

Zoo Immersion

School Program

For any booking questions, modifications or cancellations, please contact our booking office directly:

Phone **780-442-1442**
Email **cmsschoolbookings@edmonton.ca**

Please Note: There is limited space for zoo immersion programs during the school year (September – April). Please book early to avoid disappointment! You will be directed to the Zoo School coordinator to pick dates that work for you and the facility.

Program Information

Immerse your students in the world of animals through this customizable program. Work with an interpreter to design a program to meet your specific learning objectives. Themes and activities can include any combination of the following: needs of living things, life cycles, adaptations, endangered species, animal classification, careers, and more! Your group will be with an interpreter from the moment you step off the bus, to the moment you have to get back on.

This program can be customized to fit your classroom's curriculum, needs, and interests, through information and hands-on activities.

This program is offered Sept. - April for schools (Gr 1 and up).

Program Objectives

1. Cover classroom curriculum-based topics within a zoo environment.
2. Introduce students to a variety of animals at the zoo.
3. Stimulate an initial and lasting excitement, joy, and appreciation for a variety of animals.
4. Encourage attitudes of respect and concern for animals and their environment.

Curriculum Links

This program is very adaptable and can be tailored to meet the needs of any class. We can accommodate a specific theme or learning objective as part of your program. If you

have anything you want included in the program, just let the interpreter know when s/he calls you to confirm your program.

The curriculum connections are endless. We can focus on any curriculum topic you can imagine.

What to Bring

1) Appropriate Clothing and Footwear

Please make sure your students (and adult helpers) dress for the weather as some of the activities will take place outdoors. It is important to dress for hot sunny weather as well as cold or wet weather. For your group's safety and comfort while walking around the zoo, we recommend comfortable, closed-toed footwear.

2) Indoor Shoes

For *multi-day* Zoo Immersion programs that have a designated classroom space, we ask that students bring a pair of indoor shoes with them. These can be left at the zoo in the classroom for the week.

3) Lunch and Snacks for Each Day

Zoo immersions have a designated classroom space:

You will have an indoor space for lunch. Students and adult supervisors need to bring their own lunches and snacks (morning and afternoon), and refillable water bottle each day. Please do not bring anything that requires heating (no microwave available).

4) Classroom or Group Activity Sheets/Workbooks

These materials are not automatically included in our Immersion programs, but can be created or customized for your program after discussing your program plan with your interpreter. You are welcome to create and bring any worksheets, notebooks, or journals for students to fill out during your program. Please let your interpreter know during program planning if you would like him/her to include any information specific to these worksheet activities during your program.

Program Customization and Interpreter Contact

Once you have spoken with the Zoo School Program Coordinator to decide and confirm which day(s) your class will be attending, the coordinator will send you an information sheet and program customization forms specific to the length of your program. You will need to complete and submit these forms to the coordinator at least one month prior to the start of your immersion program.

These forms will be forwarded to the interpreter assigned to lead your program, and s/he will create a tentative schedule of instructional and hands-on activities based on the information you submitted, and will send this to you by email at least 2 weeks prior to the start of your program. At this point, you and the interpreter can discuss any changes or modifications to the schedule that need to be made.

If you have any questions about Zoo Immersion programs, please call the Zoo School Coordinator at 780-496-6929.

Questions?

Please view our online **School and Group Programs FAQ:**

http://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_events/edmonton_valley_zoo/zoo-school-group-programs-faq.aspx

You may also call the program coordinator at 780-496-6929.

We look forward to seeing you at the Edmonton Valley Zoo!