

A successful UA Class Field Trip begins much in the same way an effective lesson plan does—with careful planning! Ideally, if you can visit the Museum prior to your class trip to feel more comfortable and familiar with the exhibition halls and specific destinations you want to focus on with your students, your trip will definitely be productive and more aligned with your classroom curriculum. One or two focused destinations is recommended.

If you're unable to visit the Museum prior to your class trip, then check out <http://www.amnh.org/plan-your-visit/school-or-camp-group-visit> for exhibits, show times, and directions to the Museum.

Aligning your trip to the Museum and your curriculum is critical to the overall experience and success of your visit. The Museum offers online resources for specific grade levels and content and these resources can be found at <http://www.amnh.org/learn-teach>. Here you will also find guides that have activities, programs, and other information.

Before you call Central Reservations to book your trip, view or download the Reservation Worksheet from http://www.amnh.org/content/download/40677/592639/file/School_Reservation_Worksheet.pdf. This prep work will help expedite your call.

- Central Reservations can be reached at 212-769-5200.
- Inform Central Reservations that you are an Urban Advantage teacher and have a UA Class Visit Admission Voucher. Have your voucher with you when calling as you will need your voucher numbers.
- **The Museum provides free admission to all New York City public school classes; this includes all temporary exhibits and exhibit halls. If you are not planning on accessing a Sackler Lab experience, the space show or the IMAX you will not need to use a UA voucher.**
- Your UA Class Trip Voucher gives you ADDITIONAL access to the opportunities below (regularly an additional charge):
 - The Sackler Educational Laboratory
 - The IMAX
 - The Planetarium Space Show

The Sackler Educational Laboratory experience for middle school students offers an opportunity to learn more about human evolution and human genomics. These two labs support hands-on experiences with rare fossil casts or to isolate and analyze genetic information. To learn more, please visit <http://www.amnh.org/plan-your-visit/school-or-camp-group-visit/getting-started/programs-for-school-groups/sackler-educational-laboratory-for-class-trips>. Contact Visitor Services at (212)769-5200 to reserve your lab experience.

Tips for booking your trip:

- **Book your field trip at least 5 weeks in advance.** If you have changes (new field trip date, reduction/increase of reservation numbers, or cancellations), please call Central Reservations 14 days before your visit to make the change.
- Please call 212-769-5100 or view AMNH.org for any Hall closing before coming to the Museum.
- When making your reservation indicate whether you will be coming by BUS or by subway.

Gabrielle Thompson gthompson@amnh.org or Tina Glover tglover@amnh.org are available if you have any additional questions or need assistance with planning your trip. AMNH UA instructors are also available for questions; Matt Mirabello at mmirabello@amnh.org or Jay Holmes at jholmes@amnh.org.

Think of your trip to the Museum as a “scientific expedition!” and the Museum as your “classroom” for the day. Have students search and find, take journal notes, sketch or draw specimens and objects, create narratives, work in pairs or teams, build on interpretive and observation skills, and ask students to reflect and share what they've learned.



Plan a Field Trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Redeem Your UA Class Visit Voucher for an Urban Advantage Garden Expedition

Urban Advantage teachers: Turn your class field trip into a rich learning experience at Brooklyn Botanic Garden throughout the school year (even in winter!) by redeeming UA Class Visit vouchers for one of our specialized **UA Garden Expeditions!**

Each UA Garden Expedition includes the following:

- Instructor-led exploration of the topic
- Guided tour highlighting BBG's plant collections
- Science journaling in the classroom and in plant collections
- Potting-up activity: Each student propagates and takes home a plant
- Post-visit activities to extend Garden learning into the classroom

Choose one of the following curriculum topics:

- Plant Adaptations: Thriving in a Challenging Environment
- Multiplying Plants: An Introduction to Asexual Reproduction

Schedule Your Class for a UA Garden Expedition

Expeditions are scheduled November–May, Tuesday–Friday.

Register early in the school year to schedule your preferred date.

Please call BBG Registration at 718-623-7220.

Identify yourself as an Urban Advantage teacher and have your voucher number ready.

Don't know your voucher number? Contact Gabrielle Thompson at gthompson@amnh.org.



Another way to visit BBG:

Self-Guided School Visits

School groups are admitted **free** when the Garden is open. Teachers must **register in advance** for these self-directed visits at bbg.org/learn/schools.

