Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.EC, 5.C.EC

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT

Grades K through 3. \$4.50 per student

What is that moving about in the dark? Animals, that's what! Lots of them—big and small. Learn why some animals love the night and others work hard to survive it. You might be surprised by what is happening out there.

NGSS: K-LS1-1, 1-LS1-1, 1-PS4-2, 2-LS4-1, 3-LS4-3

ANIMALS THAT FLY

Grades 1 and 2. \$4.50 per student.

Birds are not the only animals that fly. Learn about bats, insects, and other flying animals and how they move through the air. Students will use hands-on activities to discover more about flying.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Early Childhood and Elementary Education Connections Classes (Continued)

BATS

Grades 2 and 3. \$4.50 per student.

Bats aren't blind, they won't fly into your hair, and they don't—technically—suck blood. Students will have an introduction to bats and bat artifacts. At the end of your classroom program, students and their chaperones can take a self-guided trip to Australia to observe the bats.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

BEARS

Grades Pre-K and K. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is recommended.

Come see our bears in Great Bear Wilderness. In this class, students will investigate artifacts and compare themselves to bears. After an introduction to bears, students will follow their zoo instructor to the bear viewing windows to talk about our live bears. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.EC, 6.D.EC, 12.C.EC

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

BUTTERFLIES

Grades 2 through 5. \$6.00 per student.

(Includes admission to Butterflies! exhibit.)

Memorial Day through Labor Day

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 60 MINUTES LONG

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Learn through observation! Immerse your students in our Butterflies! Exhibit. Students will practice observation and investigation skills through guided inquiry. They will discuss patterns as well as structure and function of butterflies within their habitat. **This class includes tickets to the Brookfield Zoo Butterflies! Exhibit and will be outdoors. Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Patterns, Structure/Function, Plan/Carry Out Investigation, Argue from Evidence

CRITTER COVERINGS

Pre-K through K. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, four adults are required.

If you want to sort animals, think of coverings! Visit Brookfield Zoo to learn how to recognize and categorize mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Hands-on activities, songs, and contact with live animals will help your students learn to sort animal groups.

NGSS: K-LS1-1; Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.EC, 8.A.EC, 12.A.ECa

DESERT COMMUNITIES

Grades 3 and 4. \$4.50 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 60 MINUTES LONG

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

Did you know that deserts get cold at night and teem with color and life? Your students will find out what's so hot about deserts when they use inquiry to conduct experiments and meet a live desert animal. After your hands-on class, you are invited to take your students to The Fragile Kingdom, where they will see firsthand what they have learned.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

DINOSAURS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

Pre-K through 1. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

Students will investigate dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes—from very small to very large. Compare yourself to an Apatosaurus. Learn how dinosaurs measure up against each other. Marvel at the vast variety of shapes, plates, and horns.

NGSS: 1-LS1.A; Illinois Early Learning Standards: 6.D.EC, 7.A.EC, 7.C.EC

- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Early Childhood and Elementary Education Connections Classes (Continued)

GIRAFFES—HEAD TO TOE

Grades K through 1. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is recommended.

Why are giraffes “head and shoulders above the rest”? Giraffe artifacts and engaging activities will help students see how they measure up to this tallest of land animals. A chance to observe Brookfield Zoo’s giraffes will top off the day. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.EC, 6.D.EC, 12.C.EC

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

HOW TO VIEW THE ZOO

Grades K through 8. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Join us for Operation Observation! Learn to focus on animal attributes and habitats to make the most of your visits as you are guided through a selected area of the zoo. Learn fun facts and stories about the animals, and find out how to make the most of your trip to Brookfield Zoo. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.ED, 5.C.EC

NGSS: K-2: LS1, LS2, LS3, ETS1, PS3; 3-5: LS1, LS2, LS3, LS4, PS3



LEARN TO OBSERVE

Grades 4 through 6. \$6.00 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 90 MINUTES LONG

Learning to make observations is a key to being successful in science and in life. This class will teach students to use an ethogram to chart the behavior of a turtle. Observations will continue as the students are led into the park to observe one of our charismatic animals. Students will then polish their math skills as they report on their findings. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

