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WELCOME TO ELMWOOD PARK ZOO

THE MISSION OF THE ELMWOOD PARK ZOO IS TO FOSTER AN APPRECIATION FOR WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL INSPIRE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONSERVATION AND WE WISH TO SHARE THAT MISSION WITH ALL OF OUR GROUPS.

Elmwood Park Zoo is the perfect destination for guests looking to share a unique experience. Whether it’s a school field trip, family get together, company outing, or any other special occasion, we have the right group program to educate and entertain you!

Elmwood Park Zoo currently maintains a collection of over 100 species that hail from all over the globe. Highlights of the collection include giraffes, zebras, bald and golden eagles, jaguars, and red panda. A number of species in the collection are managed pursuant to an international SSP (Species Survival Plan). These programs aim to maintain and increase the size of animal populations that are under the largest threat of extinction. Other species in the collection represent significant wildlife conservation success stories, such as the American bison, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and American alligator.

Elmwood Park Zoo is proud to be a recognized by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) as a Certified Autism Center. The designation, given by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), is awarded to organizations who have completed a training and review process with the goal to better serve individuals with autism and other sensory needs.
ADVANCED GROUP TICKETS

$10.95 PER GUEST FOR GROUPS OF 15

*Each group receives 1 free adult admission per 10 child admissions.
*Special needs groups can book at the group rate without having 15 or more individuals and one-on-one aides are FREE!

Fine Print:
Membership rates and discounts do not apply to groups.
Ask about our Title 1 discount during booking!
It is recommended that group trips be booked at least 3 weeks in advanced for availability.
Full payment is due 2 weeks prior to the day of the trip.
Group rate is not available for purchase at the door and regular admission rates apply for any payments made on the day of the trip.
Admission is non-refundable. If there are guests in your group that were unable to attend, it is the responsibility of your group leader to go to the Nature Shop and request the proper amount of unused tickets be printed. Tickets are good until the end of the current year.

Contact 610.277.3825 x240 or groupsales@elmwoodparkzoo.org to book your group trip.
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Elmwood Park Zoo is dedicated to providing the community with varied learning experiences that encourage people to play an active role in wildlife and environmental conservation. We offer a wide selection of educational programs that are individually tailored for students and children as young as preschool age, but can be appreciated and enjoyed by groups of all ages. Our interactive 20 and 40 minute programs engage young learners with interesting touchable animal biofacts, such as fur, feathers, shells and skulls, and are designed to help teachers meet Pennsylvania Academic Standards for environmental and natural science in their curriculum. Our group programs also include live animals that can be viewed up close.

20 MINUTE PROGRAM
$13.95 per guest
(in season April-Dec)
$11.95 per guest
(off season Jan-March)

40 MINUTE PROGRAM
$15.95 per guest
(in season April-Dec)
$13.95 per guest
(off season Jan-March)

*Prices include zoo admission and the program. Requires a minimum of 15 guests to book.

PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE PROGRAMS

20 MINUTE PROGRAM

ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS
Webbed feet, wings, camouflage and quills- students will discover a number of different animal adaptations and learn how they help them to survive in an ever-changing world.

SENSATIONAL ANIMALS
Students will take an in-depth look at our five senses and explore the differences and similarities with how they're used in the animal kingdom.

SORTING SPECIES
Students will explore the characteristics of different vertebrates such as birds, mammals, and reptiles and learn that animals can be classified into different groups based on their features.
2ND GRADE AND UP PROGRAMS

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WHOSE HABITAT IS THAT?
Students will learn about the four components of a habitat and explore differences between a variety of animal homes.

ON THE BRINK
Students will explore different threats, such as habitat loss, pollution and climate change, facing many animals both locally and abroad, and learn what they can do to help.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PROGRAMS

50 MINUTE PROGRAM
$15.95 per guest
(in season April-Dec)
$13.95 per guest
(off season Jan-March)

Our High School and College programs are designed for those students interested in environmental conservation and animal management. Join our educators in an engaging program with live animal interactions and learn what it takes to work at Elmwood Park Zoo.

