



Group Programs for Children

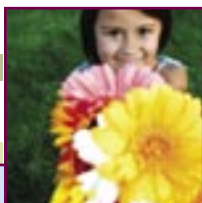
2009 - 2010

Valley Zoo

John Janzen Nature Centre

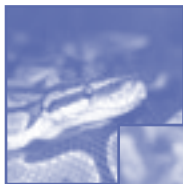
John Walter Museum

Fort Edmonton Park



The following programs are suitable
whether your group is earning a
badge or just visiting for fun.
If you can't find something that
suits your needs, please ask.

Valley Zoo



Fees: Program fees include gate admission. We welcome and encourage groups to plan time before and after the program to enjoy the Zoo.

Sept. - Oct. 12, 2009 & May 8 – Aug. 31, 2010

2 hour program, \$168

1.5 hour program, \$143

October 13, 2009 – May 7, 2010

2 hour program, \$138

1.5 hours program, \$113

The maximum group size is 30 children per program staff. For ages 6 and up, one adult for every 5 children are included in the program fee, and for ages 5 and under, one adult for every 3 children are included in the program fee.

NOTE: Groups exceeding 30 children or 40 people total will be asked to book two programs, and will be charged accordingly. We encourage additional adults wanting to attend the program to pay regular admission and enjoy the zoo on their own. The additional adults can rejoin your group once the guided program is over.

Zoo Safari

All Ages

Get closer to the animals on your day at the Zoo with the assistance of an interpreter. We'll tour the zoo, meet some critters, and have a howlin' good time! Or...try a themed safari that will emphasize certain animal groups, continents, or animal features. These are our suggestions, but if you have a theme in mind, please ask us about it.

- reptiles
- primates
- animal colours and patterns
- South American animals
- carnivores
- North American animals

**Emphasis will be placed on animals that fit in the theme, but other animals will be included in the program..*

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Ages 3 – 4)

2 hours (ages 5 & up)

Available: Year 'round

Nosy Noses

Ages 3 – 6

Be a little nosy around the Zoo! See all kinds of cool critters with a variety of noses. Learn how noses are different for each kind of animal: elephants use them for work, sea lions and camels have noses to keep out water and sand, and snakes hide their 'smellers' inside their mouth. Play a nose matching game, have nosy encounters with animals, and test your own nose to guess some mystery smells.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Ages 3 – 4),
2 hours (ages 5 and up)

Available: Year 'round

Tail Tales

Ages 3 – 6

Discover the tale behind those tails! Find lots of tails of all shapes and sizes and discover how differently animals use them. Tails are used to help animals move, show off, communicate, and defend themselves. All of the animals at the Zoo have tails except one, and we'll figure out who that is. Through encounters, artifacts, and a tail matching game, your students will learn all about animals -- from behind.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Ages 3 – 4)
2 hours (ages 5 & up)

Available: Year 'round

Fur, Feathers, and Scales

Ages 4 – 6

Do all birds have feathers? Do all mammals have fur? You'll see and meet a variety of species that represent each major group of animals - birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Ages 3 – 4)
2 hours (ages 5 – 6)

Available: Year 'round

Endangered Species

Ages 6 and up

Your group will become aware of what animals are endangered and the reasons behind each species decline. You'll learn about the role zoos play in the conservation of a number of species. The Valley Zoo offers you the opportunity to meet some of the most endangered species up close.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Be a Zookeeper

Ages 7 and up

Zookeepers are always busy! Making meals, inventing toys, caring for sick animals or cleaning the animal enclosures. Your group will take part in at least one zookeeping activity that needs to be done that day. They'll be delighted to find out what it's like to be a zookeeper, go inside an animal enclosure, and touch some of the animals.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Old McDonald's Farm

Ages 4 – 6

Find out what's wild and what's not at the Valley Zoo this spring. Encounter farm animals from chickens to bunnies. Discover other country critters you might see living wild in Alberta's rural areas. You never know what you might discover!

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Ages 3 – 4)
2 hours (ages 5 – 6)

Available: May 15 – Aug. 31, 2009

Self-Guided Programs

The Zoo opens at 9:30 a.m. Stay the day and enjoy the public demonstrations with the elephants and birds of prey. Book ahead to receive group rates of 25% off regular admission fees, call 311.

Admission	Sep. – Oct. 12	Oct. 13 – Dec. 31
Child 2 - 12	\$5.00	\$3.75
Youth 12 - 17	\$7.25	\$5.50
Adult	\$9.75	\$7.25

Please call for 2010 admission rates, or go to www.valleyzoo.ca

Adult to student ratio: one adult supervisor for every 5 students admitted free of charge.

