



EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

2022-2023

BATON ROUGE ZOO



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DEAR EDUCATORS,

Each year, we see thousands of students, teachers and parents—traveling from as far as 250 miles in some cases—pour through our gates for field trips at the Baton Rouge Zoo. And I'm happy to say that those numbers, as well as our geographic reach, continue to grow annually.

Our mission is to connect people with animals and we make every effort to realize that in every education program we offer. Today, more than ever, it is crucial that our young people develop an understanding, appreciation and respect for our natural resources and surroundings. There are many species living in our Zoo whose existence in the wild depends on it. What better way to do this than to get a firsthand look at one of nature's animal ambassadors?

Whether you come every year, or are receiving this guide for the first time, I'd like to strongly encourage you to make the trip to the Baton Rouge Zoo.

With nearly 800 animals to see, programming that is in line with state curriculum requirements, easy lunch ordering from our Flamingo Café, it's sure to be a trip to remember.

Jim Fleshman,
Director



GENERAL INFORMATION

Come explore wildlife in nature's own classroom! Whether you register for one of our programs during your visit or follow your own itinerary, your trip is sure to be a memorable and educational one.

To schedule your trip to the Zoo, please go to www.brzoo.org and complete a field trip request form. Forms must be submitted at least two weeks in advance, as reservations are required and dates fill up quickly! No classes or schools will be admitted without a reservation. After scheduling your trip, our staff will send you an email confirming the date and provided additional information for your group's arrival. In order to expedite the admission process, please bring this confirmation with you when you visit.

School Rates* (2022-2023)

Available Monday-Friday, August-May only

TEACHERS/CHAPERONES **\$3.00**

STUDENTS **\$2.50**

** A mandatory 4.45% state sales tax will be applied to your total, per Louisiana Tax Act 25 & 26 unless you present a valid tax exempt form at time of admission.*



To qualify for School Admission Rates:

- Children must be pre-school through grade 12
- School must be recognized by the State Department of Education
- Reservation must be made at least 14 days prior to your visit
- Groups should have a minimum of 15 paying individuals
- All admission fees for students, chaperones and teachers must be collected in advance by teachers and presented at the Admission Gate as one single payment.
- Payment must be made with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard (vouchers and purchase orders are not accepted)
- A minimum of one adult per 10 students (through grade 12) is required. Only adults included on the single payment through the school will be given the school rate. Please come in with an accurate headcount of students and chaperones.

Trip Tips

- The Zoo is very popular in spring. Fall and winter offer many unique viewing opportunities without the crowds.
- Let us be the teachers for the day! Sign your class up for an Ed-ZOO-cation Program. Programs are offered three times daily and meet the current benchmarks set forth by the Louisiana Science Framework.
- Show off your school colors and stay visible by wearing adhesive tags with your school name on them. Please do not use strings or pins on your nametags as they may end up in animal enclosures.
- The Zoo remains open during inclement weather, so we do not offer refunds or rain-checks. Bring your umbrellas and ponchos for cloudy days—the animals actually tend to be more active on cool cloudy days than on hot sunny days!
- School groups are not allowed to bring outside food into the Zoo. If you'd like to bring your own lunches, picnic areas are available in the adjoining Greenwood and Clark parks. For your safety, we ask that you please not picnic in the Zoo's parking lot.

AT THE ZOO

ED-ZOO-CATION PROGRAMS

Through encounters with animals, animal biofacts and interactive programming, your students will benefit from our structured programs designed to support your science curriculum. Grade level-specific lessons, aligned with Benchmark Statements set by the Louisiana Science Framework, enable you to utilize our programs to complement your teaching units.