*Prices include zoo admission and the program. Requires a minimum of 10 guests to book.

ZOO CAREERS
Learn about Elmwood Park Zoo and discover what different departments work together to make the facility successful.

ANIMAL TRAINING
Meet animal ambassadors and learn how their natural behaviors are incorporated into their everyday care.

EXHIBIT DESIGN
Study the design plans of our Trail of Jaguar exhibit and learn the behind the scenes secrets that only a zookeeper may know.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

45 MINUTE PROGRAM
$15.95 per guest
(in season April-Dec)
$13.95 per guest
(off season Jan-March)

Elmwood Park Zoo is proud to be a recognized by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) as a Certified Autism Center. For information on accessibility for your students with disabilities (Sensory Guide, Social Narrative, Sensory Backpacks, etc), please take a look at our resources found at elmwoodparkzoo.org/accessibility-amenities.

1:1 Aides are free. Recommended for groups with 10-25 guests.

HABITAT EXPLORATIONS
Let us engage your special needs students with a program specifically designed to encourage sensory and tactile learning for all ages and ability levels. This fun-filled, multi-sensory program engages guests with live animal interactions and artifact exploration. This tactile program allows for learners to engage in exploring the natural world to better connect with animals.

For more information on education programs, please visit
www.elmwoodparkzoo.org/education
Treetop Adventures at Elmwood Park Zoo features over 50 challenge games and zip lining that spans up to 35 feet above the ground in the trees of the zoo. It’s Pennsylvania’s only ropes course with zip lines over animal exhibits. Whether your group is here for just a short time, or if you want to spend the whole day here, we have plenty of different course options for those guests that want to experience some high flying fun!

**CUB CLIMB**
- 15 Obstacles and 2 zip lines
- 15+ Participants = $17.95 each
- 50+ Participants = $15.95 each
- Approx. 1 hour per group of 25
- Requirements:
  - Must be 4 years old
  - 36”-60” tall
  - Adult supervision necessary

**QUICK ZIP**
- 3 Obstacles and 3 zip lines
- 15+ Participants = $17.95 each
- 50+ Participants = $15.95 each
- Approx. 1 hour per group of 25
- Requirements:
  - Must be 54” tall
  - Adult participation necessary

**ZOOFARI**
- 15+ Obstacles and 8 zip lines
- 15+ participants = $44.95 each
- 50+ participants = $39.95 each
- Approx. 2 hours per group of 25
- Requirements:
  - Must be 54” tall
  - Adult participation necessary

**EXPEDITION ELK**
- 7 Obstacles, 3 zip lines, 30 foot free fall
- 15+ participants = $34.95 each
- 50+ participants = $29.95 each
- Approx. 1 hour per group of 25
- Requirements:
  - Must be 54” tall
  - Adult participation necessary

Safety waivers and closed-toed shoes are required for each participant. For more information or how to book, please contact Treetop Adventures at 610-277-3827 or email treetop@elmwoodparkzoo.org.
ADD AN EDUCATION PROGRAM

WANT TO ZIPLINE AND STILL SEE AN EDUCATION PROGRAM?

Enjoy a private program just for your group in combination with your Cub Climb or Quick Zip adventure! Our interactive programs engage young learners with interesting touchable animal biofacts, such as fur, feathers, shells and skulls, and are designed to help teachers meet Pennsylvania Academic Standards for environmental and natural science in their curriculum. Based on the age of your group, you may choose a desired program theme from below. To help make sure your group stays on schedule, we only offer programs at 20 minutes in length.

20 MINUTE PROGRAM ADDED TO YOUR ZIPLINE COURSE
Additional $8.95 per person

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ENHANCE YOUR GROUP EXPERIENCE

Elmwood Park Zoo offers a wide array of experiences to make your visit even more special! Also, check out our daily activities posted at the front of the zoo, so you don't miss any fun animal encounters! *The prices below are advanced group rates and must be purchased prior to your trip. Regular pricing will apply to feeding and attraction tickets purchased on the day of your trip. All feedings and attractions are seasonal and weather dependent!