Check out overnight opportunities for groups wanting a night on the wild side.

Travelling Zoo

Bring five or six live animals into your classroom and discover a unique learning experience! You choose the experience -- student contact with animals for individual classes, or lecture style for large groups with no student contact with animals. The presentation style choices are listed below each program description:

- “student contact” means children will have the opportunity to touch some or all of the animals. A maximum of 30 children may participate in this program.
- “lecture style” means large groups may see the animals presented, but there will not be student contact. A maximum of 180 children may participate in this program.

For programs outside Edmonton, add \$15/hr travel time per program staff and \$0.50/km for mileage to your program fee.

Transporting several live animals requires considerable daily preparation, care, and maintenance upon return. This work comprises a significant portion of the cost for Valley Zoo Outreach Programs.

NOTE ABOUT CANCELLATION: The well-being of the animals can be jeopardized if the travelling zoo van encounters a road problem in cold temperatures or when driving conditions are unsafe. For these reasons the Valley Zoo reserves the right to cancel Zoo outreach programs if conditions are prohibitive.

Travelling Zoo Fees:

\$205/group for 2 hours

\$190/group for 1.5 hours

(Ask about fees if you are booking two programs at the same location on the same day.)

Little Critters

Ages 3 - 7

Pets, farm animals and exotic creatures will become your guests. A “hands-on” visit with each cuddly critter will help you discover where they live, what they eat, and how we care for them. Active play and imagination will help reinforce concepts about the needs of living things.

Program Length: 1.5 hours

Presentation style: student contact

Adaptations

Ages 8 and up

Meet a variety of creatures that have amazing adaptations to suit their natural environment. Learn where they live, what they eat, and what they need to survive. Discover how adaptations can help a species thrive or become endangered under the effects of human activity. We'll bring along some specimens and artifacts of endangered and threatened species.

Program Length: 2 hours

Presentation Style: lecture, or student contact

Mini Zoo

All Ages

Bring one or two animals into your location to meet any of your objectives: special event, a specific study on an animal, group theme night, or end of season celebration. Call for information on the kinds of animals that are available if you have an interest in a specific animal.

Fee: \$120 for first hour

\$50/hour for additional hours.

Special Event Bookings

Invite the travelling zoo to your community event! Two staff will bring out 5 – 6 animals and small animal petting zoo for some hands-on encounters as participants drop by our booth at their leisure.

Fees: \$350 for up to 3 hours

\$450 for up to 6 hours





John Janzen Nature Centre

Fees: 1.5 hour program, \$104
2 hour program, \$122

The maximum group size is 30 children per program staff. For ages 6 and up, one adult for every 5 children are included in the program fee, and for ages 5 and under, one adult for every 3 children are included in the program fee.

Outreach Programs

Many of our programs are available at other locations, including your meeting location. Ask for details.

Seasonal Super Sleuth Ages 3 - 7

Search for clues by using your senses and observation skills to solve the mysteries of nature each season. Explore nearby trails to discover seasonal happenings. From catching snowflakes to stalking squirrels, your students will be engaged in active learning fun! Indoors, visit the feature display on seasonal changes in Edmonton. Students will learn all about local animals in Edmonton through hands-on exhibit components; crawl through a gopher tunnel and step inside a cave where bats hibernate. Visit the garter snakes, salamanders and honeybees too, and discover what they do to cope with the changing seasons.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (ages 3-4)
2 hours (ages 5 & up)

Available: Year 'round

Environmental Appreciation Ages 6 - 11

Through a variety of activities, kids will sharpen their senses and observation skills. Discover and identify trees, shrubs, birds and animals in the surrounding parkland and nature trails. Play games, visit with our resident salamanders and garter snakes and explore the exhibit room.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Stalking and Tracking Ages 6 - 11

Discover Edmonton's wildlife by identifying and following tracks in the mud or snow and searching for other clues about who's been where in nature. Learn a technique to approach animals unseen. Play wildlife stalking games and make your own plaster cast of an animal's track.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Nature Observer Ages 6 - 11

Visit the Aspen Parkland forest surrounding the Nature Centre. Discover the birds, trees, insects and other animals to learn about their lives. Activities are seasonally based but can include birdwatching, nature games, insect hunts and more. Handle artifacts and specimens, visit the honeybee hive and explore the exhibit room.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Snowshoe Adventure Ages 7 and up

Travel on snowshoes while exploring the winter forest. Find out how winter wildlife adapts to cold weather and deep snow. (Snowshoe harnesses do not fit children six years and under.)

