

# ZOOschool

*Wildest Classroom in Town!*

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Amarillo  
ZOO

# A Field Trip to the Zoo.

*Where Book Learning Comes to Life.*

## **On Your Own Visit:**

Tour the Zoo at your own pace and save with group admission for groups of twenty or more. Group rates are \$1.00 per person. For groups with less than 20 people general admission would apply: \$4 (13-61), \$3 (62 and up) and \$2 (3-12).

One chaperone per 10 students is required. These chaperones receive free admission. Additional chaperones receive student pricing. Chaperones must accompany students of any age throughout the Zoo.



## **To qualify for group admission rates:**

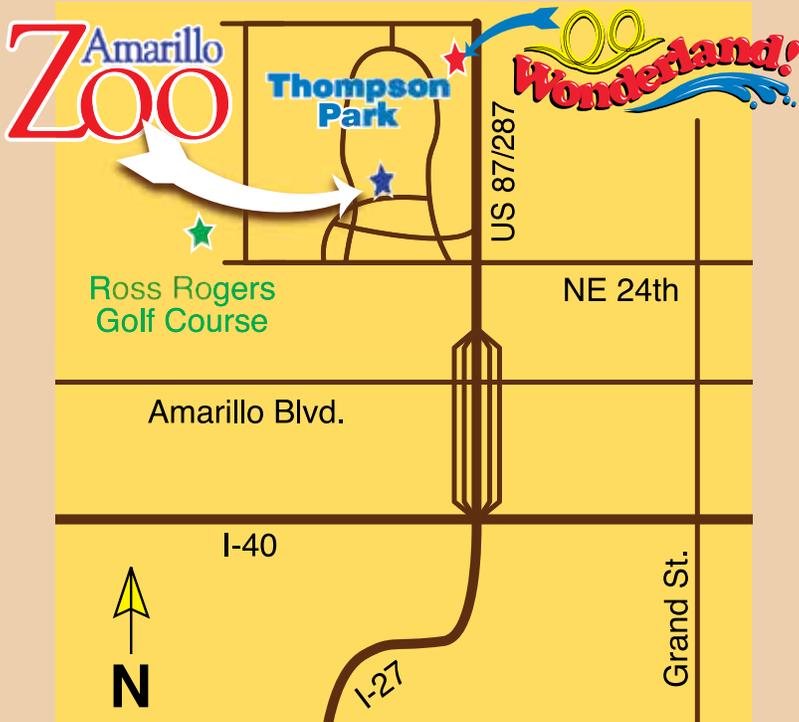
Groups of 20 or more paying individuals are entitled to a discount on admission provided one person pays for the entire group and the group enters together through one entry at one time.

**Scheduling your field trip has never been easier!** General visits for schools and other organizations can be set up on the Zoo's website: [www.amarillozoo.org](http://www.amarillozoo.org). All we need to know is the day and time of your visit, the number of people in your group and your contact information. After you have registered, a Zoo staff person will contact you to confirm your registration and to answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or need help registering, give us a call at 806-381-5605.

## **Visit [AmarilloZoo.org](http://AmarilloZoo.org) for these and other resources:**

- Downloadable information on preparing your students and chaperones for a Zoo field trip
- Tips for making your visit the best it can be!
- Scavenger hunt sheets to enhance the learning experience
- Exhibit and animal information
- Other on-line teaching and education resources
- Sign up to receive our monthly email educator newsletter

**Enhance your Zoo Adventure by adding an Education Program to your Zoo visit. Information about our education programs begins on page 4**



**Amarillo Zoo**

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[www.amarillozoo.org](http://www.amarillozoo.org)

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**Hours:**

- Open 7 days a week
- 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and MLK Day.

**Late Arrivals:**

If you have a scheduled educational program and are running late, please call (806)-381-7911 to let us know. We will gladly make allowances for your group if we can. We reserve the right to adjust program length depending on schedules and staff availability.

**Parking:**

If you are arriving by bus please park in the designated bus parking area east of the Zoo's main entrance.

**What to Expect:**

A Zoo visit is primarily an outdoor walking experience. Zoo walkways are paved and ADA accessible. Please wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for any type of weather. Refunds will not be issued due to weather conditions.

