

Planning a School Community Trip to the Bronx Zoo

Here is some helpful information and simple steps you can take to make your School Community Trip to the Bronx Zoo a rich and fun experience for Urban Advantage students and their families!

Ideally, visit the Zoo before your visit with your families, using your Teacher/Parent Coordinator Vouchers (ivory colored).

If you can't make it to the Zoo ahead of time, visit bronxzoo.com for information on exhibits, special events, hours, and directions. You may view a digital map at bronxzoo.com/map so you can outline your route prior to the trip.

Are you planning on spending most of your time outdoors? Have a rain plan! The Zoo has exciting indoor areas to explore such as Madagascar, World of Birds, Congo Gorilla Forest, and Jungle World. The zoo is a huge place (265 acres!), so make a realistic plan for your visit – you won't be able to explore the entire zoo in one visit. Try to focus on a theme, like Asian animals, African animals, predators, primates, or Rainforest animals. Consider having families share in an activity to observe mammal behaviors or how species interact in our exhibits.

You may pack a lunch to eat at the zoo, or visit our Dancing Crane Café for a variety of tasty meal options.

Steps for taking your School Community Trip:

- 1. You do not need to make a reservation for a family field trip. Remember to bring the proper number of yellow vouchers for students and parents that will be entering the zoo. Each voucher admits up to a total of 40 people.**
2. Upon arrival at the zoo, enter at Southern Boulevard (if taking a bus) or Asia Gate (if taking the subway). Buses can **only** park in the Southern Boulevard parking lot (**parking is \$20 per bus**).
3. At the admissions gate, hand the representative your completed yellow vouchers and simply tell them which paid exhibit you would like to enter and how many people you have in your group. Paid exhibits that are accessible with UA vouchers include Jungle World (all year), Wild Asia Monorail (May - October), Butterfly Garden (April - October), or Congo Gorilla Forest (April - December).
4. You will receive a "UA General Admission" ticket for everyone that is entering the zoo, and individual "UA Single Attraction" tickets that are valid for entry into a paid exhibit for each person that will be entering on a voucher. These tickets will expire at the end of the day and will only be accepted at the exhibits listed above.
5. Have a wonderful day at the Bronx Zoo!

If you have any questions about planning your trip, please contact bzeducation@wcs.org or (800) 433-4149.