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: December – February
(snow and weather dependent)

Pond Exploration Ages 7 - 11

Capture water tigers in your dip net, search for phantom midges, and look for birds and mammals that live near the pond. This program is full of exploration for curious kids. Led by a naturalist, you'll learn about some of the fantastic creatures that live in ponds. Meet a salamander or garter snake and play some nature games.

Program Length: 2 hrs.

Available: Sept. 2008, May – August 2009

Busy Bees and Bugs Ages 3 - 8

Peek inside a honeybee hive and discover the fascinating world of bees. Search for flowers, collect pollen, dance like bees, and taste honey in the comb! Learn to separate bee fact from bee fiction by handling inactive hives and nests. Explore the insect world that bees share by going on a mini-beast safari.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (ages 3-4)

2 hours (ages 5 and up)

Available: Sept. 2008, May 15 – August 2009



Muttart Conservatory



Fees: 1.5 hour program, \$115
2 hour program, \$135

The maximum group size is 30 children per program staff, and a maximum of 60 may visit the Muttart at the same time. For ages 6 and up, one adult for every 5 children are included in the program fee, and for ages 5 and under, one adult for every 3 children are included in the program fee.

Little Sprouts **Ages 4 – 6**

Your little sprouts will be introduced to the wonders of plant life. Through hands-on activities, children learn about plant structure and what seedlings and plants need for healthy growth. Each child will plant a seedling to take home.

Program Length: 1.5 hours (Age 4),
2 hours (Ages 4-6)

Available: Year 'round

Let's Grow **Ages 7 – 9**

"Let's Grow" introduces children to secret growing strategies of annual and perennial plants from different parts of the world. Gain an appreciation of the many provisions that plant resources supply for human growth and health. Children will learn about biological controls (using good bugs to get rid of bad bugs) and other positive actions that aid plant growth and better our environment. Participants will plant a seedling and sow seeds to take home with them. This is an intermediate program.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Gardener's Badge **Ages 10 – 12**

Through a variety of activities, young people are introduced to the basics of gardening. Children will discover the essentials of soil and learn how composting helps the gardener. Explore the benefits of gardening and learn the elements of garden design. Each child plants a dish garden and sets up a seed experiment to take home.

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Ladybug, Ladybug **Ages 4 – 8**

Hold a little ladybug in your hand before releasing it into one of the pyramids at Muttart Conservatory. Discover how ladybugs and other bugs help gardeners. Build a ladybug and discover all about these lady birds through activities, crafts, stories & songs. You'll plant and take home a polka dot plant in honour of our polka-dotted little friends.

Program Length: 1.5 hrs (4 – 5 yrs)
2 hours (6 – 8 yrs)

Available: March 1 – June 25, 2010

Globetrotting Botanists **Ages 9-12**

Kids are provided with the tools of the trade to become official botanists! As we explore a tropical escape, an arid climate and a temperate garden these botanists will discover growth, adaptation & reproduction strategies that plants have from different parts of our planet. We'll make our own recycled paper as we grow an awareness of the environment and our impacts on plant communities. Pot a plant to take home!

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Fort Edmonton Park and John Walter Museum



Fort Edmonton Park and John Walter Museum offer many of the same program options.

The maximum group size is 30 children per program staff. For ages 6 and up, one adult for every 5 children are included in the program fee, and for ages 5 and under, one adult for every 3 children are included in the program fee.

Hands-on History (Heritage Badge) Ages 5 and up

Make your field trip go down in history with some “hands-on” fun. Two fabulous locations and three program selections to choose from!

John Walter Museum:

You'll make ice cream, dip candles, examine artifacts, and cook up a treat to eat.

Fort Edmonton Park:

Choose between:

- a) Pioneers - make scones and butter, create an old-fashioned toy, examine artifacts, and take a short tour of 1885 St.
- b) Fur traders – make bannock, try some beading, write with pen and ink, and take a short tour of the Fort.

Fees: \$138.00

\$188.00* May 18 – Sept. 1, 2009

** Fee includes admission, so come for the day!*

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Creative Crafts

Ages 7 and up

Your group will enjoy a historical good time with heritage crafts. Bake treats on a wood-burning stove, try your hand at beading, and discover how easy it was to create an old-time toy.

