



2011-2012

Education Through Exploration

Homeschool Programming Guide

Zoo Hours:

10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Daily. *Gates lock at 5:00 p.m.*
Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day,
New Years Day, January 30–February 10, 2012





Self-Guided Visits

Visit the Greenville Zoo at your own pace!

Who? Grades PreK–12th

When? Weekdays 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

How? No need for reservations, just pick a day and a time to visit and enjoy the zoo!

Want to add to your tour?

Enrich your visit by booking a class in the Conservation Station.

See pages 4-6 for programming and page 8 for frequently asked questions and page 9 for the registration form.

Admission

Group Rates**:

Adults: \$5.75

Children (3-15 yrs): \$3.50

**Group rates are available when one person makes a lump sum payment for 15 or more paying people who enter the zoo together. Bus drivers are free, and one adult per every 10 children is free. Monday -Friday Only

Regular Rates*:

Adults: \$7.75

Children (3-15 yrs): \$4.50

*Prices include tax and a quarter for conservation

Zoo Tots

For children ages 2 and 3 with a parent. ZooTots covers a wide range of topics and utilizes parent/child interactions with classroom activities. Programs change monthly and are listed quarterly. Please check our website for additional information at www.greenvillezoo.com.

Greenville Zoo Explorers

For children ages 4 with a parent. Come explore the zoo while learning about the animal kingdom doing scavenger hunts, crafts and a visit from an animal in the classroom. Programs change monthly and are listed quarterly. Please check our website for additional information at www.greenvillezoo.com.

Saturday Safari

Children ages 4 to 8 years old. This class combines lessons with crafts, activities and excursions into the zoo and animals in the classroom. Programs change monthly and are listed quarterly. Please check our website for additional information at www.greenvillezoo.com.

Zoo Camp

For children ages 3 to 14 during the summer months. Children will play games, make crafts and see animals in the classroom, but the fun does not stop there. We will also take behind-the-scene trips to areas like the animals' dens and the zoo's commissary. Information for Zoo Camp will be available on our website mid-to-late January at www.greenvillezoo.com

Upcoming Education Events

International Red Panda Day

Join us on September 17 as we participate in the Red Panda Network's "International Red Panda Day". There will be fun and activities as we celebrate Red Panda's.

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

No Child Left Inside

Join us as we celebrate the great outdoors. We will demonstrate activities that will get children learning science and nature outside.

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

Middle School Career Day

Attention Middle School Teachers!

Do you know of any students who are interested in animal careers? This would be a great opportunity for them to learn all about Zoo careers. Contact the Greenville Zoo Education Department in December for more information and a registration form at zooed@greenvillesc.gov.

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Students/\$10 Chaperone

(One adult per student please; Students may attend alone.)

Limited spaces are available. Includes visits with staff of the following departments: Education, Commissary, Animal Clinic, Zoo keeping, etc.



Party for the Planet!

This is a very special day! The Greenville Zoo will host conservation and civic groups, offering ideas on how to help animals and how to make our world a better place to live. Join the fun with hands on activities.

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

M.O.M. - Missing Orangutan Mothers

Mother's Day weekend is the perfect time to celebrate and pay tribute to orangutan mothers. M.O.M.-Missing Orangutan Mothers is our way of doing precisely this! Join us as we celebrate your Greenville Zoo orangutans.

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

Endangered Species Day

Did you know that May 18 is National Endangered Species Day? Come discover how many animals at the zoo are endangered species. Join us on this day as we discover why animals are becoming endangered and what we can do to help protect them.

Date: Friday, May 18, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

World Oceans Day

As a result of a United National General Assembly resolution passed in December 2008, World Oceans Day is now officially recognized by the UN on June 8th each year.

Join us as we discuss what we do here in the Upstate and how it affects our oceans.

Date: Friday, June 8, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Admission to the Zoo

Homeschool Programming



The Greenville Zoo's Education Department offers lively, hands-on programs sure to engage students as they learn. All programs are 90 minutes in length.

Note: Although topics may be the same for each age group, the material will be age appropriate.

September

Loco Locomotion (*See age group for times)

Come get loco with us as we discuss the weird and wonderful ways animals move.

September 20, 2011: (Registration closes on September 6)

5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

Animal Wrappers (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.)