**Join our E-Mail Educator's News Letter**

Stay updated on current education programs and events at the Zoo by signing up for our free email newsletter. To join, visit our website [amarillozoo.org](http://amarillozoo.org).

# Planning Your Zoo Visit.

## **Safari Lunches:**

Perfect for field trips! No more packing and hauling lunches and coolers. You can eat right in the Zoo – no need to travel to the park.

### **Choose from these 2 lunch options:**

- Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Fruit cup and Milk
- Hotdog, Chips and a Soda

**Price: \$4**

***School sack lunches must be ordered 2 weeks in advance. Call 806-381-5605***

Please note: Outside food and beverages are not allowed in the Zoo. Please leave lunches, snacks and beverages in your vehicle. You may picnic at one of the tables inside Thompson Park or you may pre-purchase box lunches from the Zoo concessions.

## **Chaperones:**

One chaperone per 10 students is required. These chaperones receive free admission. Additional chaperones receive student pricing. Chaperones must accompany students throughout the Zoo.

## **Zoo Manners: *Laws of the Jungle!***

- Zoo animals are wild. Please stay on the paths, observe posted signs, and do not reach into or climb on exhibits.
- Please do not throw things at the animals. Even simple objects can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Please do not feed the animals. They are on specially enriched diets prescribed by our professional zoo staff.
- Making loud noises may startle the animals. Please ask the children not to roar at the lions or tigers. Observing quietly will allow you to see more natural behaviors.
- Please do not chase after the peacocks. The Zoo has several free-roaming peacocks that will be seen about the Zoo.
- Please do not pick flowers or plants, climb trees, or walk through the flowerbeds.
- For health and safety reasons, footwear must be worn at all times.

## **Restrooms:**

Restrooms are located in the concession stand and education center.

## **Water Fountains:**

Water fountains are located near the concession stand and herpetarium and also inside the education center.

# Adventures begin at the Zoo!

## ZOOschool On-Site Programs

Our programs incorporate hands-on, inquiry-based learning opportunities which inspire investigation and stimulate minds. School programs incorporate multidisciplinary lessons, covering science, math, technology, language arts and creative arts.

Experience a living classroom where students can explore wild opportunities in learning.

Choose from the following Kindergarten thru sixth grade programs.

**Cost: \$2 per person in addition to your general admission.**

To reserve a class or outreach program call (806) 381-5605 or [Zooeducation@amarillo.gov](mailto:Zooeducation@amarillo.gov).

*Maximum participants: 35, Minimum Fee: \$50.00.*

## Classroom Adventure

**Pre k – K** (30 minutes)

### Jungle Adventures

Students will meet and learn about exotic creatures from the tropical rainforest. Program will feature live animals including reptiles, amphibians, birds and arthropods.

### Fur, Feather, Scales and Slime

This program will explore the basic characteristics of the vertebrate classes including birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

**Grades 1-6** (50 minutes)

### Animals Have Class

Fur, feathers, skin, and scales! This class explores how scientists group animals and investigates how body coverings enable animals to survive in their habitats.

### Rainforest Adventures

We'll discover the unique variety of reptiles, amphibians, birds and invertebrates that live in rainforest habitats throughout the world.

### Insects and Spiders

We'll take a close-up and hands-on look at some of the common and exotic insects and spiders from the Texas Panhandle and throughout the world!

### Adapted for Survival

Animals can do some pretty amazing things to help them survive. Students will learn about camouflage, mimicry and other elaborate defenses animals use to avoid becoming someone's dinner.



### Tales of Scales

Scaly and slimy creatures will greet your students as we learn about reptiles and amphibians found throughout the world. Students will see live examples of snakes, turtles, toads and lizards.

### Wild Texas

Learn the complexity of the ecological benefits of prairie dog communities. In this program you will meet the animals that depend on prairie dog towns for food and shelter including the endangered black-footed ferret.

### Nature of Art

Animals have long inspired creativity in the arts. Discover patterns, colors, and textures by using live animals as inspiration in simple art activities.

### Nature of Math

Make math fun and exciting by learning how to use animals to solve math equations. Students will meet a variety of live animals in this hands-on mind-on discovery of how animals can make math fun and memorable.