Location: John Walter Museum or Fort Edmonton Park

Fees: \$138.00

\$188.00* May 18 – Sept. 1, 2010

** Fee includes admission, so come for the day!*

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Year 'round

Heritage Home Skills Ages 9 – 15

How did they do that back then? A home in the time of the early Edmonton settlers meant no electricity, no convenience foods, and no access to the types of foods we see on grocery store shelves today. Home skills for the early settlers in Edmonton were much different than the skills of today. You'll make candles, jam, butter, and bake scones on a wood-burning stove to discover a variety of domestic skills of the past.

Location: John Walter Museum or Fort Edmonton Park

Fees: \$138.00

\$188.00* May 18 – Sept. 1, 2010

** Fee includes admission, so come for the day!*

Program Length: 2.5 hours

Available: Year 'round

Lantern Tours Ages 5 and up

Explore the Fort at night! Lanterns will light up the night as you tour the streets of Edmonton's past. Stop in and visit the homes on 1885 and 1905 St.

Location: Fort Edmonton Park

Program Length & Fees:

\$113 – 1.5 hours

\$128 – 2 hours

Available: Oct. 1, 2009 – Mar. 31, 2010

Pioneer Christmas Party Ages 5 – 11

Celebrate Christmas the old-fashioned way! These two hours of festive fun include Christmas baking, crafts, and storytelling. Discover the gifts inside a Christmas stocking hung in an 1885 Edmonton home. Craft activities vary with grade levels. Three adult volunteers are required for this program.

Location: John Walter Museum or Fort Edmonton Park

Fees: \$138

Program Length: 2 hours

Available: Nov. 10 – Dec. 31, 2009



Summer at Fort Edmonton Park **May 18– Sept. 1, 2009**

The Park for Pre-schoolers Ages 4 – 6

Do the Park the Pre-school way! Spend 1.5 hours with an interpreter; visit Ottewell homestead to see some farm animals. Look inside a farm kitchen from the olden days, try some toys that children used to play with a long time ago, and make lemonade and ice cream. Finish the field trip off yourself with a picnic or playtime at Gyro Park.

Program Length: 1.5 hours

Fee: \$163*

**Fee includes admission, so come for the day and enjoy the Park afterwards on your own!*

Fur Trade Fort Tour Ages 7 – 17

Children didn't have to go to school back then? Boys became men at 14 years? They didn't take a bath all winter? You'll visit the trading post, and the homes of the fur traders. Take part in some "hands-on" fur trading activities too. This new feature complements a self-guided visit in the Fort.

Program Length: 2 hours

Fees: \$178* for groups aged 7 – 11 years

\$205* for groups ages 12 – 17 years

**Fee includes admission, so come for the day and enjoy the Park afterwards on your own!*

Summertime Fun Ages 6 – 17

Choose a fur trade or pioneer theme that is full of active historic fun!

Fur Trade Option: bake bannock, build a model tipi or travois, play native games and try some beading.

Pioneer Option: make ice cream or candy, build a simple toy, play pioneer field games and go on a scavenger hunt.

Program Length: 2.25 hours

Fees: \$178* for groups aged 6 – 11 years

\$205* for groups ages 12 – 17 years

**Fee includes admission, so come for the day and enjoy the Park afterwards on your own!*

Self Guided Visits

5 – 17 years

Historical interpreters dressed in period costumes re-enact the lifestyles of an earlier Edmonton - the train and streetcar carry passengers through Fort Edmonton Park, merchants are busy in their shops, and some characters are busy doing household chores. Children can actively experience life in the olden days.

A number of themes are common through the various time eras of Fort Edmonton Park. Visit occurs when the Park is open to the public.

Experience a historical midway from the 1920s. Students will have a ball while learning about the beginnings of modern-day midways. Students can attempt to win prizes by playing games of the day. Ride the Carousel and Ferris wheel too. They will be able to compare their experiences and observations to compare with rides and games of today. (Midway games and rides have an additional cost.)

Available: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

May 19 – Sept. 1, 2009

Admission Fee: Book ahead to receive group rates of 25% off regular admission fees, call 780-496-8777. One adult supervisor for every 5 students admitted free of charge.



Sleepover Programs



Fort Edmonton Park Sleepover Ages 8 and up

Wake up to the historic scenery of Fort Edmonton Park and see our city as the early residents of Edmonton viewed it. An interpreter will provide your group with a variety of learning experiences catered to your needs. In addition, you can cook your meals over the hearth or an old wood stove.