NATURE HIKES

Grades 1 through 8. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Held outside at Brookfield Zoo’s Swan Lake, this class allows students to explore the woods and lake area to find evidence of local animals, their homes, and other activity in nature. There will also be hands-on opportunities with animal artifacts. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Connections Classes (Continued)

READING ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

Many wild animals live in the areas near your home. Do you know who they are? Discover what animals live close by and how they survive by learning how to “read” the different animals tracks and signs they leave for us. Students will use their skills of observation and exploration while learning how to “read” four different types of signs that a local wild animal may leave behind. Students will be using real and replica animals artifacts.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

SCIENCE INQUIRY

Grades 5 through 12. \$6.50 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 2 HOURS LONG

Students are engaged in hands-on activities as they explore the inquiry method of learning. They will learn to develop comparative questions, gather data, and present their findings. The topics will vary. The class includes a visit to an exhibit to investigate animals and habitats. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

WOLVES FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS

Grades Pre-K through K. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Celebrate wolves by coming to Brookfield Zoo’s “Wolves” class. Students will investigate biofacts and compare themselves to wolves. After an introduction to wolves, students will follow their instructor to Regenstein Wolf Woods at Brookfield Zoo to learn more about our Mexican gray wolves. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

Illinois Early Learning Standards: 5.A.EC, 6.D.EC, 12.C.EC

WOLVES AND THEIR SURVIVAL

Grades 3 through 8. \$4.50 per student.

Come and learn about Brookfield Zoo’s Mexican gray wolf pack. Students will investigate artifacts and learn about how these important predators are adapted to surviving in the wild. At the end of class, students will follow their instructor to the Wolf Woods exhibit to observe our Mexican gray wolves and their habitat. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

WONDERS OF OUR WETLANDS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

Creative discovery stations and activities followed by the option of a self-guided visit to Brookfield Zoo’s The Swamp will get your students knee-deep in all the cool things wetlands do. Students will learn how wetlands help control floods, shelter wildlife, purify water, provide recreation, and support human cultures.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Middle School and High School

Connections Classes

AFRICA: THE LAND, THE PEOPLE, THE ANIMALS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

The awe and wonder of Africa await your students as they engage in hands-on activities. Investigate three human cultures surviving in three diverse ecosystems: the rain forest, the savannah, and the desert. After your class, you are invited to visit Africa's famous animals, such as gorillas, monkeys, giraffes, zebras, meerkats, and more for the self-guided portion of your day.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

HOW TO VIEW THE ZOO

Grades K through 8. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Join us for Operation Observation! Learn to focus on animal attributes and habitats to make the most of your visits as you are guided through a selected area of the zoo. Learn fun facts and stories about the animals, and find out how to make the most of your trip to Brookfield Zoo. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: MS: LS2, LS4, ESS3

LEARN TO OBSERVE

Grades 4 through 6. \$6.00 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 90 MINUTES LONG

Learning to make observations is a key to being successful in science and in life. This class will teach students to use an ethogram to chart the behavior of a turtle. Next, observations will continue as the students are led into the park to observe one of our charismatic animals. Students will then polish their math skills as they report on their findings. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

NATURE HIKES

Grades 1 through 8. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, a 1:5 ratio of chaperones to students is required.

Held outside at Brookfield Zoo's Indian Lake, this class allows students to explore the woods and lake area to find evidence of local animals, their homes, and other activity in nature. There will also be hands-on opportunities with animal artifacts. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

READING ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

Many wild animals live in the areas near your home. Do you know who they are? Discover what animals live close by and how they survive by learning how to "read" the different animals tracks and signs they leave for us. Students will use their skills of observation and exploration while learning how to "read" four different types of signs that a local wild animal may leave behind. Students will be using real and replica animals artifacts.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Middle School and High School Connections Classes (Continued)

SCIENCE INQUIRY

Grades 5 through 12. \$6.50 per student.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 2 HOURS LONG

Students are engaged in hands-on activities as they explore the inquiry method of learning. They will learn to develop comparative questions, gather data, and present their findings. The topics will vary. The class includes a visit to an exhibit to investigate animals and habitats. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

WATER QUALITY

Grades 6 through 12. \$6.00 per student.

