



Day of Your Field Trip

INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for choosing the Los Angeles Zoo! We look forward to welcoming your class. Please print and have the information below ready upon arrival to **expedite your check-in process**.

RESERVATION TIME

My check-in time at the Zoo, as listed on my confirmation letter, is: _____

Please note that your group will not be permitted to enter the bus drop-off area until the time listed on your confirmation.

HEADCOUNT

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Number of **students** present: _____

Number of **chaperones** in present: _____

LUNCHES

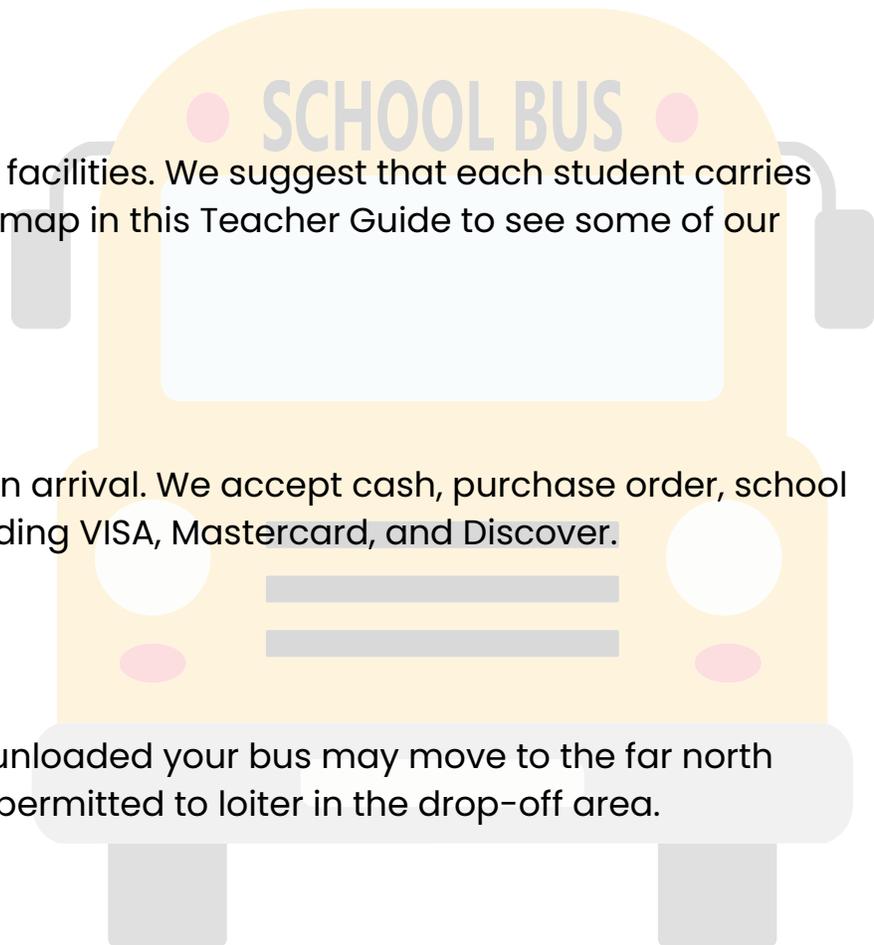
The Zoo **does not** have lunch storage facilities. We suggest that each student carries their own lunches. Please refer to the map in this Teacher Guide to see some of our suggested lunch spots.

PAYMENT

Please have your payment ready upon arrival. We accept cash, purchase order, school district checks, and credit cards including VISA, Mastercard, and Discover.

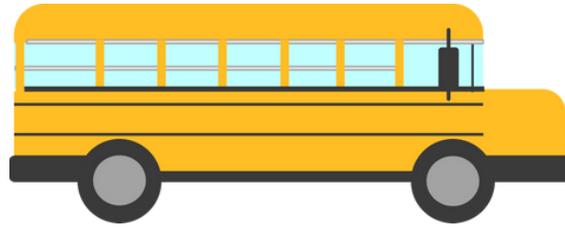
BUS PARKING

Once your students and lunches are unloaded your bus may move to the far north area of the parking lot. Buses are not permitted to loiter in the drop-off area.





Los Angeles Zoo School Group Field Trip Information



Thank you for choosing the Los Angeles Zoo for your field trip. The L.A. Zoo strives to make your trip enjoyable. To improve your field trip experience, please be aware of the information listed in this document and be sure to share this information with all other teachers and chaperones attending this field trip.