- Available Monday-Friday, August-May
- 45 minutes long and scheduled on the hour beginning at 10 a.m.
- Maximum of 35 students per program
- \$30 per program
- The Zoo schedules programs on a first-come, first-served basis, and you must schedule at least 21 days prior to the program date.
- Visit our website at brzoo.org to register for programs

MOVIN' AND GROOVIN' Grades: PreK-K Meet small animals that walk, crawl, slither and jump. Students will learn how and why animals move in different ways through role-playing exercises. **Benchmarks:** PK-CS-P3, PK-CS-I1, PK-CS-L1, PS-E-B3, SI-E-A1, LS-E-A3, LS-E-A4, LS-E-C1

ANIMAL SENSES Grades: PreK-1 Discover how the five senses help animals to survive. Students will compare their own senses to those of animals through imaginative and interactive activities. **Benchmarks:** PK-CS-I1, PK-CS-L1, SI-E-A1, SI-E-A3, LS-E-A3, LS-E-A4, LS-E-C1

FUR, FEATHERS, SCALES AND SKIN Grades: PreK-2 Students will use the basics of the scientific method in this fun-filled class. Students will make observations and hypotheses that can be put to the test, all while learning about some very special critters. **Benchmarks:** AL4, CS1, CS3, SI-E-A1, SI-E-A3, LS-E-C1, PS-E-A1, LS-E-A4

NATIVE NEIGHBORS Grades: PreK-6 This program features major ecosystems and animals of Louisiana and gives students a better appreciation for the wild areas right here at home. **Benchmarks:** SE-E-A1, SE-E-A5, LS-E-A1, LS-E-A3, LS-E-A4, LS-E-C1, LS-E-C2, LS-E-C3, LS-E-B3, PK-CS-L1, SI-E-A1

HABITAT QUEST Grades: 2-3 Students will examine different habitats and learn how animals secure their needs from these "homes." Assembling a food chain will help students understand the interdependence between animals and their habitats. **Benchmarks:** LS-E-A1, LS-E-A4, LS-E-A3, LS-E-B3, LS-E-C2, SE-E-A1, SE-E-A2, SE-E-A5

CREATURES HAVE CLASS Grades: 2-4 What makes a bird a bird and not an insect, reptile or mammal? Students will explore the diversity of animal life and learn tricks to sort them out. **Benchmarks:** LS-E-A3, LS-E-A4, LS-E-B2, LS-E-B3, SI-E-A1

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS Grades: 3-4 Survival is all about having the right tools for the job. Students will learn how physical and behavioral adaptations help animals survive in the wild. **Benchmarks:** SI-E-A1, SI-E-A2, LS-E-A3, LS-E-A4, LS-E-C2

WEB OF LIFE Grades: 4-5 The web of life connects us to the rest of the planet. Students will learn where they fit in and what they can do to make the world a better place for wildlife. **Benchmarks:** LS-E-B2, LS-M-C2, LS-M-C4, SE-E-A1, SE-E-A2, SI-E-A1, SI-E-A2, SI-E-A5, SI-E-B1, SI-E-B4, SI-M-A1

VANISHING WONDERS Grades: 5-6 Imagine a world without tigers or rhinos. Students will learn why some animals are in danger of extinction and what they can do to help save them. **Benchmarks:** LS-M-C3, LS-M-C4, SE-M-A2, SE-M-A3, SE-M-A4, SE-M-A6, SI-M-A1

SKULLOLOGY Grades: 6-12 Students will identify and compare the structures of skulls to determine their functions for individual species. They will collect data and use dichotomous keys to identify a variety of animals based on dentition and other clues. **Benchmarks:** LS-M-C1, LS-M-C4, LS-M-D1, SI-M-A1, SI-M-A5

ZOO CAREERS Grades: 6-12 Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at a zoo? Students will learn that there is a lot more to running a zoo than just feeding the animals. **Benchmarks:** HS-EVS2-3, HS-ESS3-2, HS-EVS2-1, HS-LS2-6, HS-LS2-7, HS-LS3-1, HS-LS4-5, C.3.2, C.5.4, C.8.1

CUSTOM PROGRAMS Grades: K-12 Don't see a program that meets your needs? Contact the Education Department at 225-775-3877 (option 5) to ask about details and registration. We will work with you to create an amazing program suitable for your group, interests or curriculum.

AT YOUR SCHOOL

Zoomobile

Classroom Programs

Can't make it to the Zoo? Through encounters with animals and biofacts, your students will benefit from a visit from the ZooMobile. The programs we bring to your school are modeled after the same ones we present at the Zoo, so are both entertaining and in line with state required curriculum.