This class is offered April 15 through October 15.

NOTE: THIS CLASS IS 90 MINUTES IN LONG

Water, water everywhere—but is it safe for the animals that depend upon it? How can we find out? Come to Brookfield Zoo to learn how to take water samples, measure what's in the water, and then determine whether it's suitable for the fish, frogs, and other animals that live in or near the water. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

WOLVES AND THEIR SURVIVAL

Grades 3 through 8. \$4.50 per student.

Come and learn about Brookfield Zoo's Mexican gray wolf pack. Students will investigate artifacts and learn about how these important predators are adapted to surviving in the wild. At the end of class, students will follow their instructor to the Wolf Woods exhibit to observe our Mexican gray wolves and their habitat. **Please remember to dress for the weather.**

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.

WONDERS OF OUR WETLANDS

Grades 4 through 6. \$4.50 per student.

To facilitate this class, three adults are required.

Creative discovery stations and activities followed by the option of a self-guided visit to Brookfield Zoo's The Swamp will get your students knee-deep in all the cool things wetlands do. Students will learn how wetlands help control floods, shelter wildlife, purify water, provide recreation, and support human cultures.

NGSS: Alignment coming soon.



- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Zoo Talks

Experience Zoo Talks with your class, then head out into the zoo to explore!

Pee Wee Talk

This special talk is for grades K through 5.

Group size: minimum 12 students, maximum 200 students.

\$4.50 per student.

PRIMATES AROUND THE WORLD

Pack your bag and join us for a trip around the world studying primates. Visit South America, Africa, and Asia as you learn about white-cheeked gibbons, golden lion tamarins, orangutans, and gorillas. Students observe, measure, and feel biofacts as they learn about these amazing animals.



Zoo Talks

Zoo Talks are available for grades 4 through 12.

Group size: minimum 12 students, maximum 200 students.

\$4.50 per student.

ANIMAL TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT

We feed the bodies and minds of zoo animals. The animals become the students when we teach them how to participate in their own care. Discover how ordinary items such as pumpkins become teaching tools and how you can also enrich the lives of your pets.

HABITAT DESIGN

Enter the world of exhibit planners. It's more complicated than you might think. Teams of experts must consider the needs of the animals, the needs of the animal care staff, and the needs of the visitors as they plan the design of zoo habitats. Explore all that goes into exhibit design as you learn the tricks of the trade. This eye-opening talk complements curricula and projects about building and designing zoo exhibits.

LOCAL HABITATS

Right here, in and around Chicago, are patches of land that are home to thousands of native species of plants and animals. These are some of the rarest natural communities on Earth! Learn about the prairies, savannahs, forests, and wetlands that share this area with us.

- *All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.*
- *For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.*
- *Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.*

Zoo Talks (Continued)

Experience Zoo Talks with your class, then head out into the zoo to explore!

PRIMATE POPULATIONS: OVERVIEW OF TROPIC WORLD

This class is designed to provide an overview of the primates found in Brookfield Zoo's Tropic World. Through this presentation, students will learn how to identify observed behaviors, just like researchers studying wild primates do. After the class, head over to Tropic World for a self-guided visit and have students complete observations to take back to the classroom to analyze.

SPECIES SURVIVAL PLANS (SSPs)

Zoos to the rescue! We all know zoos help endangered animals, but how? And which ones? Learn about the SSP program and Brookfield Zoo's SSP animals.

UNDERSTANDING ZOOS: FROM CONNECTIONS TO CONSERVATION

NOTE: THIS TALK IS 60 MINUTES LONG

This Zoo Talk explores the value and role of zoos in the world of conservation. The audience will gain an understanding of how zoos care for their animals and contribute to the conservation of all animals. Topics include how zoos help people make connections to animals, how zoos educate the public, and the important research conducted by zoos. Understanding Zoos is an interactive presentation that utilizes photos and videos, as well as time for questions and answers.