Preregistered groups receive an admission pass for entry to the Garden grounds and Steinhardt Conservatory and priority admission to the School Lunch Area, open seasonally.

Plan a Self-Guided Field Trip to BBG:

- **Visit the Garden yourself beforehand with your UA teacher voucher.** Map out the plant collections you will visit and locate restrooms and the lunch area, and identify the entry gate your class will use (depending on whether your class travels to BBG via school bus, public transportation, or on foot). Visit BBG's online map to begin planning: bbg.org/collections/gardens.
- **Visit in all seasons, even winter!** The Steinhardt Conservatory is an indoor setting where you can explore tropical, desert, warm temperate, and aquatic plants as well as bonsai. The Visitor Center provides interactive exhibits on the history of the Garden and special features of the plant collections, including how to read the Garden's plant labels. **Note:** Garden hours vary by season: Please visit bbg.org/visit when planning your trip.
- **Ask us for help!** We are glad to help you plan your visit. For more information about self-guided school visits, contact Barbara Kurland at bkurland@bbg.org or 718-623-7235.

Visit bbg.org/learn/teachers_and_schools to learn more about programs supporting science learning for UA teachers and students at the Garden.



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Visit the largest urban zoo in America and get up close to more than 600 species from around the globe. Meet exotic animals, birds, reptiles, and insects from across Asia, Africa, the Americas and more without ever leaving the Bronx. Each Class Visit voucher admits up to 40 visitors, including chaperones and teachers. Options include school programs, guided tours and self-guided visits. **Class Visit vouchers expire May 31.** Parking is \$20 per bus, and is not included.

It is recommended that you pre-visit the Zoo on your own using your ivory-colored Teacher Planning voucher, so you can familiarize yourself with our layout. No reservation is required to pre-visit us using your Teacher Planning voucher. Please visit <http://bronxzoo.com/visitor-info> for directions, maps, operating hours, dining options, rules, feeding times, accessibility information and other useful visitor information.

If your school administration is more inclined to approve a field trip by sending the whole grade, please keep in mind that there are free programs available at the Bronx Zoo for Title I schools. We recommend that you use your vouchers first, and any non UA teachers can request free programs. These school programs need to be booked and delivered by March 31, 2020 and are available on a first come, first served basis.

School Programs, Guided Tours and Scavenger Hunts

All options include General Admission so you can explore the Zoo after your program; they do not include paid exhibit tickets. Programs and tours are 60 minutes in length unless otherwise noted.

Meet an Animal (30 minutes): Give your students an opportunity for an up-close encounter with live animals in one of our zoo classrooms! During this 30-minute experience, students will practice observation, questioning, and inquiry as our expert educator engages your students with curriculum-focused science content. The following discussion themes are available: Adaptations, Animal Diversity, Habitats, or Endangered Species.

This program includes an experience with two of our classroom-appropriate ambassador animals. Examples of animals that your students might meet include: small reptiles (turtle, snake, lizard), small birds (dove, small owl), small mammals (hedgehog, armadillo), or invertebrates. Due to high program demand, we are unable to accommodate requests for specific animals at this time.

Studying Animal Behavior (Class): Why and how do scientists study animal behavior? To explore these questions, your students will investigate animals up close in a zoo classroom and in an exhibit to learn the difference between observation and inference. Using tables to collect and analyze data, your students will develop the skills needed to better understand animal behavior and the tools that scientists use to study wildlife.

The Hunter Games (Class): How are predators and prey adapted differently to survive? Your students will observe for themselves and decide. Through animal demonstrations and activities in a zoo classroom and a visit to an exhibit, your students will investigate how adaptations influence the natural selection of predators and prey.

Urban Ecology (Class): New York wildlife may not appear to have much in common with our exotic zoo animals, but the methods that scientists use to study them are often the same. In this program, your students will apply methods used by WCS scientists in the wild to investigate native animal populations here in the zoo. Your students will collect and analyze data to better understand urban animal populations, and why this information is important to their community.

Innovative Conservation (Class; Coming mid-January 2020): With an ever increasing human population, solutions to conflicts between humans and wildlife are more important than ever before. Like our WCS conservationists, your students will use their creativity to begin designing innovative solutions to wildlife issues through scientific explanations. In this program, they will have an opportunity to learn about real WCS conservation stories by meeting an animal in the classroom, visiting an exhibit, and more.

