**School and Youth Groups**

**Field Trip with Guided Programs**

Each program includes content focused on a topic in the form of a guided zoo tour, Biofact (animal pelts, skulls, bones, feathers, beaks, eggs, etc.) exploration, hands-on STEM focused activities, and animal meet and greet. (Animal availability subject to change depending on the needs of the animal.)

**Cost**

- $8 per student
- $5 per adult chaperone or teacher
- $3 per Zoo Boise member
  - This price is available to public schools and registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide services to youth.

**Length**

One-hour programs; can be shortened.

**Group Size**

Minimum is 15 students, and the maximum is 30 students at one time. To arrange back-to-back programs on the same topic for larger groups, make a note in the comments portion of the form.

**Available Schedule**

Only available 10:00AM - 3:00PM on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from September - November and March - May. Dates can fill up fast, and programs are not available on-demand once you arrive at the zoo.

Two weeks advanced submission of the below form is recommended. You will receive confirmation, or alternate dates, within one week.

**Topics and Standards**

Based on feedback from teachers, three options have been developed for each grade range (K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th+). Within these topics is a program that most naturally satisfies one of the Idaho Science Content Standards. The others - while originally designed for other age groups - are made available and adjusted to meet age-appropriate needs of students.

**Grade Range K-2:** “Fur, Feathers, and Scales”, “Way to Grow!”, “Habitats”

**Grade Range 3-5:** “Animal Teamwork”, “Amazing Adaptations”, “Build-a-Zoo”

**Grades 6 and over:** “Zoo Careers” *(Make note of your specific class goals in the form’s comment section.)*
K-2ND

FUR, FEATHERS, & SCALES - Recommended for Kindergarten

Engage your class in hands-on exploration of mammals, birds, and reptiles artifacts. Feel the fur from real animals, act out how bird feathers are used and meet a live reptile ambassador animal! See the zoo through new eyes on your guided tour complete with insider information.

WAY TO GROW - Recommended for 1st Grade

Show your class the diversity of life cycles seen throughout the 100+ different species on exhibit! Explore real eggs in our classroom, mimic the life cycle of a frog, and meet a metamorphosis expert in one of our ambassador animals. Tour the zoo to get the inside scoop on how we provide top quality care for animals throughout their life cycle.

HABITATS - Recommended for 2nd Grade

Explore the many areas of the zoo to discover why different areas of the world can host such a huge diversity of life! Experiment and engage all your senses to observe our animals here at the zoo.

3RD-5TH

ANIMAL TEAMWORK - Recommended for 3rd Grade

You’ve worked hard to have your class function in a group setting, now imagine if they actually WERE wild animals. Get the inside scoop on animal teamwork through games, animal meet and greet and a personalized zoo tour!

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS - Recommended for 4th Grade

Engross your student’s senses while discovering the tool kits animals have to help them survive. Use our Biofact library to get a closer look, and play at what would be life like with ‘animal super powers’.

BUILD-A-ZOO - Recommended for 5th Grade

Take the components of a habitat and look at them in a new light, through an experience designed to showcase what it takes to make a zoo. Learn how to simulate nature through creative activities, and build onto what people have been learning since our zoo opened in 1916.

6TH AND UP

ZOO CAREERS

Without the perceived pressure of asking what you want to be when you grow up, your class can learn about the careers available in the zoo community and what it takes to get there. Use critical thinking skills to problem solve real issues, and experience the perks of getting up close with our animals!

OUTREACH

Interested in Zoo Boise coming to YOU?*

Fill out the program booking form or contact us in order to set up our visit to you. Our lesson will include an age appropriate discussion, animal artifacts, games, crafts, and more. Please note, zoo animals cannot leave zoo grounds.

*Pricing dependent on school location and title status.