Zoo Address

5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Contact Information

Email: lazoo.reservations@lacity.org
Phone: (323) 644-4211 x 1
Fax: (323) 644-4299

Pricing Information

The following rates require reservations.

LAUSD & Head Start

Students: Free
1 chaperone per every 10 students in attendance: Free
Additional chaperones: \$5.00

School Rate

(Districts other than LAUSD & private schools)
Students: \$3.00
1 chaperone per every 10 students in attendance: Free
Additional chaperones: \$5.00

University/College

(No free chaperones/teachers)
Students & Teachers: \$5.00

The following rates do not require reservations.

Group Rate

(15 or more tickets in one transaction)
Adult: \$19.00
Child: \$16.00

General Admission

Adult: \$22.00
Child: \$17.00



Before Your Visit

Please make sure the date, time, and program choice reserved are listed correctly on your confirmation letter. If any of the information is incorrect, contact the Zoo Reservations Office immediately.

Arrival

- The entire group must arrive ON TIME to qualify for the discounted rate.
- Late arrivals will be charged the regular price.

Payment

- Payment must be presented on the day of your visit.
- The following forms of payment are acceptable:
 - School check with photo I.D. and payable to the Dept. of the Zoo
 - No personal checks are accepted.
 - Cash
 - Credit Card (MC, Visa, or Discover)
 - Purchase order
 - Purchase orders must be signed to be valid by the school/district accounting office)
- A government issued photo ID is required for checks and credit cards.
- If a group leader is using a school credit card (cardholder not present), a letter of authorization along with a copy of the cardholder's ID is required.



Chaperones & Additional Guests

- Any parent/teacher chaperones that are not included in the school reservation must pay the regular admission rate of \$22 to enter the Zoo.
- Parent chaperones that bring children who are not part of the class, must pay the regular admission rate for each child (children ages 2-12 are \$17 and children under 2 are free).

GLAZA Members

- Chaperones who will be using GLAZA Memberships must enter through the member entrance at the main gate.

Changes to Reservation

- If you have changes in your reservation count, you must contact the Reservations Office no later than 48 hours prior to your visit to check if space is available to increase the number of people on your reservation.

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Phone: (323) 644-4211 x 1

Before Your Visit

Want to be prepared to visit the Zoo like a scientist? Sign up for a Docent-guided virtual school program before your visit.

Program Information

- Our Virtual School Programs bring the Zoo to your (virtual) classroom! Choose one of our programs designed to foster your students' skills as scientists with the people and animals that can only be found at the L.A. Zoo.

Virtual Field Trip

Recommended for Kindergarten-2nd Grade and Special Needs classes.

- The L.A. Zoo is an amazing place to experience nature. Join us on a virtual trip through the zoo as our docents guide your class through this program.

Animal Adaptations

Recommended for 2nd-5th Grade.

- In this program, our docents will help your students explore habitats from around the world and meet some of the amazing animals that call the Zoo home. You will hear from our zookeepers and see some incredible animal adaptations up close!

Peninsular Pronghorn Program

Recommended for 6th-8th Grade.

- In this program, participants will learn all about the endangered Peninsular Pronghorn and the conservation efforts the Los Angeles Zoo is taking to help preserve this species. Participants will practice being a scientist as they conduct their own study to understand pronghorn behavior.

Registration Information

- Our docent guides will join your virtual classroom to facilitate one of our existing programs. There is no fee for a docent-guided program, but you must book your program at least two weeks in advance.



[Click Here to Register](#)



Day of Your Visit



Before You Arrive

- Plan to arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled entrance time. We are not able to accommodate earlier arrivals.
 - The check-in process will take approximately 15-20 minutes per bus load.
- Groups will check in at the school group entrance in the Children's Discovery Center (double glass doors to the right of the main entrance).
- Please have total fees collected and an accurate count of students and chaperones **before** you reach the Zoo's school group check-in area.

Checking In

- To expedite the admission process, please have the accurate count of students and chaperones, and have your payment ready prior to going to the check-in window.
- Students and chaperones must remain on the bus until met by one of our Zoo Guest Services staff. Please do not unload the bus before receiving instructions from the Guest Services staff.
 - This procedure is necessary for everyone's safety.
- Once the contact teacher returns to the group with the admission tickets for the group, a Guest Services staff person will direct the group off the bus and to the entrance.