Endangered Species (Tour): Why is wildlife disappearing, and what are conservation organizations like WCS doing to help? During this tour, learn about the major threats to wildlife and learn how we all can help.

Rainforest Exhibit (Tour): Visit one of our rainforest exhibits (Congo, Jungle World, Madagascar) on this tour and learn about the unique animals that live there as well as the amazing resources that we get from this special habitat.

Adaptations (Tour): Animals are well equipped to thrive in varied environments like the rainforest, grasslands, tundra, and deserts. On this tour, learn about the unique physical and behavioral traits that help different animals survive!

Animal Behavior (Tour): Why are some animals more active at night? Why do some live in groups while others are solitary? This tour is all about observing animals in action! Learn more about why animals behave the way they do, and what wildlife scientists can learn from studying their behavior.

Animal Behavior Scavenger Hunt (Self-Guided): A scavenger hunt is a great way to get your students excited about learning while at the zoo! Lead your students through the zoo using a guide designed with our Teacher Advisory Council. Scavenger hunts lead groups through exhibits and provide engaging activities throughout the experience. All scavenger hunts are designed to meet NYC Scope and Sequence requirements.

To book a program, tour or scavenger hunt:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/BZprograms> and fill out the web form to book your visit, or call us at 800.433.4149. We will send you a confirmation invoice and reservation number via email within two business days.
2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s). **Mail your voucher(s) and a copy of your invoice to the address indicated on your invoice. We must receive your voucher(s) in advance of your scheduled date of visit.** Once we receive your voucher(s), we will send you a final confirmation. Print this confirmation and bring it with you when you visit the Zoo.
3. When you arrive at the Zoo, show the Admissions gate agent your confirmation, and walk to your assigned classroom or meeting place.

General Admission (Self-Guided)

Includes General Admission, plus access to **one** of the following paid attractions:

- JungleWorld (all year)
- Wild Asia Monorail (May - October)
- Butterfly Garden (April - October)
- Congo Gorilla Forest (April - December)

The Zoo is a huge place – 265 acres! It is best to come with a plan for your visit. Try to focus on a theme, like Asian animals, African animals, predators, primates or rainforest animals. Consider having your students share in an activity to observe mammal behaviors or how species interact in our exhibits.



To use your Urban Advantage voucher(s) for General Admission:

You do not need to make a reservation in advance for General Admission to the Bronx Zoo using UA vouchers. Please be sure to bring the proper number of vouchers with you on the day of your visit.

When you arrive at the Zoo, hand your completed voucher(s) to the Admissions gate agent.

Cancellation Policy

Vouchers cannot be returned once submitted. Cancellations and requests to reschedule must be submitted in advance. All rescheduled visits are subject to availability. Please verify your transportation arrangements with your bus company prior to your date of visit. We are open rain or shine, so please encourage your students to dress appropriately for the weather.

If you have any questions about booking your trip, please email us at bzeducation@wcs.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

Dive in and experience the incredible diversity of the world's oceans, experience the thrills of our Aquatheater and our *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* exhibit! Have your students share in an activity to observe mammal behaviors or how species interact in our exhibits.

Each Class Visit voucher admits up to 40 visitors, including chaperones and teachers. **Class Visit vouchers expire May 31.** Parking at the New York Aquarium is not available. Buses can drop off alongside Surf Ave.

It is recommended that you pre-visit the Aquarium on your own using your ivory-colored Teacher Planning voucher, so you can familiarize yourself with our layout. No reservation is required to pre-visit us using your Teacher Planning voucher. Please visit <http://nyaquarium.com/visitor-info> for directions, maps, operating hours, dining options, rules, accessibility information and other useful visitor information.

School Programs and Guided Tours:

All options include General Admission so you can explore the Aquarium after your program; they do not include entrance into the 4D Theater. Programs and tours are 60 minutes in length.

