A Message from the Education Department

The Chattanooga Zoo strives to enrich the lives of all who visit here. We provide standards-based school programming, and up close and personal contact with education program animals. We seek to inspire a new view of the world around us and its many unique creatures. In doing this, we hope our visitors and students will seek to make a difference in the world. This guide book provides information to help make your visit or outreach program a rewarding experience. Inside you will find an overview of our offerings and how to prepare for your visit.

Come on in and have a truly wild experience!

Mission Statement

The Chattanooga Zoo Education Department’s mission is to engage and inspire our community to take action for conservation of biodiversity.

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Question: Do you know the difference between Monkeys and Apes?
On-Site School Education Programs

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<td>Pre-K &amp; K</td>
<td>Can you taste with your foot or smell with your tongue? We'll look at some of the ways humans and other animals use their senses.</td>
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<td>Animal Encounter:</td>
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<td>Mammal or Reptile? It's a difficult choice, but either program you choose will introduce the basic characteristics of what makes that group special.</td>
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<td>Choose Mammal Mania or</td>
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<td>We'll add and mix up the &quot;ingredients&quot; that go into making a habitat and discover why habitats are so important to plants, animals, and to us.</td>
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<td>Reptile Round-up</td>
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<td>Fur, feathers, scales, skin and exoskeletons - OH MY! Animals have all kinds of different body coverings, making that a great way to group them in this basic introduction to animal classification.</td>
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<td>Recipe for a Habitat</td>
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<td>Animals Under Wraps</td>
<td>1st &amp; 2nd</td>
<td>Worms, trees, birds, snakes and even fungus have their special roles! You'll find out how important the entire cast is as we build a rainforest food web.</td>
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<td>*Amazing Adaptations</td>
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<td>What we do in our daily lives and things we buy while on vacation or online can have great effects on wildlife – both good and bad. Find out how we can help protect and conserve wildlife in this game show style program.</td>
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*These programs can be adapted to grades 6 - 8.

Who Qualifies as a School Group?

To qualify for school group rates and programs, the group must be from an accredited public or private school, Head Start program, pre-school or organized home school group. The group must have 15 or more students and register online at least 2 weeks in advance. School group rates are only available during the school year (Aug. 15 - May 31).

All Hamilton County Head Start programs qualify for free admission on the condition that they make a reservation online at least 2 weeks in advance and the appropriate letter proving Hamilton County Head Start status is brought with group.

Field trips can be scheduled Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If your group wishes to visit the Zoo during weekend hours, normal group admission rates will apply.

Please note, outside food or beverages are not permitted in the Zoo. To pre-order boxed lunches, call Linda with Family Concessions at: (423) 505-8697.

**Admission Rates**

*When Reservations are made online at least 2 weeks in advance.

**Students**

$2.00 each ($1.00 each for students who participate in the National School Lunch Program)

**Adults**

1 teacher/chaperone is required for every 10 students and is admitted free (grades K-12)

1 teacher/chaperone is required for every 5 students and is admitted free (Pre-School)

All additional adults and siblings pay regular Zoo admission rates.

Please note, special price admission days and coupons do not apply to groups.

Add an Education Program to your Visit!

The Zoo is not your ordinary classroom. Enhance your group’s Zoo visit with a 45-minute class led by our Education Department staff.

**Additional $2.00 per student**

Membership benefits do not apply to education programs.

Education programs are offered Tuesday - Friday at 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30.

Programs after 1:00 are an option but based on staff availability. To schedule a program after the set program times, please contact the Zoo Education Department or call (423) 643-5780.

To Register: Visit www.chattzoo.org.
Homeschool Programs

Homeschool Class Schedule Winter/Spring 2013

January 22: Animal Grossology
Sure, some animals can be cute and cuddly and sweet, but sometimes they can be downright DISGUSTING! We’ll learn about some of the really gross things that animals do.

February 26: On the Defensive
Chemicals, weapons and deception, OH MY! Animals and plants have some interesting ways that they defend themselves.

March 26: Animal Babies
Spring has sprung and animal babies are popping up all around. What is it like to be a wild animal baby? What should we do if we find one?

April 23: Living or Non-Living, That is the Question
What makes something living or not? We will answer that question while investigating plants and animals and how they interact with their environments.

May 28: One Meter Hike
Have you ever looked at the world from an ant’s perspective? We will this day as we venture on a micro hike like no other and discover a whole new world.

