

Denver Zoo Field Trip Planning Guide

2012



CHECKLIST TO PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT



WRISTBANDS!

All students, teachers, and adult chaperones will be issued wristbands for admission to the zoo once payment is received. Make sure every member of your group is wearing their wristband prior to arrival (if pre-paid) or prior to entering the zoo.

WANT TO AVOID THE LINES?

Pre payment is accepted, you will receive your wristbands prior to your visit!

- Read your confirmation to make sure the contact information, as well as the visit date, is correct.
- Email fieldtrips@denverzoo.org to make any changes.
- If you have made your reservation at least 3 weeks in advance, you have the option to pre-pay for your group. Please email fieldtrips@denverzoo.org for more information
- Arrange for an adequate number of chaperones.
 - ◆ 1 chaperone for every 10 students is required
 - ◆ All teachers and school staff are admitted **FREE**
 - ◆ One (1) adult attendant for every one (1) special needs student is admitted **FREE**
 - ◆ Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.
 - ◆ If paid for as part of the group payment (a single payment transaction for entire school group) chaperones receive discounted rate of **\$3 each**.
 - ◆ **If paying separately, chaperones must pay full admission price.** (Nov.-Feb. \$12/March-Oct. \$15)
 - ◆ Adults who bring other children/younger siblings are not considered chaperones and do not count toward your 1:10 required ratio.
 - ◆ **Siblings who are not part of the school class will pay regular admission at the gate.**
- Important Payment policies
 - ◆ Advance payment is accepted if payment is received 3 weeks in advance; check your confirmation for instructions on pre-payment.
 - ◆ **If paying upon arrival, please have an exact count of your students, teachers, and adult/parent chaperones ready.**
 - ◆ We accept **ONE** payment in full for the entire group. We accept school/organization checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or cash. Please make checks payable to Denver Zoo. **We do not accept personal checks, purchase orders or multiple forms of payment.**
 - ◆ If your check is for more than the amount due, a refund check will be mailed to the school.
 - ◆ Adult Field Trip Chaperones may use their Membership cards for themselves **only** (not children). **Students attending with a school field trip must pay the school group rate and may not use a Membership for admission.**
- Important Behavioral expectations
 - ◆ Students are not allowed to leave their assigned chaperones while at the zoo.
 - ◆ Students found to be un-chaperoned will be held by security until a teacher or chaperone can be located.
 - ◆ Feeding the free-ranging animals or any animals is not permitted.
 - ◆ Leave certain things at home: toys and flying discs, skateboards, shoes with wheels, music players and other electronic devices, and cell phones.
 - ◆ **Smoking is not permitted on zoo grounds.**



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Denver Zoo Hours
November 1st - February 28th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 1st - October 31st 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Remind students not to feed any animals at the zoo ~ including free-ranging birds & squirrels!

EATING LUNCH AT THE ZOO

Denver Zoo does not provide lunch storage. We encourage all students to carry their own lunches in a backpack. Groups may also bring or rent wagons to carry lunches for students.



Appropriate places to eat lunch at the zoo include:

- ◆ Conoco Zoo Gardens if there is no reserved event (covered outdoor pavillion)
- ◆ Giraffe Meadow (outdoor grassy area on the east side of the zoo)
- ◆ Felines Buildings (indoor buildings east end of zoo)
- ◆ Great Apes Building (indoor building, inside Primate Panorama west end of zoo)

Help Denver Zoo's efforts to go **GREEN**. Recycle bins can be found through out zoo grounds. Please dispose of trash and recyclable items appropriately.



PARKING

- ◆ Schools visiting during months other than April and May will be entering through the Main Gate.
- ◆ To ensure a safe and fun experience, all buses will enter the zoo parking lot via 23rd Ave.
- ◆ Security will greet each bus and direct it to the student Drop-Off Area. Parent chaperones are encouraged to park in the Car Parking areas near the School entry. Parents will be able to meet their school group in the Waiting Area.
- ◆ Parents will enter the zoo at School Entrance, not at the Main Entrance.

WAGONS, WHEELCHAIRS, CAROUSEL, TRAIN, AND GIFT SHOPS

- ◆ Wagons (\$6), strollers (\$4) and wheelchairs (\$4) are available for rent. You may purchase tickets for your students to ride the train (\$2) and/or carousel (\$2) .
- ◆ Students, teachers and adult chaperones are welcome in Denver Zoo gift shops. One adult chaperone per 10 students is required for supervision at all times in any gift shop.

NEED TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE?

- ◆ Please contact fieldtrips@denverzoo.org to cancel or reschedule a field trip at least **10** days before your scheduled visit. Denver Zoo will try to work with you to find another date that works well for you and the zoo. Please understand that we cannot guarantee that your requested date will be available.
- ◆ In the case of school closure due to **inclement weather**, please contact us at fieldtrips@denverzoo.org to make arrangements for a reschedule or refund.