ZOO CAREERS

"I love art!" "I like cooking!" "I want to be a dentist!" "I want to work at the zoo." Brookfield Zoo employs over 1,000 animal lovers—but they don't all work with animals. This interactive talk features tools used in a variety of jobs here at the zoo. Come learn about the many jobs at Brookfield Zoo, all of which help make the zoo a world-class operation.



- All Connections Classes and Zoo Talks, unless otherwise noted, are 50 minutes.
- For reservations, call (708) 688-8367.
- Please note that there is a \$50-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled within the current school year.

Zoo-To-You Classes and Talks

Let Us Come To You!

Monday through Friday, except during April, May, and October, Brookfield Zoo's talented instructors will bring selected Connections Classes or Zoo Talks to your classroom or school. This is a great way to introduce topics for upcoming study, a wonderful pre- or postzoo visit activity, or a fun culminating activity for a unit. We are sorry, but because our animals are busy at the zoo, they are not able to travel.

NOTE: See the page number listed after the class title for class descriptions. All classes are 50 minutes long.

Connections Classes

Connections classes are \$200 for one classroom of students (normal maximum size 30 students) and \$100 for each additional classroom taking the same class in a back-to-back schedule. A fee of \$50 per hour of wait time will be charged between nonconsecutive classes. Classroom teachers must be present during the classroom. Zoo-To-You classes are available for schools up to 30 miles away from the zoo, with a charge of \$0.50 per mile.

ANIMAL BITES Grades 2 through 4 (p. 6)

ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT Grades K through 3 (p. 6)

ANIMALS THAT FLY Grades 1 and 2 (p. 6)

BATS Grades 2 and 3 (p. 7)

BEARS Grades Pre-K through K (p. 7)

DINOSAURS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES Grades Pre-K through 1 (p. 7)

READING ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS Grades 4 through 6 (p. 9,10)

Pee Wee Talk and Zoo Talks

Pee Wee Talk and Zoo Talks may also be given to auditorium-size groups (50 to 250 students) for \$300 per session and \$100 for each additional session on a back-to-back schedule. Zoo-To-You talks are available for schools up to 30 miles away from the zoo, with a charge of \$0.50 per mile.

Pee Wee Zoo Talk (Grades K through 5)

PRIMATES AROUND THE WORLD (p. 12)

Zoo Talks (Grades 4 through 12)

ANIMAL TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT (p. 12)

HABITAT DESIGN (p. 12)

LOCAL HABITATS (p. 12)

PRIMATE POPULATIONS:

OVERVIEW OF TROPIC WORLD (p. 13)

SPECIES SURVIVAL PLANS (p. 13)

UNDERSTANDING ZOOS:

FROM CONNECTIONS TO CONSERVATION (p. 13)

ZOO CAREERS (p. 13)

Please note that there will be a \$50.00-per-class fee for any cancellation that is not rescheduled for the current school year.

Call (708) 688-8367 with questions or to make a reservation.

To Reserve a Field Trip That Includes a *Connections* Class or Zoo Talk

To reserve a field trip that includes a *Connections* class or a Zoo Talk, call us at (708) 688-8367 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Julie.Wozniak@czs.org.

- Confirmations/invoices will be emailed to you at least one month prior to your scheduled date.
- You will also receive a zoo map indicating the class location.
- Read your confirmation carefully, and make sure to bring it with you on the day of your visit with the zoo map. We have several zoo classrooms, so be sure your group knows where to go. These tools will help you navigate once you arrive at the zoo.
- Mail your payment, along with a copy of the invoice, to the attention of "School Programs" prior to your scheduled program date. We prefer checks made out to Brookfield Zoo but will accept credit card payments as well.
- If you need to cancel or change a reservation, please call (708) 688-8367 as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A \$50.00-PER-CLASS FEE FOR ANY CANCELLATION THAT IS NOT RESCHEDULED WITHIN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR.

ADULT SUPERVISION PRE-K TO COLLEGE

School groups must have proper adult supervision in a ratio of at least one adult for every ten students unless otherwise stated in the *Connections* Class description.