## Amphitheater Show

### Animal Encounter at the Zoo

Enjoy a personal presentation with our live Animal Ambassadors. Your group will have the opportunity to learn about and see up-close a variety of animals including mammals, reptiles, birds and more.

**Length:** 30 minutes, 3-4 animals

**Cost:** \$2 per person/Minimum fee: \$30

Program can accommodate 1 – 60 people

# Your School Can be a ZOO.

*Can't come to us? Then we can come to you!*

## ZOOmobile Outreach Programs.

A **ZOOmobile** visit can be an enriching and stimulating experience for all involved. Our community ZOOmobile visits schools, day cares, summer camps, nursing and assisted living homes, retirement homes, senior centers, club meetings and social groups. This flexible 1-hour program offers animal information in a fun and educational manner. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to see animals up close and even touch a few. Zoo staff and volunteers handle the animals in a controlled setting. There will also be plenty of time throughout the program for questions.

**Grades 1-6 (50 minutes)**

### **Insects and Spiders**

We'll take a close-up and hands-on look at some of the common and exotic insects and spiders from the Texas Panhandle and throughout the world!

### **Animals from Around the World!**

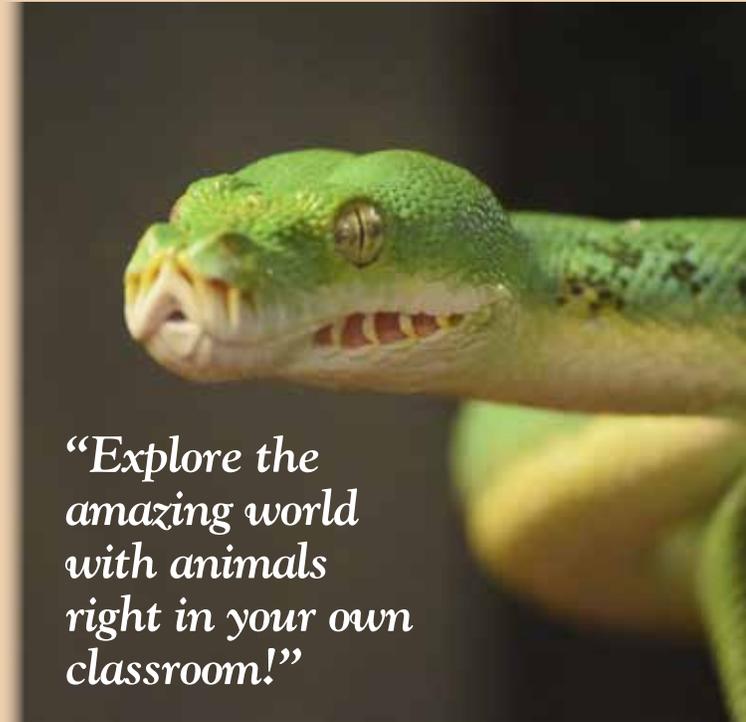
During this animal encounter students will get up close with reptiles, mammals, birds and arthropods. Students will learn about adaptations and behaviors in a program catered to fit your group's age and grade.

### **Rainforest**

Featuring a unique variety of animals, the Zoo educator will bring to life the tropical rainforest in your classroom. Live animals including reptiles, amphibians, birds and arthropods will be shown.

### **North American WILDS!**

This program will feature wildlife native to North America including reptiles, mammals, amphibians and arthropods. Students will learn about characteristics, adaptations and behaviors that aid these animals in their survival.