Edge of the Sea (Class): The beach as our classroom? Not too shabby! In this one-of-a-kind experience, we head down to the edge of the water to explore the sandy shore ecosystem. Students will collect plant and animal evidence and use field guides to identify and sort what they find. We'll meet a live local animal and walk away with an appreciation for the amazing aquatic organisms that call Coney Island home. **Program dates available September through mid-November and April through May.**

Fish of New York: Diversity & Adaptations (Class): Discover why fish are among the most successful and diverse animals on earth! We'll focus on physical adaptations of local species found right here in New York, from sharks to sea robins! Using tailor-made guides, students will explore the exhibits of *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* to find out how our fishy New York neighbors can mix and mingle in our city below the sea. We'll conclude with a "build a fish" activity to create the perfect New York aquatic resident!

Marine Animal Behavior (Class; UA Only, not listed on website!): In this standards aligned program, students will gain hands-on experience in data collection through exhibit observations and classroom teachings. Our Educator will guide students in utilizing our exhibits to gather and record data for animal behavior. We'll also review characteristics of marine mammals, explore a related biofact and meet a live animal! Don't miss this comprehensive introduction to animal behavior studies.

Investigation Sidekick (Class; UA Only, not listed on website!): Are you and your students ready to collect data for Animal Behavior Field Study (ABSF) Investigations? **This program is only available to teachers who have completed an ABFS investigation for their Cycle 2 with one of the Zoos or the Aquarium.** To book this program, your students should already have aquarium specific investigation questions that they are researching. An Aquarium Educator will accompany your class as students work to gather data for their pre-established ABSF investigative questions at one of the set exhibit locations. You pick the date and we'll provide the materials needed for your students to collect their data, including clipboards, pencils, post-its, and timers. Our Educators will be with you to guide you through best practices for data collection while utilizing our exhibits here at the Aquarium. Please come prepared with your class broken up into groups based on their Investigative Questions and ready to collect your data!

Marine Biodiversity (Tour): Explore our Sea Cliffs & Conservation Hall exhibits with one of our Expedition Leaders on an inquiry-based tour through these outdoor & indoor spaces. Students will learn through questioning & observation how animals in marine & freshwater environments are diverse & well adapted to their unique habitats.

Ocean Wonders: Sharks! (Tour; Available October- March): Explore our *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* exhibit with one of our Expedition Leaders on an inquiry-based tour through this indoor space. Students will learn through questioning & observation how sharks & other fish survive in their habitat by exploring our state-of-the art exhibit that takes us deep into their world.

To book a program or tour:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/NYAprograms> and fill out the web form to book your visit, or call us at 800.433.4149. We will send you a confirmation invoice and reservation number via email within two business days.
2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s). **Mail your voucher(s) and a copy of your invoice to the address indicated on your invoice. We must receive your voucher(s) in advance of your scheduled date of visit.** Please note that this mailing address is for our headquarters in the Bronx. Once we receive your voucher(s), we will send you a final confirmation. Print this confirmation and bring it with you when you visit the Aquarium.
3. When you arrive, show the Admissions gate agent your confirmation. They will notify the instructor of your arrival.

Investigation Shorts (Self-Guided)

This self-guided investigation will give your students an introduction to Animal Behavior Field Study Investigations using animals and exhibits at the Aquarium. We will provide you with worksheets for three different Investigation Shorts: Pinnipeds, Clownfish and Fish Body Shape. You decide the best way to use these materials with your class during your visit. Review these worksheets on your own and with your students before your visit to ensure your students get the most out of your time at the Aquarium.

To book a self-guided investigation short:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/NYAprograms> and fill out the web form to book your visit or call us at 800.433.4149. We will send you a confirmation invoice and reservation number via email within two business days. Print this confirmation and bring it with you when you visit the Aquarium.
2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s).
3. When you arrive, show the Admissions gate agent your confirmation and turn in your voucher(s).

Urban Naturalists: (Outreach Program)

Wildlife surrounds our city, in our waters & along our coastline. Discover with us a wild NYC that flourishes within our coastal habitats through exploring biofacts, meeting a live animal, & creation of a naturalist journal. This program will give your students the foundation they need to go on & conduct their own field study or become a community scientist in the natural habitats hidden within our urban landscape.

To book an outreach program:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/NYAprograms> and fill out the web form to book your program or call us at 800.433.4149. We will send you a confirmation invoice and reservation number via email within two business days.
2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s). **Mail your voucher(s) and a copy of your invoice to the address indicated on your invoice. We must receive your voucher(s) in advance of your scheduled date of visit.** Please note that this mailing address is for our headquarters in the Bronx. Once we receive your voucher(s), we will send you a final confirmation. Print this confirmation so you can show it to us when we arrive at your school.