- Available Monday-Friday (December, January, February, August and September only)
- Programs are 45 minutes long
- Maximum of 35 students per program, may book up to three programs per visit

To schedule your classroom programs or for more information on pricing, please call go to www.brzoo.org and complete a request form. Forms must be submitted at least two weeks in advance.

Assembly Programs

For large groups of 36 students or more, we offer an assembly version of our classroom ZooMobile visit. To schedule your assembly or for more information on pricing, please go to www.brzoo.org and complete a request form. Forms must be submitted at least two weeks in advance.

Note: Due to the large group sizes, students participating in an assembly format will not be allowed to touch the animals.

The Zoo Mobile is available in the months of August, September, December, January, and February.

Pricing

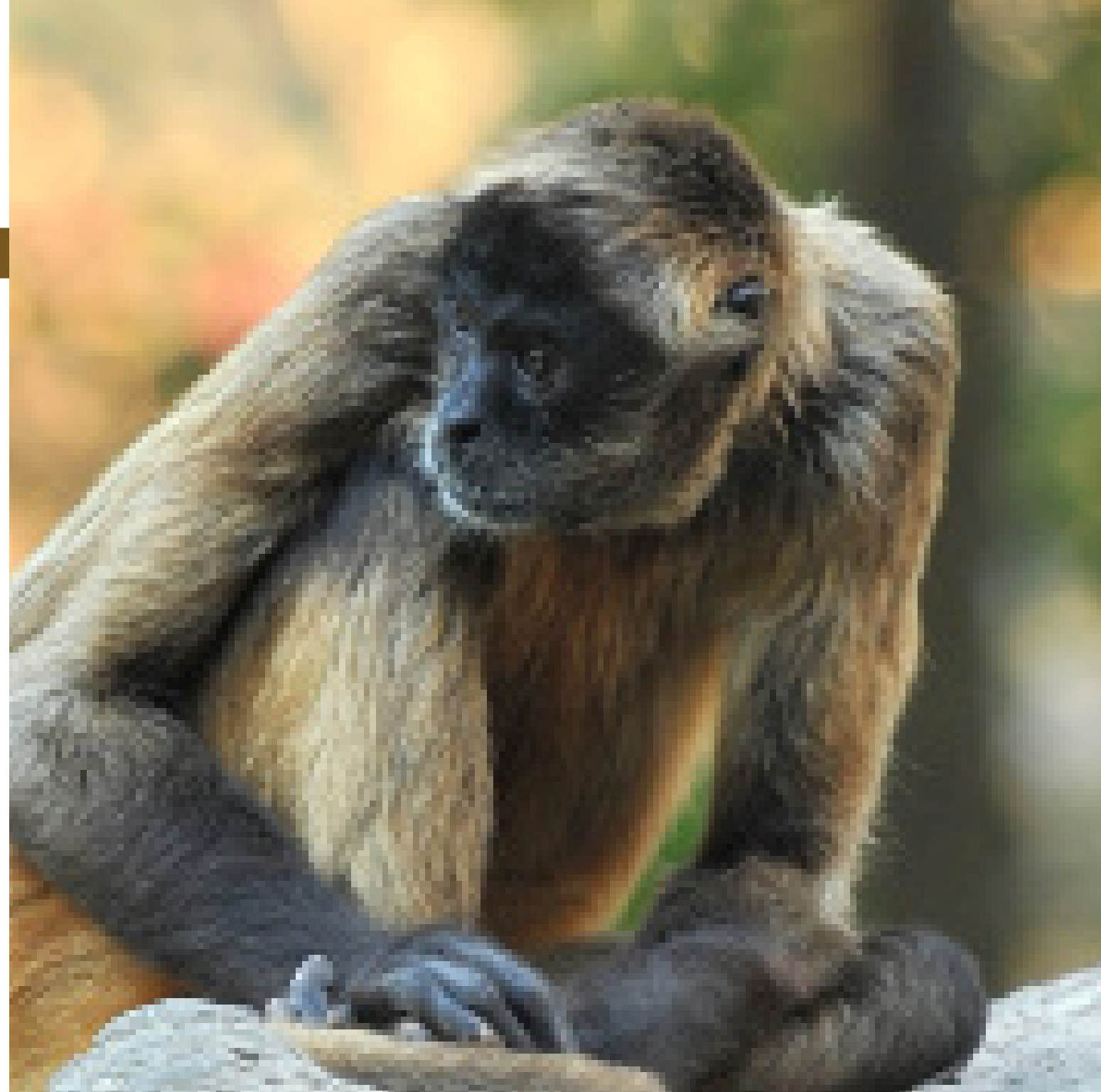
GROUP: \$125 (\$25 surcharge for locations outside of EBR Parish). \$75 for each additional programs.