Pricing
$7.00 Members
$9.00 Non-Members

Ages
5 - 12 years old

To Register
www.chattzoo.org/education/home-school

Programs Offered

Movin’ and Groovin’ Animals  Pre-K – K
Animal Senses  Pre-K – K
Animals in Folklore  K - 3rd
Radical Reptiles  1st – 8th
Very Vertebrates  K – 6th
Amazing Adaptations  3rd – 7th

Can’t Come to the Zoo?

Unable to bring your class or club to the Zoo? Engage more students this school year by letting the Zoo come to you! The Zoo offers off-site programs for all age groups and classes. Programs are STEM oriented and based on state standards. Topics include adaptations, classification, and reading!

Program costs are $60 for the first program and $45 for each additional program on the same day, up to 35 children per program. Discounts are available for schools with a majority of students on free or reduced lunch.

Program Costs

- Nocturnal Animals  1st – 8th
- In Our Backyard  K – 8th
- Interesting Invertebrates  2nd – 8th
- Keys to Identifying Animals  Biology – High School
- Unique Adaptations for Unique Biomes  Environmental Science – High School

All Outreach Programs are 35-45 minutes in length, are available to Pre-K through 12th Grade students, and feature at least 3 live Zoo Outreach animals. Depending on class size, students will be able to touch at least one program animal.

To Register
Contact the Outreach Coordinator by phone at (423) 643-5786 or by email at outreach@chattzoo.org.
The Chattanooga Zoo is proud to present its 2013 Summer Camps! For ages 3 to 14, these exciting week-long camps are designed to engage and excite the animal enthusiast in your family. Be sure to register early, space is limited and sessions fill quickly! Please notify a Zoo Camp coordinator if you have any questions.

**Ages 3-4**
Meet from 9am - 12pm.
$75.00 for Members
$90.00 for Non-Members

**Ages 5-6**
Meet from 9am - 2pm.
$100 for Members
$125 for Non-Members

**Ages 7-8**
Meet from 9am - 2pm.
$120 for Members
$145 for Non-Members

**Ages 9-12**
Meet from 9am - 2pm.
$120 for Members
$145 for Non-Members

**Ages 13-14**
Meet from 9am - 2pm.
$120 for Members
$145 for Non-Members

**To Register**
www.chattzoo.org/education/camps

For additional information, contact the Camp Coordinator at (423) 697-1387 or volunteer@chattzoo.org.

After-care is available from 2pm-5pm for ages 5 and up. You may pay for after-care the week of camp.

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Overnights are available for ages 9-12 and 13-14. Pick one of the available Overnights for your age group.
Spring Break at the Zoo/Volunteering

Spring Break Camp - March 25-29

This spring take a break from video games and become a superhero in real life, a Conservation Hero that is! This year, the Chattanooga Zoo is offering Spring Break Zoo Camp from 9:00am-2:00pm for kids in grades K-5. Campers will see what scientists around the world are doing to protect endangered animals. Campers will also get a chance to help out some of the endangered animals here at the Zoo and participate in many fun activities that will enhance their understanding of and connection to the natural world.

Cost
$100 Members
$120 Non-members

Registration
Beginning February 4th at 9:00am. Register online at www.chattzoo.org.

Volunteer Programs

Get Involved

The Chattanooga Zoo offers many opportunities for involvement.

Whether volunteering as a group or as an individual, the Zoo needs your help in areas like animal care, nutrition, interpretation, education, business development, maintenance and horticulture. Volunteer as much or as little as you would like, we have exciting opportunities that fit every schedule.

To Learn More and to Apply:
Visit www.chattzoo.org/volunteer or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 697-1387 or volunteer@chattzoo.org

Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Zoos (PEDZ)

In 2002, the Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Zoos (PEDZ) program was created by the Chattanooga Zoo to help maintain a diverse and highly trained staff. PEDZ provides leadership and general life skills training to minority or disadvantaged local youth. The Zoo partners with other local nonprofit organizations such as Hope for the Inner City, FCA Innercity Ministries, Urban League of Chattanooga and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to find possible PEDZ participants. PEDZ participants are given part-time jobs at the Zoo for 8 weeks during the summer. During this time, participants are cross trained in a variety of zoo fields including animal care, horticulture, visitor services, maintenance, interpretation, education and more. Those who demonstrate a good work ethic, attitude and passion for the Zoo’s mission are invited to continue their work here at the Zoo throughout their school year. All participants are encouraged to continue to higher education following graduation. The Zoo assists participants in the completion and submission of college applications, as well as providing a stipend per semester to those currently enrolled in college (technical or liberal arts) who maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Zookeeper for a Day

Ever wonder what it is like to be a Zookeeper? Come find out at the Chattanooga Zoo. The Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program allows teens and adults to find out firsthand what it is like to work at a Zoo. Shadow a real Zookeeper and help out with their daily routines of food preparation, cleaning exhibits, and animal care. Don’t miss your chance to feed grapes to a red panda, clean a snow leopard exhibit or play with an exotic monkey! Whether you’re considering a career in Zookeeping or have always wanted to spend some time with your favorite animal, this exclusive behind-the-scenes program is a once in a lifetime experience.