PARKING

**PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SOUTH GATE.
(GPS: 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513)**

- You must pay the parking/entrance fee at the gate on the day of your visit with cash or with a separate school check.
- Parking/entrance fee per bus: \$15.00; car/van: \$12.00.

Prices are subject to change. Please check current prices at CZS.org.

WEEKDAY ZOO HOURS

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (after Labor Day until Memorial Day).
9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day).
For other times throughout the year, please go to CZS.org.

LUNCHES

Indoor and outdoor areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not provide storage for lunches, nor do we reserve seating areas.

MEDICAL WAIVER FORM

You and your group supervisors are advised to carry emergency contact numbers and a signed medical waiver for each child under 18 years old. Please go to CZS.org/MedicalWaiver for a downloadable example of a medical waiver form.

To Reserve a Field Trip That Is Self-Guided

Visit **CZS.org/FieldTrip** to make your reservation. You will be able to view available dates and reserve the date that works for you.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, please make sure to check your school calendar and bus availability.

Please have the following information ready:

- School name, district number, address, and telephone number
- School principal's name
- Whether you are a Chicago Public School (yes or no)
- Teacher contact name in charge of the trip
- E-mail address to receive your confirmation (note: be sure to share the confirmation information with the teacher(s) attending the field trip, too!)
- Date you want to make your field trip (note: consider a weekday other than Friday (it's our busiest day) and coming before or after the busy April-to-June season). A two-week advance notice is mandatory.
- Number of students attending
- Number of adult supervisors attending (teachers and volunteers)
- Number of buses and/or cars that will be arriving

You will receive your confirmation immediately at the email address that you provided within your registration.

Please check your email. If you don't receive the confirmation, please call (708) 688-8367 before submitting another reservation request.

PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF YOUR CONFIRMATION AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON YOUR TRIP. THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY CONFIRMATION. If you need to cancel, please call (708) 688-8367.

ADULT SUPERVISION PRE-K TO COLLEGE

School groups must have proper adult supervision in a ratio of at least one adult for every ten students.

ZOO HOURS

Weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Labor Day through Memorial Day).

Weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day).

For current hours throughout the year, please go to CZS.org.

PARKING

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH GATE.

Main Parking Lot Entrance is just west of 1st Ave. and 31st St.

- Entrance fee per bus: \$15.00; car/van: \$12.00.

Prices are subject to change. Please check current prices at CZS.org

DIRECTIONS

The zoo is located at First Avenue between Ogden Avenue and 31st Street in Brookfield, Illinois, 14 miles west of Chicago. There are exits to First Avenue from the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) and from the Stevenson Expressway (I-55).

MAP OF THE ZOO

You can print a map of the zoo grounds by going online at CZS.org/ZooMap.



To Reserve a Field Trip That Is Self-Guided (Continued)

PRICES FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOL GROUPS

Free general admission is available to Head Start, home school, public, and private Illinois school groups of K-college for self-guided field trips (parking and attraction fees still apply), but two weeks' advance notice are required. An Illinois school group is defined as a classroom teacher accompanying his or her students, Monday-Friday, during the normal school year. **Note: groups that do not meet these qualifications will be notified.** Make your reservations early—space is limited. For spring trips, please make your reservations two months in advance. For all other seasons, please make your reservations at least two weeks in advance. No reservations will be accepted less than two weeks before your requested field trip date.

What do I do if I am a childcare, camp group, park district group, after-school group, not-for-profit group, or other nonschool group?

Nonschool groups of any size may:

- Come to the zoo at any time and purchase all tickets upon arrival.
- Purchase advance tickets at (708) 688-8431.

OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOL GROUPS

- Out-of-state students with reservations are \$14.50 each, and adult supervisors are admitted free.
- Out-of-state groups without reservations pay full price.

Prices are subject to change. Please check current prices at CZS.org

- To check the current schedule for free admission days, go online to CZS.org.

FREE Activity Sheets *What to Do at Brookfield Zoo* for grades pre-K through 12 are available online at CZS.org/ActivitySheets.

LUNCHES

Indoor and outdoor areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not provide storage for lunches, nor do we reserve seating areas.

