





Staten Island Zoo

## Group Programs Educational Opportunities



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Staten Island Zoo

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## Education Animals



## Modern Classroom Space



### Recommend a Junior Docent

Unique opportunities for serious students in grades 9 through 12 with interests in science. The Zoo trains its Junior Docents in animal care and handling, and refines their presentation skills before an audience. Visit our website ([www.statenislandzoo.org](http://www.statenislandzoo.org)) for more details.

## Staten Island Zoo's Education Department

Known as the "First Educational Zoo" in the country, the Staten Island Zoo was a pioneer in incorporating educational goals into its Mission Statement. In the 78 years since, the Education Department has expanded its services and continues to grow, while always delivering a message of conservation through education.

### Additional Amenities at the Zoo

- Free parking lot for buses
- Covered pavilion for outdoor seating
- Indoor seating available in heated tent
- "Kids' Korral" petting zoo (additional fee)
- Conservation Carousel -- A unique attraction of hand-carved sculptured animals, most of them endangered or threatened in the wild (additional fee)



Conservation  
Carousel

Kids Korral

Covered Pavilion

## Staten Island Zoo's Fun Facts

- The Zoo has more than 25 free-roaming peacocks, pheasant, and guinea fowl on its grounds.
- The Staten Island Zoo was the first zoo to exhibit all 32 varieties of rattlesnakes native to the United States.
- The Zoo is home to two Amur Leopards -- the world's most critically endangered cat.
- Come see our ostriches, cassowary, rheas and emus -- the four largest birds on the planet.



## TRAVELING ZOO

All of the Education Programs are available as a Traveling Zoo, where we bring the Zoo to your school or group! **A minimum of three classes must be booked at the location for each trip.** Traveling Zoo classes outside of Staten Island will be assessed an additional \$25.00 travel fee for each trip.

## FEES FOR PROGRAMS

In-Zoo Program: (30 students, 5 adults):	\$190
In-Zoo Pre-K: (20 students, 5 adults):	\$190
Title 1 School: (30 students, 5 adults):	\$150*
Special Ed: (20 students, 5 adults):	\$150
Traveling Zoo: (price per class):	\$210
Traveling Zoo, Title 1 School:	\$170*

\*Proof of Title 1 status is required.

## HOW TO REGISTER

All programs must be registered at least six weeks in advance. Payment must be received four weeks prior to the program or it will be cancelled.

Programs last 45 minutes and In-Zoo classes are scheduled to begin at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm.

## CONTACT US

To register, call: Education Department  
718.442.3174, ext. 33, or 718.442.3101, ext. 33.  
Or email: [education@statenislandzoo.org](mailto:education@statenislandzoo.org)

## Additional Education Opportunities at the Zoo

### Professional Development

Through high quality professional development opportunities, the Staten Island Zoo is able to offer educators tools and strategies that will enhance teacher practice and student learning of science. Our sessions focus on the science practices and learning standards teachers are required to integrate into their lessons.

### Grant Funded Opportunities

The Staten Island Zoo is able to form partnerships with individual schools, community groups or networks. Use the resources of the Zoo to create workshops, opportunities for research and other learning experiences covering a variety of subject matters.

### Scout Programs

Our programs are designed to meet the needs of all levels of both Boy and Girl Scouts. We accommodate after-school and weekend programs designed to help scouts achieve merit badges while having fun in the process!



## NEW: November to February

Special Zoo Tour and Carousel Ride  
1 hour Guided Tour + Carousel ride in  
its heated pavilion.

Grades Pre-K to 8; Up to 30 students  
and 5 adults per group: \$200.

[A \$250 Value]



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Zoo Programs are available YEAR 'ROUND! Register now!
- All programs include intimate live animal presentations and admission to the Zoo.
- Our education programs are aligned with NYC Science Scope and Sequence and the NYS Science Standards, making the Zoo a great trip destination for true learning AND fun!
- Our Education Department will gladly customize a program to reach your educational goals.

## Pre-K to 1st Grade

The following program topics are designed specifically to support the animal units in the NYC Science Scope and Sequence for these grade levels. These classes also align with the NYS Learning Standards for Mathematics, Science and Technology.

### ANIMAL SHAPES AND COLORS

Investigate how animals use the patterns, shapes, and colors in nature to survive. Meet animals that have shapes and colors with a purpose.

### ANIMAL SENSES

Whiskers, antennas, noses and floppy ears are some of the ways animals learn about the world around them. Explore the five senses like never before!

### IT'S ALIVE

Explore four characteristics of all living things: eating, breathing, growing, and reproducing, with the animals at the Staten Island Zoo.

### LIFE CYCLES

Growing and changing is a part of all living things but is different for every animal. Join us as we explore the exciting process of metamorphosis, where tadpoles become frogs and caterpillars become butterflies.



## 2nd Grade to 5th Grade

The following programs align with NYC Science Scope and Sequence: Grade 3, Unit 4: Plant and Animal Adaptations; Grade 4, Unit 1: Animals and Habitats; and Grade 5, Unit 4: Exploring Ecosystems, as well as NYS Learning Standards for Mathematics and Technology.

### AFRICAN SAFARI

Take a trip through the grasslands of Africa to learn the unique ways animals survive and thrive in this changing habitat, from the desert-like dry season through the lush wet season. Meet and greet amazing animals that call Africa home.

### RADICAL REPTILES

Investigate the unique adaptations of reptiles and discover why they are so important to global ecosystems. Meet and greet animal visitors from the green realm.



### PREDATOR VS. PREY:

### AN ADAPTATION ARMS RACE

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EXPLORE THE FLOW OF ENERGY THROUGH THE ECOSYSTEM