SCHOOL: \$100 (\$25 surcharge for locations outside of EBR Parish). \$50 for each additional programs.

School In-Services

Available year-round, join our Education staff for a free program that can be custom-tailored to your regular in-service days. Get a general overview of all the programs we offer or see what an actual Ed-Zoo-Cation program is like before registering your class--it's up to you!

For more information or to register for an in-service at your school today, please call **225-775-3877** option **5**.



SAFARI NIGHTS

Are you looking for a real adventure for your class, scout group or church group? How about an overnight at the Zoo? Designed for students first grade and up, Safari Nights are a great opportunity to explore topics such as adaptations, classification, art and general biology in a fun and exciting setting. Every Safari Night includes dinner, a tour of the Zoo, animal encounters, souvenir T-shirt, and a continental breakfast.

- Scheduled year-round on Friday and Saturday nights, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Multiple themes to choose from, so repeat visits are welcome
- Maximum of 30 participants

Contact the Education Department at **225-775-3877 (option 5)** to ask about details and registration.

Pricing

\$450 for groups of 15 or fewer

\$30 per person for groups of 16-30

\$150 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a date



Themes include:

ZOO DUNNIT

Aching for an adventure? This program will have your group searching the Zoo for clues about our animals and becoming animal enthusiasts overnight. We will use clues to figure out who's who in the Zoo. Activities include a Zoo scavenger hunt, tours, and games. In the morning, prepare an enrichment treat for a Zoo animal.

HOO DAT?

Enjoy an evening focused on the nocturnal animals like owls, bats, bugs, and more. Learn about these sometimes misunderstood creatures through presentations with live animals and animal biofacts. Activities include Zoo hikes, tours, nocturnal exploration and crafts. In the morning, help us give breakfast to one of our Zoo animals.

AFRICAN EXPEDITION

Travel to Africa, without leaving the country. African wildlife and culture will be in the spotlight throughout the evening. Create an African craft, learn African folklore, and then your group will help us give breakfast to one of our African animals in the morning.

UNWRAP ENRICHMENT

Find out what it takes to keep our animals happy and healthy. There's more to it than just providing food. Keepers are always thinking of new ways to entertain and challenge their animals, and you'll get to help them do it. Participants will also learn neat tricks to use at home with pets.

ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL

With our Adopt-an-Animal program, your class** can be a parent and more to any of the animals at the Baton Rouge Zoo! Your donation not only allows you special benefits that only our adoptive parents enjoy, but also helps our animals. All proceeds from the Adopt-an-Animal program benefit your Baton Rouge Zoo and our commitment to various conservation efforts.

About Adoption

All animal adoptions are good for one year and are renewable.

If the animal you would like to adopt is not listed, please contact us. Due to their popularity, some animals may be adopted concurrently.

All adopted animals remain in the care and custody of the Baton Rouge Zoo.

Because zoo animals are living creatures, they can become ill, die, be moved off exhibit or to other facilities. The Zoo retains the right to remove any animal from public display. If your adopted animal leaves the Zoo, dies or is moved off exhibit, your gift will still be used and appreciated for the remainder of your adoption year.

Adoption is easy!

1. CHOOSE AN ANIMAL

Browse through the collection of animals on our website at brzoo.org. Click on an animal you'd like to learn more about and choose one to adopt.

2. CHOOSE AN ADOPTION LEVEL

Different levels of donation offer different levels of adoptive parent benefits!