Scales, skin, and scutes - every animal has been wrapped in their own unique way. Come and explore how their wrappings help to serve a vital role in an animal's survival.

September 27, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes on September 13)

October

A is for Africa (*See age group for times)

Come take a trip to Africa. We will learn all about African animals. The BEST part is we do not have to FLY!

October 18, 2011: (Registration closes on October 4)

5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

Deserts, Savannas, Rainforests, oh my! (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.)

Can a desert be cold? Does a rainforest have to be tropical? We will uncover these answers and so much more?

October 25, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes on October 11)



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November



Animal Myths! (*See age group for times)

Touching a frog or toad will give you warts. Opossums hang by their tails. Mother birds will reject their babies if they've been touched by humans. Join us as we debunk these and other animal myths.

November 8, 2011: (Registration Closes on October 25)
5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

Diets and Nutrition (9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.)

Carnivores, Herbivores, and Omnivores...let's learn the feeding strategies of our commissary keeper. Animals all have different requirements and needs that have to be addressed.

November 15, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration Closes on November 1)



December

Poo's Clue (*See age group for times)

Come and explore the big wide world of poo. Yes, POO! We will learn how something so gross can be pretty cool!

December 6, 2011: (Registration closes on November 22)
5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

December 13, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes on November 29)
11-14 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.)



January

Slime Time (*See age group for times)

It is time to get slimed. Did you know that some animals need SLIME to survive? Yes, slime! You should not wear your best clothes for this class.

January 17, 2011: (Registration closes January 3)
5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

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January (cont.)

How did they do that? (9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.)

Let's explore how animals are able to survive in the animal world.

January 24, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes January 10)



February

It's a Bug's Life (*See age group for times)

What animal adds four legs every time it grows? Uncover this answer and so much more when we dive into a bug's life.

February 21, 2011: (Registration closes February 7)
5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

Flower Power (9:30a.m.-11:00p.m.)

Did you know that flowers and plants are very important not only to animals but to people, too. Come and explore the greener side of things.

February 28, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes February 14)

March

Jungle Jamboree (*See age group for times)

Become a jungle explorer as we search for plants and animals that call the rainforest home.

March 20, 2011: (Registration closes March 6)
5-7 year olds (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.); 8-10 year olds (12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.)

Let the Rainforest Reign (9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.)

AAAAH, all the beauty... the rainforest... the tropical rainforest... We are inviting you on adventure, one that is exciting and mysterious!

March 27, 2011: 11-14 year olds (Registration closes March, 13)



Tell Me About It... Tuesdays!

Are you just visiting the Zoo and not taking an education program? Do you have questions about the elephants, giraffes, orangutans, spider monkeys, snakes or toucans? On Tuesdays you will find an instructor from the Greenville Zoo's Education Department at select exhibits talking about that animal and answering any questions. *Open to the general public.*

2011

September:

10:30 a.m. - Vultures
12:30 p.m. - Vultures

October:

10:30 a.m. - Ocelot
12:30 p.m. - Ocelot

November:

10:30 a.m. - Leopard
12:30 p.m. - Leopard

December:

10:30 a.m. - Red Pandas
12:30 p.m. - Red Pandas

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January:

10:30 a.m. - Alligator
12:30 p.m. - Alligator

February:

10:30 a.m. - Coatimundi
12:30 p.m. - Coatimundi

March:

10:30 a.m. - Spider Monkeys
12:30 p.m. - Spider Monkeys

April:

10:30 a.m. - Giraffes
12:30 p.m. - Giraffes

May:

10:30 a.m. - Orangutans
12:30 p.m. - Orangutans



Frequently Asked Questions

When are the homeschool programs offered?

All homeschool programming takes place on select Tuesdays in the Conservation Station.

What time does my child need to be at the Zoo?

The Zoo does not open until 10:00a.m.; for programs that begin at 9:30a.m. the gate will be unlocked at 9:25a.m. & promptly locked back at 9:30a.m.. Pick -up will be at 11:00a.m.. For programs that begin at 12:30p.m., please be at the classroom by 12:25p.m., the doors open promptly at 12:30p.m.. Please do not leave children unattended. Pick-up is at 2:00p.m.

What does the price include?