*“Explore the amazing world with animals right in your own classroom!”*

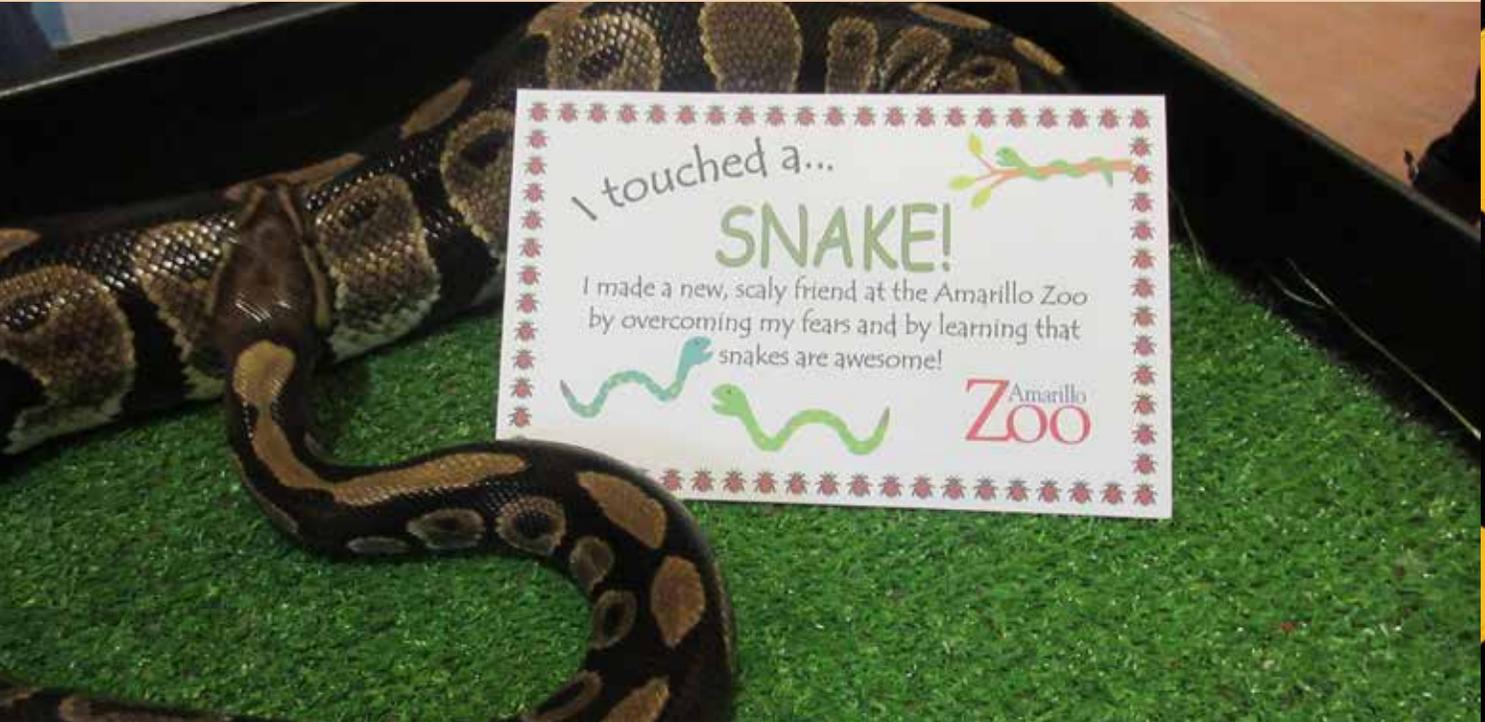
**Prek-K (30 minutes)**

### **Fur, Feather, Scales and Slime**

This program will explore the basic characteristics of the vertebrate classes including birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Live animals and touchable biofacts will be used to enhance the learning experience.

### **Fairs and Special Events**

Live animals and table display. The Zoo provides a fun and educational addition to any fair or event! We will provide live animals and cover a display table with furs, feathers, shells and skulls for guests to touch and explore. Please note: our animals cannot be near or mixed with non-zoo animals. We do not attend festivals where pets are welcome.



# ZOOmobile Outreach Programs.



**Availability:**

Tuesday ~ Saturday  
 9:30 am ~ 4:00 pm  
 Group Size: Max/40  
 Group Level: K ~ Adult

**Fees:**

- \$75.00 Programs inside Amarillo City Limits
- \$50.00 *For each consecutive program at same location*
  
- \$125.00 Programs outside Amarillo City Limits
- \$75.00 *For each consecutive program at same location*
  
- .51¢/mile Round-trip mileage fee will also apply to programs conducted outside of Amarillo
  
- \$250.00 Fairs & Special Event (2-hr maximum)

# Distance Learning at the Amarillo Zoo.

*Take a trip to the Zoo without leaving your classroom.*



Distance Learning brings the Zoo right to you! Through video conference technology, students at schools, libraries, and other venues can participate in a fully-interactive Zoo class, complete with live animal ambassadors.