Option 1: Fur Trade Program

Build your own fur trade experience by choosing from a host of activities. The activities can include beading, journal writing with stick pen & ink, native games, building a model tipi or travois, handling artifacts, campfire with historical storytelling, fur baling, bannock making, lantern tour, scavenger hunts or snowshoeing.

Option 2: Pioneer Overnight

Roll back in time to the Pioneer days. Activities can include historical role playing, candle making, baking toy building, lantern tour, campfire with historical storytelling, pioneer games and snowshoeing.

After you book your program, you'll be sent the details of each of the available activities. From the list, you will select activities for each programming time slot that is appropriate to the time of day, season of the year, and length of your visit.

Meals

You plan and supply your supper and breakfast menus. Choose between a modern-day menu or a historical menu of stew, and good old-fashioned oatmeal. For safety reasons, student participation in wood chopping and preparing food, other than bannock, will not be permitted. Parent helpers will be responsible for cooking meals with some staff guidance.

Sleeping arrangements

Sleep in the Fort itself, Egge's Barn, or one of the other heated buildings in the Park. Participants must supply their own sleeping bags, floor mat, cutlery, mess kits, and personal items. Groups are responsible for food and clean up.

Staff and Parent Volunteers

A minimum of 4 adult supervisors are required. Choose to bring your own adult volunteer supervisors or pay an additional charge of \$100/staff to meet the required number of supervisors.

Program Length: Arrive at 6 p.m.;
depart at 11 a.m.
the following day

Fees: \$420 for up to 30 children
and their supervisors.

Groups staying later than the departure time will be charged an additional \$30/hr or part thereof. Those booking between May 19 – Aug. 31, 2010 and wish to visit the Park on their own after the overnight experience must pay self-guided admission fees for time spent in the Park after 11 a.m.

Available: Fridays and Saturdays, year 'round except December.

Valley Zoo Sleepover *Ages 5 and up*

Sleepover with the animals from A – Zzzz, wake up to the laughing kookaburras and the whooping of the Gibbons. This exciting trip to the Zoo will get you in behind the scenes, give you encounters with animals and a night to remember. Choose any two of the listed Valley Zoo programs to enhance your sleepover experience. The evening program can be followed by a sing-a-long, either indoors or outdoors around the campfire.

Meals

You plan and supply your supper and breakfast menus. Adult supervisors will be responsible for preparing meals with some staff guidance.

Sleeping arrangements

Sleep in Saito Centre. Participants must supply their own sleeping bags, ground mat, cutlery, mess kits, and personal items. Groups are responsible for food and clean up.

Staff and Parent Volunteers

A minimum of 4 adult supervisors are expected for all sleepovers. You can choose to bring adult volunteer supervisors or pay an additional charge of \$95.00/staff to meet the required number of supervisors.

Program Length: Arrive at 6 p.m., depart at
11 a.m. the following day

Available: Fridays and Saturdays,
September – June

Fee: \$420 up to 30 children and their
supervisors. Groups staying later than departure
time will be charged an additional \$30/hr or
part thereof.



Booking and Inforemation



NEW! Bookings email - contact our bookings office via email at cmsschoolbookings@edmonton.ca or check out our online booking request form on our websites:

- www.fortedmontonpark.ca
- www.valleyzoo.ca

Call 311 to book at

- John Janzen Nature Centre
- Valley Zoo
- John Walter Museum
- Fort Edmonton Park

Booking line is open: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Please be prepared with the following information when you call to make your booking:

- name of the program you are interested in
- a variety of dates you can come
- school mailing address including postal code
- telephone and FAX numbers for your school
- contact name and names of teachers for all classes being booked
- number of students attending
- number of supervisors (1:5 ratio is standard, unless otherwise stated in program description)
- special needs/accessibility arrangements
- location and address for travelling programs

Fees & Payment:

- All fees include GST
- Cash, cheque, Visa, MasterCard or American Express are accepted. Please have cheques made payable to The City of Edmonton.
- Payment for guided programs is required before the program begins.

Cancellation Fees:

- No fee for cancellation will be charged if the program is rescheduled. The program must be re-scheduled within the same school year or summer season.
- A fee of \$30.00 per group will be charged if less than two weeks notice of cancellation is given.
- The full program fee will be charged if less than 48 hours notice is given.
- For winter outdoor programs and severe inclement spring/fall conditions: you must call to cancel a program. If less than 48 hours notice is given because the temperature has fallen below -19oC, or severe inclement weather then:
- you will not be charged for rescheduling, OR
- you will be charged \$30.00/group if the program is not rescheduled.