Price includes: Program, vocabulary words & post-activity sheets. Vocabulary is included with the confirmation letter & post-activity sheets are distributed the day of each program. If registering for multiple classes, please be advised that the vocabulary words for each class will be sent separately.

Are there age requirements for the programs?

Programming is broken into age categories. The age categories are 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds, and 11-14 year olds.

Is it necessary to pre-register for the programs?

Pre-registration is required to participate in a homeschool program. Fill out the attached registration form (sign up for one or all listed for your age group) and mail to: Greenville Zoo ~ Attn:Homeschool Programs ~ 150 Cleveland Park Drive ~ Greenville SC 29601. Registration for homeschool programs is mail-in only. We will not accept phone-in or faxed registrations. Please fill out one registration form per participant (please make copies if necessary). Registration deadline for each program is two weeks prior to date of program.

Can I register for more than one program at a time?

Yes - Fill out the attached registration form and choose 1, 2 or all classes. Or you may choose to sign up for each individual class each month - just keep in mind there are registration cut-off dates. A confirmation packet will be emailed/mailed to you for each class that you are registered for. Individual pricing: Members-\$10 per participant/program / Non-members-\$15 per participant/program. Bundle pricing for multiple classes: Members - \$50 for 6 programs / Non-members - \$75 for 6 programs

What are the minimum and maximum number of students you will accept for a program?

We accept a minimum of five students and a maximum of twenty-five for each program. If there are less than five registered, the Greenville Zoo Education Department reserves the right to cancel the class. Refunds will be issued in this case.

If I need to cancel will I get a refund?

A 50% refund will be given if the cancellation is made at least three weeks before the scheduled program. If the cancellation is made less than three weeks before the program date, a refund will not be issued.

If I want to stay in the classroom with my child and bring a sibling, may I?

Parents are allowed to stay under special needs only. Please contact the Greenville Zoo Education Department at (864)467-4850 to speak with the instructor prior to class.

How will I know if my child got into the program?

As soon as we receive the completed registration form and the program payment, we will send you a confirmation packet with the date and time of the program(s), zoo rules, points to remember and vocabulary words. It is important that you have a confirmation letter to present to both the instructor and the ticket booth attendant upon admittance the day of the program.

Registration Form

- Please fill out one registration form per participant (photocopies are acceptable).
- If you are paying with a check, please make checks payable to: The Greenville Zoo
- Pricing reminder: Members - \$10 per participant/per program (OR \$50 for 6 programs) & Non-members- \$15 per participant/per program (OR \$75 for 6 programs)
- Please remember we will be unable to accept registration by phone or fax
- Registration deadline for each program is two weeks prior to each program date
- Mail to: Greenville Zoo~Attn: Homeschool Program~150 Cleveland Park Drive~Greenville SC 29601
- Signed & Completed registration form(s) must accompany payment to complete the registration process & to secure your child's spot.

Please fill out one registration form per participant (Photocopies are acceptable)

Name of Participant _____
(As it would appear on name tag)

Allergies/Special Needs _____
*If child uses an EpiPen you will need to provide an ***ALLERGY ACTION PLAN** prior to the start of the program. Doctor signature required.*

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Name of Parent/Guardian _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____
(For class reminders and confirmation packets)
 Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Emergency Contact & Phone _____
(In case parent/guardian cannot be reached)

Please Check One: Membership payment included Member (ID # on back of membership card _____)
 Non-member (For Zoo membership information & pricing please check our website at www.greenvillezoo.com)

Payment - Check one: Check (Please provide driver's license state & number) _____
 Visa or Mastercard: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____

Pick-up Names: _____ / _____ / _____
 Please indicate who is authorized to pick up your child. For safety reasons, a photo ID is required for pick-up. If someone other than those listed will be picking up your child, you will need to present written information to the instructor prior to the program.

How did you hear about our programming? (Please check one)

Member newsletter Radio Website Word of mouth
 While visiting the Zoo At a homeschool meeting Other _____

I hereby authorize the Greenville Zoo to take any necessary steps to insure my child's health in case of an emergency and understand that the Greenville Zoo is not responsible for any liability arising out of the participation in their programs or outings. I also authorize the Greenville Zoo to use my child's name and/or photograph for education and public relations purposes related to the Zoo.

Signature _____ Date _____