Distance learning programs offer a unique opportunity for students in the Texas Panhandle and throughout the country to see live interactive footage of exhibits, animals, and staff at the Amarillo Zoo without leaving their classrooms!

world! Through these educational distance learning experiences your group will get up-close encounters with zoo animals and personalized time with experienced staff members.

These 30-45 minute programs will immerse you into the animal

For a complete listing of our distance learning programs and to reserve your program, please visit the Center for Interactive Learning & Collaboration, [www.cilc.org](http://www.cilc.org). Select Content Provider Programs and find the Amarillo Zoo in the Content Providers section. There you will find a complete list of our programs and information on how to register for a virtual field trip. Please note that you must have video conferencing equipment at your school in order to participate. Please call us for more information at (806) 381-5605.



# WILD Adventures!

## Home School Safari

Enhance your children's home school curriculum by weaving some "wild encounters" into their school day. These engaging programs encourage home school students to learn about the importance of conservation by exploring the world of animals. These are both enjoyable and educational programs that feature animal presentations, touchable bio-facts and zoo tours. You and your students will have a chance to meet others from the home school community while getting a close up look at some of the Amarillo Zoo's education animals.

Available: Tuesday – Thursday afternoons

Program length: 90 minutes

Cost: \$5 per person

Min: 10

Max: 25

To Book a WILD Encounters program call the Zoo's education department 806-381-5605. Programs must be booked 2 weeks in advance.



## WILD Discovery After-School Programs

Do you want a fun, interactive program to engage students after school? Let the Amarillo Zoo come to you for an after-school adventure. This 6-program series is designed to bring a new and exciting learning experience each week. Pre and post activities help connect each program to make for a continuous learning module. Program includes exciting animal ambassadors, bio-facts, nature crafts and activities. This program series can be also booked for regular classrooms.

- Classifications
- Predator and Prey
- Animal Defenses
- Insects and Spiders
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Endangered Wildlife

Program Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$400/6-program series



# Amarillo Zoo After-Hours

## Take a trip to the Zoo...on your schedule!

### Wild Nights

Experience the zoo at night in this popular overnight program. Enjoy after-dark adventures and nature activities, then sleep indoors in the education center and herpetarium.

Dinner, late-night snack, and continental breakfast are included. Perfect for schools, scouts, and other organized groups of up to 30 people.

*Ages 7 to 12.*

Programs are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, late April through October. Programs begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 a.m.

*A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is required to hold reservation.*

*Cost is \$25 per child, \$15 for each supervising adult and teacher; \$500 minimum fee.*