ANIMAL FEEDINGS

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*Everyone entering the feeding deck must have a ticket.  
*Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

TRAIN AND CAROUSEL RIDES

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*Children under 36" must ride with a taller child.  
*Adults and infants are not permitted  
*Adults are required to purchase a ticket.  
*Children under 42" must be accompanied by an adult or a taller child.
PAVILION RENTALS

Groups may bring in their own bagged lunches. The zoo does not have storage areas, so it is recommended that groups bring rolling bins to carry their lunches in. The zoo’s Calle Mae Pavilion provides covered open air space and picnic table-style seating for groups of all sizes. Guests may rent the whole pavilion or rent by quarter increments based on the size of their group and/or the pavilion’s availability. Rental payment is due at the time of reservation and is subject to availability. Guests who do not wish to rent space in the Calle Mae Pavilion may find first-come first-served picnic table seating at various locations throughout the zoo.

MONDAY-FRIDAY RENTAL

Quarter of Pavilion- $150
Up to 35 guests
Whole Pavilion- $500
Up to 140 guests

SATURDAY-SUNDAY RENTAL

Quarter of Pavilion- $200
Up to 35 guests
Whole Pavilion- $700
Up to 140 guests

Includes:
3-hour time slot (10am-1pm or 2pm-5pm)
If you have more than 35 people in your group, you must rent an additional quarter space.

FOOD VOUCHERS

Elmwood Park Zoo’s pre-paid vouchers is another option for lunch! Vouchers may only be purchased by groups of 50 or less people and are available seasonally. Additional food tray options are available upon request.

TREETOP CAFÉ VOUCHER
$10.00/voucher
Includes beverage, chips, and choice of hot dog, macaroni and cheese, or chicken nuggets.

ZOO BREW VOUCHER
$9.00/voucher
Includes one beverage of beer, wine, cocktail, or non-alcoholic.

PETRUCCI’S ICE CREAM VOUCHER
$4.00/voucher
Includes choice of one small ice cream or water ice.

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BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK UP POLICY

Buses must go to our South Gate entrance (located on Harding Boulevard) for group drop-off and pick-up. At no time should the buses be dropping off or picking up groups at the main entrance or in our parking lots, unless otherwise instructed to. Please note, the South Gate entrance is only for drop off and pick up. After drop off, busses will be required to find their own parking.

Group drop-off begins at 9:30am at our South Gate entrance. The gate will open at 10am and remain open until 11am for group arrival. The gate will then close from 11am to 12pm. It will reopen again from 12pm to 2pm for group pick-up. If your arrival or departure times are not within those time-frames please be sure to let us know ahead of time by emailing groupsales@elmwoodparkzoo.org.

BUS DRIVERS CAN ENJOY FREE ZOO ADMISSION FOR THE DAY!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN WE SCHEDULE A VISIT?
The zoo is open year round, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. You may schedule a group trip any of the days that the zoo is open.

WHERE CAN OUR GROUP EAT LUNCH?
There are two large picnic areas in the zoo. One is the Picnic Pavilion between the eagle exhibit and the barn. The other is located between the bison exhibit and pond. Other guests share these areas with school groups, so please feel free to contact us if you are interested in renting a section just for your group. There are also additional tables around the zoo as well.

ARE THERE FOOD STANDS TO PURCHASE LUNCH?
If your students did not pack a lunch or require additional food, you may find multiple food stands around the zoo. Food stands are open seasonally, so it is recommended that you check availability during booking of your trip.

WHAT TIME CAN WE ARRIVE AT THE ZOO?
Buses may start arriving at 9:30am at the Zoo’s South Gate and groups will be let in when the zoo opens at 10am. There may be multiple school groups, so give your group extra time for arrival. Groups are recommended to arrive 30 minutes before their education program or Treetop Adventures experience.