MEDICAL WAIVER FORM

You and your group supervisors are advised to carry emergency contact numbers and a signed medical waiver for each child under 18 years old. Please go to CZS.org/MedicalWaiver for a downloadable example of a medical waiver form.



Hamill Family Play Zoo

Visit Brookfield Zoo's
Award-Winning
Hamill Family Play Zoo,
a One-of-a-Kind Field Trip
for Young Children



Hamill Family Play Zoo is a revolutionary new concept in zoo experiences for families. The Play Zoo is a unique adventure in which children and their families can play and interact with animals, plants, and people while developing caring attitudes toward the natural world.

***There's always plenty to touch, explore, build,
and do at Hamill Family Play Zoo!***

- Touch small animals
- Pretend to be a veterinarian
- Build habitats
- Examine animal X-rays
- Discover insects
- Care for gardens
- And much, much more.

To reserve a field trip to Hamill Family Play Zoo, please call (708) 688-8367. With your advance reservation and payment, the cost is \$3.00 per student and adults are free.



All of our activities are designed for birth through early elementary students, with an emphasis on hands-on exploration and learning through play.

Continuing Education and Graduate Programs

Come grow with us! Earn graduate credit at Brookfield Zoo.

Choose from a wide variety of graduate classes offered for educators at Brookfield Zoo. Classes are designed for teachers of all grade levels and are planned in an engaging, participatory manner. Classes use inquiry learning and hands-on experiences and help in integrating zoo resources and materials into your classroom activities and curriculum.

Continuing Education and Earning Graduate Credit

These professional development programs offer PDCHs for K-12 Illinois teacher recertification. Proof of professional development hours are also provided for other educators, including pre-K teachers. Affiliations with partners such as Aurora University allow 1 or 3 credits to be applied to graduate degrees. Graduate credit carries an additional fee.

Please visit CZS.org/Teacher-Classes to register for a teacher class.

Classes are updated quarterly.

For more information on our teacher graduate credit classes, please email Renee.Anderson@czs.org or call (708) 688-8372.



Continuing Education and Graduate Programs (Continued)



Visit www.CZS.org/AIP for more information.

Master's Degree: Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP)

The Chicago Zoological Society and Project *Dragonfly* at Miami University in Ohio partner to bring an exciting master's degree to Chicagoland. The AIP is a conservation-focused, inquiry-driven learning experience. It combines web-based graduate courses through Miami University with face-to-face learning and field study at Brookfield Zoo.

ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment is open to applicants with a bachelor's degree regardless of academic major or profession. The AIP can be completed part-time while working and is designed for anyone interested in contributing to social and ecological change in their community.

DEGREES

Applicants elect to enroll in either a Master of Arts in Teaching in Biological Sciences (MAT, designed for certified teachers) or a Master of Arts in Biology. MA and MAT candidates go through the AIP together. Degrees are conferred from Miami University.

Part of a family of master's programs, the AIP leverages the learning resources of Project *Dragonfly*, a leader in inquiry-driven and publicly engaged education.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants earn 35 total credit hours: 14 credit hours of core courses that occur on the web and 21 credit hours of Web+ courses that combine web-based instruction with experiential learning on-site at Brookfield Zoo. Seven credit hours may come from a global field course. The AIP can be completed in 2.5 years.

APPLICATIONS

Applications may be found on-line at CZS.org/AIP.

For more information on our AIP master's degree, email Agnes.Kovacs@czs.org or Debbie.Clemens@czs.org.



Classroom Teachers: Save with an Educator Membership

A special full-year Brookfield Zoo membership for teachers only!
Only \$95.00 (prices are subject to change each school year).

You receive all these benefits:

- FREE admission for 2 adults and their children under age 18
- Four (4) FREE one-time-use guest admission tickets
- FREE parking at the main entrance (First Ave. and 31st St.) for one vehicle on each visit
- Discounted parking at the south entrance

Questions? Please call (708) 688-8341.

Note: Educator Memberships are processed only by mail.



Chicago Zoological Society

Inspiring Conservation Leadership

©2017 Chicago Zoological Society. The Chicago Zoological Society is a private nonprofit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Last updated March 28, 2017.