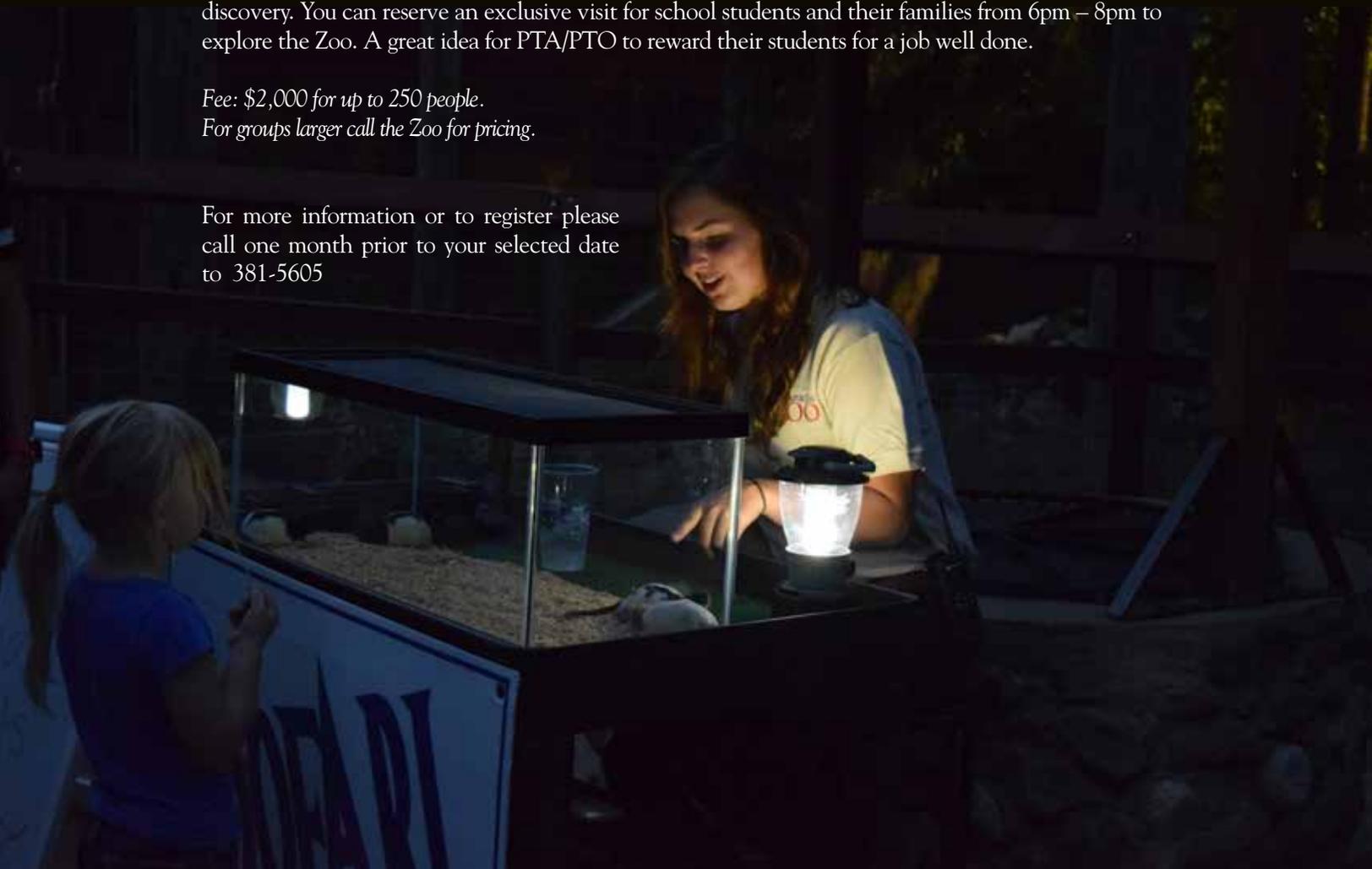
### Family School Nights at the Zoo!

Invite everyone from your school to come to the Amarillo Zoo for an evening of family fun and discovery. You can reserve an exclusive visit for school students and their families from 6pm – 8pm to explore the Zoo. A great idea for PTA/PTO to reward their students for a job well done.

*Fee: \$2,000 for up to 250 people.*

*For groups larger call the Zoo for pricing.*

For more information or to register please call one month prior to your selected date to 381-5605



# Explore & Learn!

## Discovery Trunks

*Learning and fun, packed into one!*

Bring some unique learning resources into your classroom!

Each trunk includes:

- Interactive activities
- Animal biofacts (examples include: replicas of skulls and bones, furs, egg replicas)
- DVDs and books
- Posters

Topics Include:

- Predator and Prey
- Classifications
- Prairie Wildlife
- Endangered Species
- **What You Need To Know**
  - \$25 for a two-week rental.
  - Discovery boxes must be picked-up, and returned to the Zoo.



## Boy & Girl Scout Programs

Experience the great outdoors, wildlife education, and fun scouting programs at the Amarillo Zoo!

Join us with your troop or pack for one of our fun Scout programs. These programs offer boy and girl scouts the opportunity to work toward badge requirements for a variety of animal, nature, and outdoor-focused badges!

*Group Size: Min 10/Max 30 program participants.*

*Fee: \$12 per participant includes Amarillo Zoo fun patch and admission for the day. One free leader per troop/pack. Additional parents and chaperones must pay general zoo admission fee for adults.*

*Availability: Saturdays throughout the year. Call or visit our website for a complete listing of programs available.*

*Program length: 90 minutes*



# Volunteers.

## Become a ZOOcrew Volunteer or an Education Intern

If you can't get enough of the Zoo, or just want to see what it's like to work here, consider becoming a volunteer! Volunteers are an important part of what makes the Amarillo Zoo an exciting and educational experience for our guests. We offer volunteer opportunities in many areas of the Zoo. If you have a passion for animals, conservation and the environment, then Amarillo Zoo is the place for you. Volunteer training takes place in spring and fall. Applications and more information can be found on the Zoo's [www.amarillozoo.org](http://www.amarillozoo.org).