WHERE DOES MY GROUP ATTEND OUR SCHEDULED EDUCATION PROGRAM?
If you have scheduled an education program during your visit, the presentation will either take place in our Discovery Center, ZooBowl Theater, or Canopy Gardens Hall. Your assigned program location will be found on your invoice and confirmation email.

CAN STUDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATE IN TREETOP ADVENTURES DURING OUR TRIP?
If you are interested in adding zipline opportunities for your group with our Treetop Adventures courses, you must book your group two weeks prior to your trip. More information can be found at zipthezoo.com. To book please contact Treetop Adventures at 610-277-3827 or email treetop@elmwoodparkzoo.org.

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TEACHER’S CHECKLIST FOR YOUR VISIT

ONE MONTH BEFORE YOUR TRIP DATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
☐ Check invoice for payment date. Payments are due in full 2 weeks before your trip.
☐ Finalize program theme with your zoo contact if your class paid for an education program.
☐ Take a look at our resources for a variety of activities, educational materials, and teaching tools to prepare your students for their visit elmwoodparkzoo.org/teacher-resources
☐ Provide parking instructions for your bus drivers.
☐ Provide a map for your chaperones and determine all your meeting spots during your visit.
☐ Gather bins to keep lunch boxes in during your trip. Some groups bring carts to help them carry the lunches as the zoo does not have a storage space.

THE WEEK BEFORE YOUR TRIP DATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
☐ Finalize confirmation with your zoo contact person the week of your visit.
☐ Keep an eye on the upcoming weather.

THE DAY OF YOUR TRIP DATE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
☐ If you have scheduled an education program, confirm its location during check-in
☐ If you need to cancel or reschedule for any reason, contact the zoo no later than 8am the day of your trip. Please provide at least 3 possible dates when emailing to reschedule (in order of preference). If you had an education program, we cannot guarantee that there will be availability to keep the program if you need to reschedule. If the date you wish to reschedule to does not have any availability for the education program, but is available for a regular group trip, you can reschedule your trip without the education program. Please note there are no refunds if you reschedule without an education program.

IF YOU HAVE BOOKED A TREETOP ADVENTURES GROUP TRIP:
☐ Please complete a safety waiver for each participant before the day of your trip.
☐ A 50% deposit is due two weeks before in order to reserve your spot.
☐ Ensure that all participants wear closed-toed shoes and meet the height requirements for the course.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Elmwood Park Zoo is a smoke-free and vape-free environment.
- Do not throw objects into exhibits, or tap and bang on exhibit glass. This will frighten or upset the animals.
- Do not feed the animals. Our animals are on strict diets in order to maintain their health and outside food can make them ill. Guests are welcome to feed our animals at feeding stations, monitored by our zoo staff.
- Do not attempt to enter any exhibits or attempt to climb, sit on, and lean into or over any exhibit barricade. These barricades exist for the safety of our animals as well as the safety of our guests.
- Animals may not be available for viewing, or their location may change from one visit to the next.
- Elmwood Park Zoo does not issue rain checks or refunds for any reason, but will make every reasonable attempt to notify guests of any changes at the time of their arrival.
- Skateboards, bikes, skates, balloons, and balls are not permitted inside the zoo.
- Outside alcohol is not permitted inside the zoo.

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OTHER EXPERIENCES

NIGHT ADVENTURES AT TREETOP ADVENTURES
Zip the zoo in the dark with Treetop Adventures’ Night Adventure! Experience all the thrills of the zip line and ropes courses with the added challenge of darkness!

ZOO-ON-WHEELS
Bring the zoo to your school, club, church, senior center, library or other public venue. Live animals and interesting artifacts help bring learning to life. Each program is tailored to the age of the audience or programs can be custom-designed to fit your curriculum.

ZOOSNOOZE
Discover what happens at the zoo after the sun goes down at Elmwood Park Zoo’s “ZooSnooze” overnight campouts! Your night is complete with fun activities, a campfire, animal meet and greets, and more!

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