Cancellation Policy

Vouchers cannot be returned once submitted. Cancellations and requests to reschedule must be submitted in advance. All rescheduled visits are subject to availability. Please verify your transportation arrangements with your bus company prior to your date of visit. We are open rain or shine, so please encourage your students to dress appropriately for the weather.

If you have any questions about booking your trip, please email us at nyaeducation@wcs.org.
We look forward to seeing you!

Learn through experience during Science Investigations at the GreenSchool!

For more information and to register: nybg.org/schools-teachers or 718 817.8181

Hands -On Plant Science Workshops at the GreenSchool in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Times: 10–11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

- Amazing Plant Adaptations
- Flowers in the Life Cycle
- Patterns of Plants
- The Water Cycle
- Citizen Science Bronx River Leaf Pack Investigation (Registration requires pre-approval)

Interactive GreenSchool Guided Indoor Tours at the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Times: 10:15–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Grade 6: Diversity of Life
- Grade 7: Dynamic Equilibrium: Plant Survival
- Grade 8: Humans and the Environment: Needs and Trade-offs

Interactive GreenSchool Guided Outdoor Nature Walks

Times: 10:15–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- 50-Acre Thain Family Forest Walk
- Native Plant Garden Walk
- The Rock Garden

NYBG Seasonal Special Exhibitions

- *Holiday Train Show®* and Patterns of Plants

(January 2 – 17, 2020)

- **The Orchid Show**

(February 18 – April 10, 2020)

Times: 10:15–11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

How to Register—Call 718.817.8181

Before You Call

Have the following information ready:

- Your UA Class Visit Admission Voucher number
- Name of the program(s) you would like your students to attend
- List of multiple preferred dates in case your first choice is full
- Number of classes/contact information for each participating teacher that will be attending the program
- Number of adult chaperones

Class Size and Special Needs

In order for students to have the best learning experience, **combining classes is not allowed.**

Our class sizes are as follows:

- Grades 1–8: up to 32 students, 1 adult per 7 students
- Self-Contained Pre-K–8: up to 12 students, 1 adult per 2 students

The numbers of classes that can be accommodated vary by program. Please contact the registration office for details on bringing multiple classes: 718.817.8181. Please share information with us about any special considerations to help ensure a successful field trip experience.

Before Arrival

You will be e-mailed a map with specific entrance and exit procedures for the school group entrance, the Everett Garden Gate. In Google Maps, use the Everett Garden Gate location for directions. If your group is traveling on more than one bus, please make sure that a teacher on each bus receives this information. Please advise registration staff if you will be taking public transportation.

Arrival

Arrive 15 minutes early to check in and get to your specific program location. All school buses should stop at the Everett Garden Gate, located on Southern Boulevard across from Fordham University. From there, they will be directed to either disembark or proceed to a different location based on program registration. Bus parking is not available within the Garden. However, there is street parking along Southern Boulevard. All programs will end at the originally scheduled time. Groups arriving more than one-half hour late will be canceled. No refunds are available. School groups are not permitted to board the Tram.

Inclement Weather

Programs run rain or shine unless officially cancelled due to weather emergencies. Please have students dress appropriately for the weather. If you choose to reschedule, please call by 8:30 a.m.: 718.817.8181.

Accessibility

NYBG, its buildings, and its tour vehicles are accessible. Due to the Garden's varied topography, portions of the historic landscape may be inaccessible. Please notify the Registration office of any special needs at least 48 hours in advance of your visit.

Lunch

All school groups must bring lunches. There are no indoor lunch facilities. School groups are invited to eat in the Clay Family Picnic Pavilions located near the Everett Garden Gate. School groups are not allowed in the Garden dining facilities.



New York Hall of Science

UA Class Visit Admission Vouchers

- Admits up to 40 people per voucher (students, teachers, adult chaperones)
- Includes a 15-minute session in **Connected Worlds** subject to availability. If you are late, your Connected Worlds reservation will be forfeited. ****Must be reserved at the same time that you are reserving your class visit date.****

Optional Experiences (Additional cost with UA Vouchers; payment due **2 weeks before visit**)

- **Student Workshop:** 45 minutes. 30 students maximum. \$200 per group, with Voucher.
- **Science Playground:** 45 minutes. \$4 per child, one free chaperone with every 5 children with Voucher.
- **3D Theater Experience:** \$4 per person, one free chaperone with every 10 children with Voucher.
- **Rocket Park Mini Golf:** \$4 per person with Voucher.