~ Or ~

### Intern at the Zoo!

Amarillo Zoo's Education Internship Program allows students to utilize their classroom knowledge in a real work setting. Our program combines classroom teaching and hands-on training to help our interns to improve their skills and give students valuable firsthand experience. Students must have at least one full year of college credits. We have both paid and unpaid internships available in the Education Department in the spring, summer and fall.

# Exhibits



Here is just a sample of what you will experience when you visit the Amarillo Zoo. These are descriptions of some of our key exhibits, but there is so much more to see! Come visit us to get the full zoo experience!

**Panhandle-Plains Overlook** - Look out across a 5-acre exhibit to view some of the hoofstock that roamed the rolling Panhandle-Plains. Bison, elk and pronghorn roam throughout this exhibit.

**Herpetarium** - Commonly referred to as the “Reptile House,” the herpetarium houses 26 exhibits featuring; snakes, lizards, turtles/tortoises, frogs and salamanders from around the world.



**Ranch Animals** - Outdoor exhibits featuring farm animals such as horses, donkeys, goats and a longhorn.

**Native Wildlife** - A series of exhibits featuring some of the smaller animal life native to Texas, including bobcat, fox and badger.

**Black Bear** - Spot our black bear from our viewing deck as he roams about a landscaped exhibit.

**Monkey Island** - As soon as you enter the zoo you are greeted by the antics of our black-handed spider monkey troop.

**Cats** - Come early and you might hear the roar of our male African lion. You can also view tigers, bobcats and servals.

**Education Center** – Utilized for classrooms, camps and workshops, this 2600 square foot building houses offices, restrooms and live animal exhibits including our endangered Black-footed Ferret. This area may be closed at times to accommodate programs and other functions.



# Have your Class become ZOO PARENTS!

Your students can become the proud parent of one of the Amarillo Zoo animals by participating in the Zoo Parent program. By symbolically adopting an animal through this program, they not only aid in the care and feeding of that animal, they also support important improvements and the growth of the Amarillo Zoo. This is a great class project to raise funds thorough penny drives, bake sales, car washes, etc. to help the Zoo continue to grow and offer exceptional educational programs and field trips.

## Why adopt an animal?

As a Zoo Parent, your students will have the satisfaction of knowing they are helping the Amarillo Zoo and making a contribution to the welfare of the many animals that live here. Zoo Parent funds are used to provide special animal care, enrichment, special diets, and exhibit improvements. They also help support important education and conservation programs at the Amarillo Zoo.

## What do you receive?

Each student in your class will receive a Zoo Parent wallet card. Group adoptions include wallet cards for up to 35 children. Plus a 8x10 inch color photo graph of your animal and a Zoo Parent certificate suitable to frame and display in your classroom. You will also receive a colorful bumper sticker to place on a vehicle of your choice OR with a Zoo Parent donation of \$250 you get a bumper sticker for each student (up to 35)



## How long does my Zoo Parent adoption last?

Adoptions run for one year from the date of purchase and can be renewed annually for as long as you wish.

# Birthdays are WILD at the Amarillo Zoo

Celebrate your special day with family, friends and your favorite zoo animals. All you have to do is sent the invitations!

Several indoor and outdoor birthday party packages are available. All include:

- Free admission for up to 25 guests
- Exclusive use of either the indoor or outdoor location
- A private 15-minute presentation with one of our educational animal ambassadors
- Plush toy gift for the birthday child

Optional add-ons include:

- Animal Themed Craft Activity
- Decorations
- Drinks and snacks
- Plush toy

To learn more about having your next birthday party at the Zoo visit our website at [www.amarillozoo.org](http://www.amarillozoo.org)



