A Wild Adventure
Greetings!

Austin Zoo is excited to introduce our new and improved program offerings. Look for TEKS driven programs designed specifically for Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth grade. From Safari Stories through Biomimicry Basics, we explore the connections between wildlife and students. Current programs meet Austin Zoo’s mission to assist animals in need through rescue, rehabilitation and education.

We are home to 16 acres of developed land and 300 animals of over 100 species. Whether your students have been studying specific animals as part of a research project or you are looking for an energizing way to reinforce life science skills, Austin Zoo is the destination for you!

Field Trip Admission Rates

To qualify for an education group rate, your organization must be a public or private school, or an organized homeschool group, and have a minimum of 15 paid participants. Admission is $6.50 per participant, including chaperones. One teacher for every 7 students is free.

Acceptable Forms of Payment

- We accept cash, organizational checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express as well as approved Purchase Orders from Central Texas Independent School Districts. If paying by Purchase Order, Austin Zoo must receive an approved PO directly from your financial department prior to the date of your field trip.
- One person must pay for the entire group. Additional chaperones, parents and siblings must prepay the lead teacher and enter with the group to receive this discount.
- Anyone checking in with us separately will be charged full admission rates. Final headcounts for admission charges must be provided upon check-in at the Gift Shop on the day of your field trip.

Please make checks payable to:

Austin
P.O. Box
Austin, Texas 78709

Self-Guided Field Trip Instructions:

- It is recommended to make reservations at least two weeks in advance. Last minute field trip? We might be able to accommodate your group within our two week limit, but please call (512) 288-1490 in order to expedite your request.
- To reserve a self-guided field trip, visit our website and click on the FIELD TRIPS tab. Please fill out the electronic field trip form. To fill out the form you will need: school name, primary contact name and phone number, email, bookkeeper’s name and phone number, email, grade level, expected number of students, expected number of adults, payment type, and three possible field trip dates. Field trip requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis.
- You will receive an email confirmation with the date and arrival time for your field trip, within three (3) business days of your submission. Please read emails carefully, confirm that your information is correct and note the guidelines for a successful Zoo visit. Please share the guidelines with your students and chaperones before your field trip.
- If you need to cancel, please call as soon as your plans change.

On-Site Program Pricing

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Add an On-Site Program to your field trip

- On-site programs must be added to a self-guided field trip a minimum of two weeks prior to the scheduled visit.
- If you decided to add a Zoo Instructor-led on-site program to your reservation, follow the self-guided field trip instructions above and choose a program from the selections in this brochure.
- We can divide larger groups and perform multiple classes.
- Booking your program requires a $30 non-refundable deposit that will apply to your final payment. (See cancellation policy for program fee refunds.) Failure to pay the program deposit will result in cancellation of your program reservation.
- We recommend one chaperone/teacher for every 10 students in our Educational programs. Due to space limitations, additional parent chaperones cannot attend the program. They may enjoy the Zoo and catch up with the group after the program.
- The remainder of your program fees (less the $30 non-refundable deposit) will be collected on the day of the field trip with your admission payment.

On-Site Program Cancellations:

On-site programs must be cancelled in writing (e-mail is acceptable). The $30 deposit is non-refundable.

Train Reservations

Special arrangements may be made for your field trip! Please contact Jeanne Polk at (512) 970-2987 or by email at rawhiderocket@gmail.com.

Please make all checks for the train payable to:

Rawhide Rocket, LLC
1801 Pursley Road
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
On-Site Programs

Meet a Zoo Educator and enhance your field trip with TEKS driven programs. Programs include touchable bio-facts and meeting 1-3 ambassador animals depending on the program.

30 Minute Programs: $2.00/participant

Pre-K to Kindergarten

Story Safari - up to 25 participants
Settle down with a Zoo Educator to hear a well-loved animal story. Possible themes are Animal Families, Animal Movement and Animal Adaptations.

Kindergarten to Second Grade

Animal Wrappers: Up to 50 participants
Fur, feathers, scales and skin - discover vertebrate animal classification through animal coverings.

Animal Senses: Up to 50 participants
How do animals use their senses to investigate the world around them?

In My Backyard: Up to 25 participants
During this center-based program, students investigate local habitats and native animals.

45 Minute Programs: $3.00/participant

Second to Sixth Grade

Animal Adaptations: Up to 50 participants
Learn how animals’ physical and behavioral characteristics help them to survive. Explore adaptations that help animals acquire food, escape predators, move and more.

Owl Pellet Dissection: Up to 30 participants
Use the Scientific Method to investigate an owl's place in the food chain.

Animal Behavior Lab: Up to 30 participants
This introduction to animal behavior will help students learn how behavior is an adaptation, and how behavior studies are used in zoos. Students will complete a hands-on behavior experiment, as well as discuss a variety of animal behaviors.

Fifth through Twelfth Grade

Biomimicry Basics: Up to 30 participants
Students will learn the basics of biomimicry: what it means in the natural world and what it means to scientists and engineers. They will have an opportunity to investigate some animal examples and brainstorm application and inventions inspired by the natural world.

Customized and Special Needs Programs

Please contact education@austinzoo.org or call 512-288-1490 to work with Education staff to design a program specifically suited to your students.
Let us travel to you! We offer TEKS driven presentations that involve touchable biofacts and two to three live animals.

### Outreach Program Reservations
- Please call (512) 288-1490 ext. 107 (Education) or email your request to education@austinzoo.org. Please have three possible dates in mind. You will need to give a $50 non-refundable deposit within two-weeks of booking your program which will be applied towards your total payment.
- Final outreach balance is due in full two weeks prior to the program. Any program that has not been paid for in advance will be cancelled.
- Registrations for outreach programs must be made at least two weeks in advance.

### Outreach Programs

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Mileage rate of $0.54 per mile.

### Outreach Program Cancellations
Outreach programs must be cancelled in writing. The $50 deposit is non-refundable. Cancellations within two weeks of the program are non-refundable, but may be rescheduled within the same school year.

### Program Topics

#### Story Safari: Up to 100 participants
Settle down with a Zoo Educator to hear a well-loved animal story. Possible themes are Animal Families, Animal Movement and Animal Adaptations. Program will include touchable biofacts and 2 live animals.

#### Animal Adaptations: Up to 100 participants
Learn how animals’ physical and behavioral characteristics help them to survive. Explore adaptations that help animals acquire food, escape predators, move and more. Program will include touchable biofacts and 2 live animals.

**Program Requirements:**
We require a quiet indoor space and 1 table for each venue. For animal safety we cannot present in a room that has any furred or feathered class pets. Anyone who touches an ambassador animal will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash hands thoroughly. Audience members under the age of 5 years and audiences with over 50 participants may not be able to touch live animals. Programs must occur between 9:30am and 4:00pm.

### Virtual Program
Are your students researching wild animals? Do they have burning questions or need someone with whom to present what they have learned? Connect your students with an Austin Zoo educator through Zoom. Email education@austinzoo.org for pricing information and schedule.

### Homeschool Nature Series
Hands-on Zoo Biology classes and labs designed for 6-8 and 9-11 year olds. Topics include Animal Behavior, Super Senses, Animal Anatomy and a Dissection lab!

### Scout Workshops
Reserve your custom scout workshop, meet badge or patch requirements, or just come out for a fun day of learning. All workshop pricing includes Zoo admission.

### Camp Programs
Austin Zoo offers full-day, week-long summer camps for elementary students during summer break. We also offer Saturday camps in the fall and winter.

Remember, Zoo admission is free with membership!