

2011-2012 Chaperone Guide

Dear Chaperone -

Thank you for choosing to spend the day with your child's group at Denver Zoo! Being a chaperone is a great way to take part in your child's learning, and it is also a very important responsibility. Please follow the directions on this page for a safe and enjoyable visit!

2011-2012 Chaperone Prices for Field Trips - PLEASE READ!

- 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)
- Chaperones who bring other children/younger siblings are not considered chaperones and do not count toward the 1:10 required ratio.

GUIDELINES TO MAKE YOUR ZOO FIELD TRIP A SUCCESS

1. Stay with your group

All students (ages Pre K-Grade 12) **must be supervised at all times.** You are responsible for keeping all students in your group together while in zoo buildings, exhibits, restaurants, and walkways. Students who are found unsupervised may be held by Zoo Security until chaperones can be located.

2. Be courteous and respectful of other visitors.

Help students use quiet voices and walk through the zoo. Do not allow students to climb on exhibits or railings. Please pick up and dispose of all trash and recycling.

3. Help protect our animals.

Do not allow students to disturb animals by tapping on windows. Please prevent students from chasing or feeding any animals in the zoo, including our free-ranging peacocks, squirrels, or geese. Do not allow students to drop or throw anything into a zoo exhibit.

4. Leave NO trace!

Please make sure to keep the zoo looking the way you found it when you arrived - dispose of trash and recyclable items appropriately, and please remind students not to pick any of the foliage (leaves, flowers, etc) around the grounds.

5. Be prepared.

Talk with the teacher ahead of time to learn your responsibilities as a chaperone. Write down meeting times, lunch times and locations, and bus information. Know the students in your group, and make sure they know your name, too! Become familiar with the zoo's rules and expectations for behavior.

EATING LUNCH AT THE ZOO

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 on the east side of zoo)
- Great Apes Building (indoor building, inside Primate Panorama on the west side of the zoo)

Important Information

Name of School:

Teachers Name:

Teachers Phone:

Departing Time:

Meeting Area:



If a Student gets lost or injured, speak to any SECURITY OFFICER, or go to the GUEST RELATIONS DESK near the MAIN ENTRANCE. You can also call SECURITY at 303-376-4805 or the GUEST RELATIONS DESK at 303-376-6712.

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.