



# EdZoocator Resource Guide

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Dear Edzoocator,

**Gulf Breeze Zoo provides an engaging environment in which students can learn through observations, up close interaction, and hands on exploring.**

**Your class trip to the zoo will be filled with animal experiences, insight, and inspiration. Gather your troop and head to the zoo.**

Sincerely,

**Cassidy Ingerman**



## **ABOUT THE GULF BREEZE ZOO & ANIMALS**

- **50 Acre Zoo**
  - **20 acres of walk through, where you can feed and touch giraffes, water buffalo, llamas, goats, deer, and more!**
  - **30 acre wild animal preserve with free roaming zebra, rhino, and antelope, as well as Great ape and hippo islands.**
- **The zoo consists of 887 animals and 137 species.**
- **One ostrich egg makes up 24 chicken eggs!**
- **Giraffes have the same number of vertebrates as a man or a mouse 7.**
- **Lions can eat 85 LBS of meat in one sitting, and that can last them for a week.**

**Fun Facts and did you know?**

# Planning your visit:

## Tips for an Enjoyable visit:

- After scheduling your field trip your contract will be emailed or faxed. It must be returned with your signature, a copy of your tax exempt form, and the \$50.00 deposit.
- **Save time and pre order your lunches**
- The Zoo is an outdoor facility so children should dress appropriately for the current weather conditions. We recommend closed-toe shoes, socks, sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen.
- Please note: Outside food and beverages are not permitted in the zoo.
- Please leave lunches, snacks, and beverages in your vehicle or at the picnic pavilion located outside the zoo (picnic pavilion tables are first come first serve). Please be aware there are no water fountains on property.
- If you are arriving by bus please park in the designated bus parking area (adjacent to the picnic pavilion).
- The Zoo provides complimentary self-guided Common Core based curriculum. Please use the material as Pre/Post activities to enhance your edzoocational experience.

## Llama Lunches

- Hot Dog or Chicken Tenders, chips or fries, a Capri Sun, and a cookie.
- These must be ordered in advance. Price: \$7.00

## The Safari Line Limited Train:

- The Safari Line Limited travels through a 30 acre wild animal preserve where they are free roaming. Each child will receive a complimentary ride on the Safari Line Limited. Chaperones paying through the school will also receive a complimentary ride. Your departure times will be listed on the contract, you must show up 5 minutes early at the station.
- Bring more than one class to the zoo? Please make sure each group knows their departure times before they arrive.

## Upon Arrival

- Park by the picnic pavilion. Please keep all the children on the bus for their safety. A zoo staff member will come to your bus with further instructions.
- Payment must be made by one designated person before entering the zoo.
- Your class will enter the zoo through our event gate located adjacent to the picnic pavilion.
- The designated teacher will be provided with the complimentary feed to distribute.
- Teachers and chaperones will also receive train tickets at this time (children do not need train tickets).

## Late Arrivals

- **It is vital to your schedule that you arrive at your scheduled time.**
- **Train departure slots book fast! If you arrive late to your scheduled train ride we may not be able to reschedule your departure time.**

# Important guidelines:

- Arrive on time, to the zoo and to the train station.
- Outside food and drink are not permitted in the zoo.
- If you bring your own lunches, please enjoy them under the picnic pavilion outside the zoo.
- Please do not litter.
- Treat zoo animals with dignity and respect and do not provoke or taunt animals
- No running
- Respect other zoo visitors and zoo property
- When the designated teacher is making the admission payment, please keep all children on the bus for their safety.
- Your class will enter the zoo through our events gate located adjacent to the picnic pavilion. You will exit through the gift shop.
- Adult supervisors must remain with the group for the duration of the visit and children must remain with their chaperone.

# Happening at the Zoo:

## Hands on animal encounters:

- Every hour on the half hour in the farm ( Eg 1:30 , 2:30 )

## Keeper talks:

- At the top of every hour at the animal's exhibits.
- See talk schedule for specific animals.

## Zoo Tots - Every third Saturday of the month

- Listen to a story, do a craft, and have an animal encounter

## Tours:

- 30 minute behind the scene tours for up to 10 people per tour; Hippo and Giraffe tours available. Must be booked in advance.