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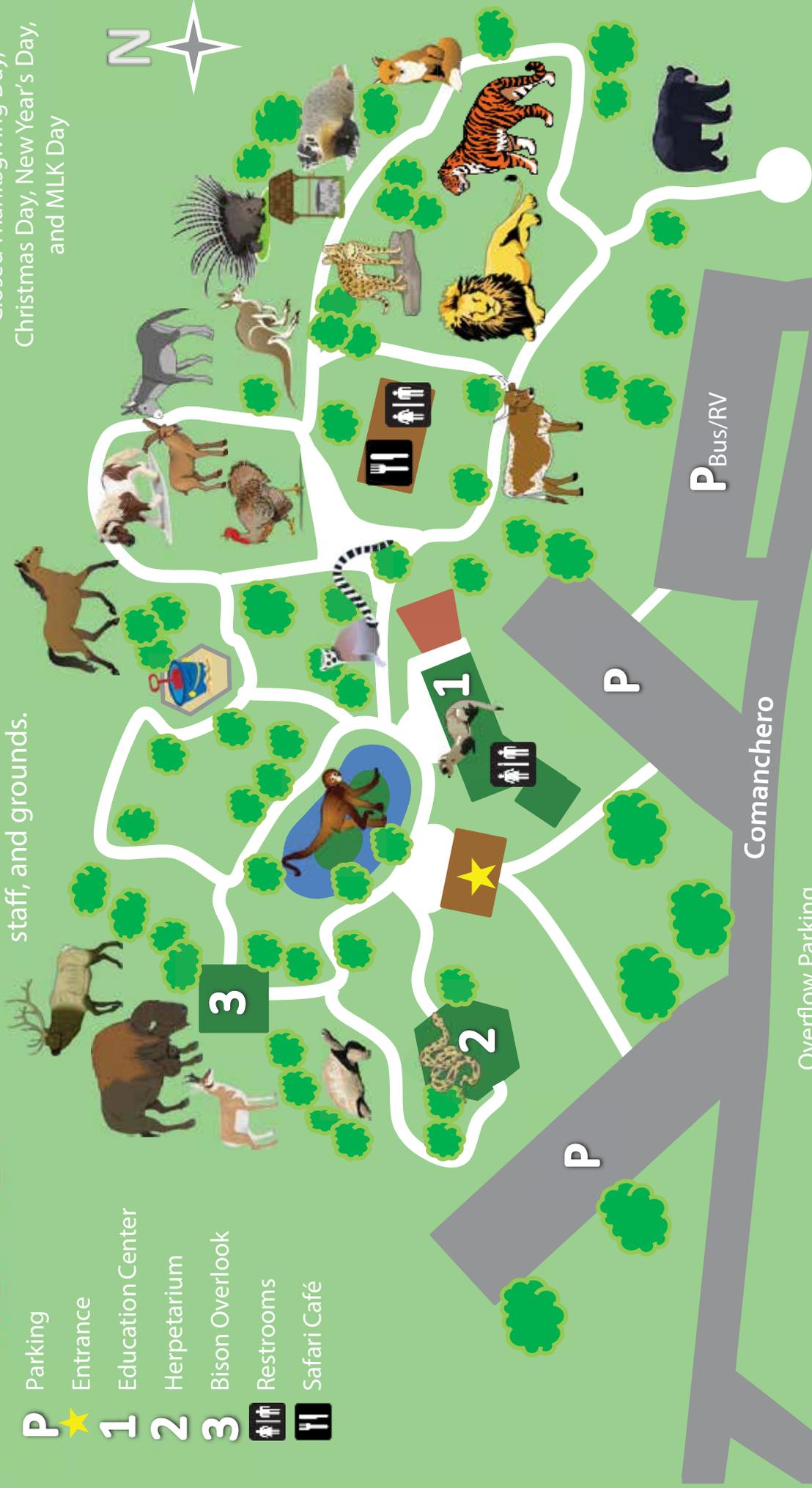
- P** Parking
- ★** Entrance
- 1** Education Center
- 2** Herpetarium
- 3** Bison Overlook
-  Restrooms
-  Safari Café

- Please stay on paths and behind railings.
- Please do not feed the animals - They are on special diets.
- Please be respectful of the animals, staff, and grounds.

## Hours

9:30am - 5:00pm  
7 days a week

Closed Thanksgiving Day,  
Christmas Day, New Year's Day,  
and MLK Day



Where more than imaginations run **WLD!**



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