Cost: $200 for members, $250 for non-members. Cost includes Keeper for a Day behind-the-scenes activities, Zoo admission, lunch, T-shirt, keeper end of the day debrief and experience souvenir package.

For more information and details on how you can be a Chattanooga Zookeeper for a day, visit our website at: www.chattzoo.org/education/zoo-keeper.
Zoo Club

Do you love animals? Do you want to learn more about them, especially the ones that live at the Chattanooga Zoo? Then consider joining the Chattanooga Zoo Club. This is a club where youth ages 12-14 can experience first-hand how the animal kingdom works.

Registration Deadline
August 1, 2013. Club starts in August 2013 and meets the third Saturday of every month from 9am - 1:30pm.
Program runs until April 31, 2014.

Cost
$100 for full year or $50 per semester

EZO (Exploring Zoo Opportunities)

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a Zookeeper? Then EZO is the club for you! Come learn about the intricate operations of the Zoo and how that work contributes to the local community. This club is for youth ages 15 - 16.

Registration Deadline
August 1, 2013. Club starts in August 2013 and meets the fourth Saturday of every month from 9am - 1:30pm.
Program runs until April 31, 2014.

Cost
$100 for full year or $50 per semester

Space is limited so get your application in now! Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 697-1387 or volunteer@chattzoo.org.

Zoo Tales

Join your friends for story time! Listen to a great story chosen and read by Zoo Education staff followed by an educational activity or animal encounter. Zoo Tales is complimentary with admission and takes place every Tuesday at 10-30am. This is a wonderful program that both moms and young children can enjoy! For more information, please contact the Zoo Education Department. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sophie the Cockatoo

Sophie is a Moluccan Cockatoo who was accidentally dropped in a barrel of sugar when she was born (figuratively speaking of course). Sophie is one of the sweetest birds and can be quite eye catching... along with ear piercing! Don’t let her innocent big eyes, beautiful peach feathers or smooth singing of “La, la, la, la, laaaa” fool you. This species of cockatoo is one of the loudest and largest of the Parrot Family.

Sophie resides in the Education Department and helps keep staff awake and energized with her frequent loud shrieks! Our staff provides her with plenty of challenging enrichment to keep her bird smarts up so she can continue plotting on how to sneak into Educators offices to find her treats.

Keep an eye (or an ear) out for Sophie next time you attend a special event or education program and you may see (or hear) this magnificent bird with one of our Zoo Educators.

George the Parrot

George is a four year old African Grey parrot. He is an extremely intelligent bird and likes to get the attention of his keepers whenever he can. While cockatoos might be larger, African Greys are by far the smartest of all the parrot species and George is no exception. George resides in the Education Building with Sophie and is often used for programs. He prefers the company of women as opposed to men and will certainly let you know he is not happy by fiercely shaking his head and trying to nip at your fingers.

For the most part, however, George is a very happy bird that enjoys communicating with humans whenever possible. He easily learns phrases and words used frequently by his keepers and repeats them often. Be sure to check George out at one of our upcoming Education programs.
Spring 2013 Education Calendar

Homeschool Class
January 22nd

Zoo Tales
Every Tuesday at 10:30am in the Education Classroom

Spring Break Camp Registration Deadline
February 4th

Zoo Camp Registration Begins for Members
February 4th

Homeschool Class
February 26th

Zoo Camp Registration Begins for Non-Members
March 4th

Spring Break Zoofari
March 15th - April 15

Spring Break Camp
March 25 - 29

Homeschool Class
March 26th

Hug-a-Bunny Day
March 30th

Volunteer Appreciation Night
April 18th

Homeschool Class
April 23rd

Zoo Night With the Lookouts
April 27th

Run Wild Race with 1K Cub Crawl
May 4th

Homeschool Class
May 26th

Answer: Monkeys have tails. Apes do not. Apes are also larger and have more complex brains and typically exhibit more human-like social behaviors than monkeys.

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- Complimentary subscription to our quarterly magazine.
- Discounts on Zoo Birthday Parties, Camps and Education Classes.
- Free or discounted admission to more than 150 other zoos and aquariums nationwide.

Join online at www.chattzoo.org

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