

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.

### **School Programs, Guided Tours and Scavenger Hunts**

All options include General Admission so you can explore the Zoo after your program. Programs and tours are 60 minutes in length unless otherwise noted.

**Animal Meet & Greet (30 minutes):** Looking for a special experience on a busy schedule? Get up-close with two ambassador animals during a private meet-and-greet! Applicable science themes can be integrated into exciting and interactive animal presentations based on the grade of the students. Discussion Themes: Adaptations, Life Cycles, Animal Diversity, Endangered Species.

**Animal Behavior (Class):** To learn about primates, we'll observe many (like gorillas, ring-tailed lemurs, and ebony langurs) and use ethograms to collect and analyze data about this unique order of mammals as well as meet an animal in the classroom.

**The Hunter Games (Class):** How are predators and prey adapted differently to survive? Have your students observe for themselves and decide. In this program, students will explore the physical and behavioral adaptations of predators and prey through animal demonstrations and activities.

**Endangered Species (Tour):** Why is wildlife disappearing, and what are conservation organizations like the WCS doing to help? You'll answer these questions and learn about conservation actions you can take by studying animals at the Zoo whose wild counterparts are endangered.

**Rainforest Exhibit (Tour):** Visit one of our rainforest exhibits (Congo, Jungle World, Madagascar) on this special 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 to survive!

**Animal Behavior (Tour):** Why are some animals more active at night? Why do some live in groups while others are solitary? During this tour, visitors are encouraged to observe animals in action. We'll talk about why animals behave the way they do, and what wildlife scientists might learn from studying their behavior.

**Animal Behavior Scavenger Hunt (Self-Guided):** Lead your students through the Zoo using a guide designed by our Teacher Advisory Council. Scavenger hunts lead groups through exhibit experiences and provide engaging experiences throughout the experience!

### To book a program, tour or scavenger hunt:

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/UAProgramsatBZ> (case sensitive) and fill out the web form to book your visit. 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 well 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 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** General Admission to the Bronx Zoo is available to all New York City public school groups **free of charge** Monday-Friday; you do not need to use your UA vouchers for General Admission, unless you would like access to one of the paid attractions listed above.

### To book a free General Admission visit without using Urban Advantage vouchers:

Contact Group Sales to make your reservation by emailing [wcsgroupsales@wcs.org](mailto:wcsgroupsales@wcs.org) or call 1-800-433-4149, press 1 for the Bronx Zoo, then press 1 for self-guided trips.

### 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](mailto:bzeducation@wcs.org). We look forward to seeing you!