3. PLACE YOUR ORDER

Print out and send in our mail-in form with your payment or submit your order online.



Adoption Levels

LEVEL BENEFITS	GO GREEN (\$25)	BRONZE (\$50)	SILVER (\$100)	GOLD (\$250)
Adoption Certificate	*			
Zoo Keeper's Report	*			
5" x 7" Photo	*			
Adoptive Parent Car Decal				
Annual Plush				
Subscription To Wild Times				
Meet The Keeper				

*Our Go Green parents will be emailed their certificate, Zoo Keeper's Report and high-resolution photograph in electronic format in order to save paper waste!

**For group and classroom adoptions, please call 225-775-3877 ext. 6212 for pricing details.

Adoption Levels

ADOPTION CERTIFICATE: Proudly display your adoption with this 8.5" x 11" certificate signed by the Zoo Director, verifying your donation.

ADOPTIVE PARENT DECAL: This window cling is the perfect way to let the world know that you support the animals at YOUR Baton Rouge Zoo!

ZOO KEEPER'S REPORT: To help you begin your new journey as a Zoo Parent, we will provide you with a fact sheet about your newly adopted animal with everything you need to know.

PHOTO: Frame it, hang it on the refrigerator, put it on your desk--whatever you desire! This glossy, hi-res photo will keep your "adoptee" at the top of your mind at all times.

ANNUAL PLUSH: Enjoy a plush as an additional thank you for your donation.

SUBSCRIPTION TO WILD TIMES: Enjoy a year of Wild Times, the Zoo's quarterly newsletter--filled with animal facts, Zoo news and educational games!

MEET THE KEEPER DAY: Enjoy day passes for four individuals to the Zoo as you come to visit your animal and get an opportunity to meet the Zoo Keeper in charge of your animal's care.

FOOD AND SOUVENIRS

A variety of food options are available for purchase and pre-purchase from the Flamingo Café. To place your order today, please visit www.brzoo.org. Please provide us with a copy of your tax exempt form for our records, if applicable, when placing your group order. Please place food orders 7 days prior to field trip.

Flamingo Café

Field Trip Menu

Snacks

- Sno-cone
- M&Ms
- Snickers
- Skittles
- Lay's Potato Chips
- Veggie Chips
- Cotton Candy
- Frito Corn Chips
- Ice Cream
- Zoo Animal Crackers
- Popcorn
- Pickle

Meal Combos

All combos come served with chips and your choice of a small Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Tummy Yummy, or 10oz. bottled water.

- Hot Dog
- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Turkey & Swiss Sandwich
- Tuna Sandwich

Beverages

- Powerade (20oz.)
- Bottled Water (20oz.)
- Tummy Yummy
- Coca-Cola Can
- Diet Coke Can
- Sprite Can
- Dr. Pepper Can

Visit www.brzoo.org for most up to date pricing.

9.95% Louisiana sales tax will apply
Prices are subject to change – food orders must be preordered from Zoo website.
A Flamingo Café Supervisor will contact you via email to confirm your order and the order total.

Safari Post Gift Shop

Located near the front gates of the Zoo, our Safari Post Gift Shop sells everything from children's toys and plush animals to books and attire. It's the perfect stop on your way out. Some of our more popular items include:

Plush Animals
Toy Trucks and Trains
Children's Books
Educational Toys

Annual Zoo Ornaments
Cookbooks
Home Décor
Hats, Shirts and Bags

Golf Balls
Mugs
Sundries



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LOCATION

3601 Thomas Rd.,
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

CONTACT

Phone: 225-775-3877 opt. 5
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HOURS

Admissions Gate Open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Zoo Grounds Close at 5 p.m.

EXTENDED SUMMER WEEKEND HOURS (APRIL–AUGUST)

Admissions Gate Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Zoo Grounds Close at 6 p.m.

BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo is closed New Year's Day,
Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

General Admission*

Adults/Teens	\$8.75
Seniors	\$7.75
Children ages 2-12	\$5.75
Children ages 1 and under	FREE

**General Admission Rates subject to change
without notice. Louisiana state sales tax does apply.*