Lunch

- There are no lunch storage facilities.
- Please have a lunch plan ready before your arrive.
- We recommend that your students carry their lunches with them.
- We have various picnic sites inside the Zoo.
- If you would like to order pre-packaged zoo lunches, please contact the Zoo's Visitor Services Office at least two weeks prior to your visit at (323) 741-0367.

Minimum Order of 30 Guests

Kids Boxed Lunches - \$11 each

Includes:

Choice of (1) Sandwich Per Meal:

Sunflower Butter & Jelly | Nutella &

Banana or Turkey & Cheese

Goldfish Crackers | Whole Fruit | Juice Box

Water

- There are Hydration Stations around the Zoo to refill water bottles. Please scan the QR code to access the map to find the closest Hydration Station.



Rainy Days

- The Zoo is open rain or shine. We do not have indoor activity areas for rainy days.



Day of Your Visit

Restrooms

- There are restrooms located throughout the zoo (refer to map for specific locations).
- All gender restrooms are located on the second floor of the Children's Discovery Center (to the right as you enter through the school groups entrance).

Emergencies

- In an emergency, look for a zoo staff member wearing a zoo uniform shirt and name badge or a member of Zoo Security.

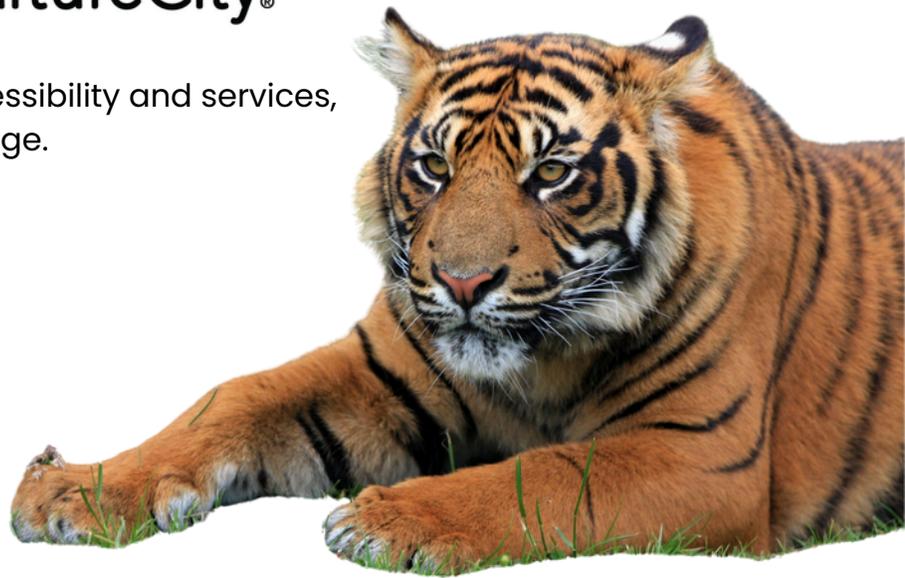
Special Needs & Accessibility

The Los Angeles Zoo welcomes all guests. We are happy to help make your visit to the Los Angeles Zoo a safe, memorable, and enjoyable one. The following information is provided to assist you in planning your visit.

- **Service animals** are allowed in many parts of the Zoo. Any guest with a service animal must check in with a Guest Services representative prior to entry. If you plan to bring your service animal to the Zoo, please read the Service Animals Guidelines to learn more about what you'll need to be aware of to make your trip a safe one for yourself, your service animal, the Zoo's animals, and other guests.
- **KultureCity Sensory Inclusion**- The Los Angeles Zoo is a KultureCity certified sensory inclusive venue. The Zoo offers specialized **sensory bags** that are available for check out at the Stroller Rental & Return Kiosk which is just past the Entry Plaza stairs and across from Reggie's Bistro.
- **Social Story**- click the KultureCity logo to read the Zoo's social story to help prepare your for your visit.



To learn more about the Zoo's accessibility and services, please click [here](#) to visit our webpage.



Zoo Map



Good Lunch Spot

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- Reggie's Bistro**
- Zoo Grill**
- Sweet Treats**
- Beansprouts**
- Churro Factory**
- Fork in the Road**
- Mahale Café**

- Restrooms
Baños**
- Gifts/Souvenirs
Regalos/Recuerdos**
- Safari Shuttle Station
Parada para el Safari Shuttle**
- Safari Shuttle Route
Ruta de Safari Shuttle**
- Security
Seguridad**
- First Aid
Primeros Auxilios**
- Hydration Station
Estación de Hidratación**
- Cell Phone Charging Station
Estación de carga de teléfonos celulares**



Protect and Respect
Please do not feed the animals or vandalize the plants.

