



Teacher and Chaperone Guidelines for Field Trips

Soon you will be up close to some of planet's rarest and most powerful creatures. For their well-being and everyone's safety, please review these guidelines.

Teachers and chaperones are responsible for their students.

- Review the separate Student Guidelines for Field Trips with the students.
- Upon arrival in the zoo parking area, your Group Leader will announce your arrival in the gift shop while the group remains outside. Zoo staff will provide assistance for the quickest entry into the zoo.
- Meals and snacks are not to be distributed or consumed in parking areas. Coolers will be inspected on arrival.
- Make sure teachers and chaperones have maps with a schedule of events.
- Count the number of students in your group often to make sure you have your full group with you at all times. Students should not wander the Zoo without an adult.
- The zoo does not have a paging system, so pick a location to meet if someone gets separated from the group.
- Restrooms are located in the gift shop and along the shore of Lake Victoria. With larger groups, it is best to plan breaks away from typical busy times like the rush immediately after a show.
- In case of heavy rain or lightning, return to gift shop. Do not stand beneath large trees or in the Pavilion or Safari Canyon.
- Naples Zoo is a non-smoking environment. Adults may smoke in the parking area only.
- In the event of a minor scrape or cut, basic items like bandages and antiseptic are located in the gift shop for you to apply to the child. If there is a more serious injury, call 911. Please send someone to the nearest zoo staff member or gift shop to call for medical attention. Naples Zoo reserves the right to call 911 on behalf of any guest.
- Please model and encourage respectful behavior toward the animals while visiting their home.
- Whistles are not permitted for use by either adults or children.
- Stay on the visitor paths and make sure your students stay on the visitor paths. If something is dropped on the non-visitor side of a barrier, find a Zoo staff person for assistance.
- Take your time. Walking through the Zoo is required. Running is not permitted.
- Zoo staff or appropriate law enforcement may remove any adult or student found violating the institution's rules including throwing objects at animals or defacing the botanical collection. A student's removal will require at least one adult to stay with the child or children on the bus or in the parking area.
- Encourage students to read signs and ask Zoo staff questions while they explore the Zoo.
- Have fun!!!