Scheduling your class visit

1. To make a reservation for your class visit, please contact our **Group Sales Department** at 718.699.0301 Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5pm. You **MUST** have your vouchers on hand when you are booking your class visit. You cannot book your class visit without your voucher numbers.
2. Reserve a 20-minute lunch, subject to availability.
3. Reserve a 15-minute session in Connected Worlds, which is open subject to availability.
4. Optional: book additional experiences.

Submitting your UA Class Visit Vouchers

5. After making a reservation, vouchers must be mailed to NYSCI and arrive **at least two weeks** prior to your class visit date. Please be sure to schedule your visit date accordingly. Vouchers that are not received in a timely manner will result in a cancellation of your class visit. Faxed vouchers will not be accepted.
6. Any mailed in vouchers not used on the scheduled visit date will be credited to that teacher to use during a future visit before the expiration date on the voucher. To claim this credit you will need to call our Group Sales Department at 718.699.0301 no later than one month after the initial visit.

Planning For Your Visit

7. For all of the information, support, inspiration, and teacher guides you will need to take full advantage of everything New York's world-renowned hands-on science and technology center has to offer you and your students please use our website, <https://nysci.org/>.

Last date for class visit using UA Voucher is May 31, 2020.



Welcome to Queens Botanical Garden where students have access to 39 acres of trees, flowers and animals and can get an exceptional introduction to the natural world without a trek into the wilderness.

To request your visit online at bit.ly/GroupsQBG.

When requesting a visit, please make sure to indicate that you are an Urban Advantage teacher in the special requests field.

Advance registration is required for all programs. A scheduled visit is not confirmed until a voucher is received. Please check your invoice for due dates. Queens Botanical Garden reserves the right to refuse registrations for any reason.

Workshops and Tours Available for Urban Advantage Groups

- Animal Architecture
- Build a Biome (additional fees apply)
- Buzzworthy
- Fantastic Flowers
- Growing Together
- Healing with Plants: The Amazing Legacy of Dr. George Washington Carver
- Making Scents of Plants
- Plant Propagation
- Power Plants
- Water: Round & Round It Goes
- Urban Botany
- Using Wild Plants
- A Worm in the City
- Guided Garden Tour
- Sustainability Tour
- Self-Guided Tour (available April 1st through October 31st)

Please check our website at QueensBotanical.org/Education for additional information about our programs, rescheduling, and cancellation policy.

Visit QueensBotanical.org for information about the Garden's address, directions, hours of operation, map, and Garden etiquette.



Each Urban Advantage voucher can be used for admission to the zoo as well as the option of a 50 minute Zoo Education Program.

Education Programs:

Programs utilize talks, live animals, and biofacts to model a host of scientific investigations and ecological and behavioral studies employed by scientific researchers on the field. Programs can be curated and tailored to enhance current student investigation topics or to provide ancillary support for data collection.

To make a reservation for an education program, please visit <http://www.statenislandzoo.org/education/inzoo-school-programs> and select “Click Here for In-Zoo School Program Registration”. Enter discount code “UAVoucher” at checkout. If you have any problems with registering, please email at education@statenislandzoo.org. **Reservations must be made at least 6 weeks in advance for an education program.** You will need to submit your voucher at the admission gate the day of your trip.

Self Guided Tour:

If you are visiting the zoo and NOT registering for an education program, you do not have to register through the website. Submit your voucher(s) as your admission ticket at the gate when you arrive at the Zoo. Although a formal reservation is not needed, please email education@statenislandzoo.org with your expected date and amount of visitors so that we know to expect you. If you would like support materials or activities for your students to use during your visit, please email education@statenislandzoo.org.

Visit the zoo website for information regarding our animal collection, exhibitry and programming before you visit. It will be helpful for you to visit the zoo before your trip to determine which exhibits and wings are most appropriate for your students’ work. If you contact the education department ahead of time, we can work together to tailor informal lessons for your students’ inquiry time at the zoo.

For questions about adapting your visit to enhance a UA learning experience, please contact David Zaitz at 718-442-3100 ext. 15 or email dzaitz@statenislandzoo.org.