All of the Zoo's animals need special diets to stay healthy. The wrong food can make them sick. Feeding the animals may result in removal from the Zoo. All of the Zoo's plants represent part of our living collection. Please respect them by staying out of planted areas.

Protege y Respeta
Por favor, no alimentes a los animales ni destruyas las plantas.

Todos los animales del zoológico necesitan una dieta especial para mantenerlos saludables. El darles un alimento equivocado puede causarles alguna enfermedad. Si alimentas a los animales puede provocar que te pidan salir del zoológico. Todas las plantas del zoológico representan una parte de nuestra colección de seres vivos. Por favor, respáctalos quedándote fuera de las áreas que tienen plantas.

Do Not Graffiti
Graffiti vandalism is punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine, and may result in removal from the Zoo. Los Angeles Penal Code 594.

No Pinte Graffiti
Pintar graffiti es un acto de vandalismo castigable con un año de cárcel y/o una multa de hasta \$5,000, y puede provocar que le pidan salir del Zoológico. Código Penal de Los Angeles 594.

NO TRESPASSING
No unauthorized entry into the Los Angeles Zoo or animal enclosures allowed. CAL. PENAL CODE SECTIONS 555 AND 602.13

PROHIBIDO EL PASO
No se permite la entrada sin autorización al Zoológico de Los Angeles o a los recintos de los animales. SECCIONES 555 Y 602.13 DEL CÓDIGO PENAL DE CALIFORNIA.

Smoking is prohibited on Zoo grounds LAMC Sec.63.44
Se prohíbe fumar en el parque Zoológico LAMC Sec.63.44



Visit Like a Scientist

To help your students make the most of their visit, try these techniques. that can be used before your visit or as follow up activities after your visit.

Visit Like a Scientist

- Scientists take time to closely observe the world around them. While you are at the Zoo, encourage your class to visit like a scientist.
- Take time to practice the following:

Making Observations

Have students practice making observations using the phrase, "**I notice...**"

[Click here to practice making observations with a Zoo educator.](#)

Asking Questions

Have students practice asking questions using the phrase, "**I wonder...**"

[Click here to practice asking questions with a Zoo educator.](#)

Forming a Hypothesis

Have students practice forming a hypothesis using the phrase, "**I think...**"

[Click here to practice forming a hypothesis with a Zoo educator.](#)

Post Visit Activities

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Draw a habitat

- Students can recall their favorite Zoo animal and draw its habitat. Encourage students to include food, water, and shelter for their animal.

3rd-5th Grade: Animal Observations Activity

- Students can continue to practice making observations analyzing their data. Find a video of your favorite animal or [use this one of our Peninsular Pronghorn at the Zoo.](#)



Teacher Resources

Is your class visiting the Zoo soon? Help your class prepare for you visit by visiting the Zoo's **For Educators** webpage to discover more resources that can help your class prepare for their visit. Click the logo below to be directed to the webpage.

Resources on this page include things such as:

- Docent-Led Virtual Field Trips
- Animal Adaptations Program
- Animal Observation Activity
- Nature Tries

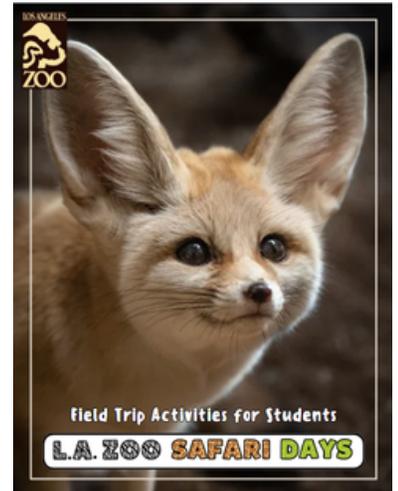


<https://lazoo.org/plan-your-visit/for-educators/>

Field Trip Activities Guide

The Zoo is a excellent outdoor classroom where your students can practice the skills that scientists.

Please refer to our **Field Trip Activities for Students** guide to discover ways to engage your students before, during, and after their field trip to the Los Angeles Zoo.



We can't wait to see you at the Los Angeles Zoo!

