

## WILDLY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

# MEET THE KEEPER SERIES

**Speak directly with professional zoo keepers  
and observe the animals under their care.**



Throughout day, students are invited to select animal exhibits to meet the people who care for the animals. Through these informal programs students learn not only about how animals are adapted to their native habitats, but also how the individual animals they see are cared for outside the wild. This is an ideal time to see the animals as they are most active when they relate to their keeper.

The Meet the Keeper Series provides students and teachers the opportunity to receive the information they want to know because they ask the questions. After a short presentation and background on the exhibit and its animals, it becomes an open forum for questions and answers. Students learn how zoo keepers safely provide the needs for exotic creatures including dangerous predators. In addition, they find out how keepers stimulate the animals' activity through behavioral enrichment programs.

Students will also have a better understanding of how zoos strive to preserve species for future generations and the difficulties that confront their mission. Students may also discover how they can personally get involved in conservation in the wild.

### **Additional Resources for Potential Meet the Keeper Series Animals:**

#### **African Lions**

Zoo's Lion Page [http://www.napleszoo.com/Plants\\_Animals/animal-files/lions.htm](http://www.napleszoo.com/Plants_Animals/animal-files/lions.htm)

General Lion Info [http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Panthera\\_leo.html](http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Panthera_leo.html)

#### **Malayan Tigers**

Zoo's Malayan Tiger Page [www.napleszoo.com/New/Indochinese-tigers.htm](http://www.napleszoo.com/New/Indochinese-tigers.htm)

Malayan Tiger Info <http://www.malayantiger.org/>

#### **Fosas**

Zoo's Fosas [http://www.napleszoo.org/Visitor\\_Info/zoo-events/fosa-exhibit.html](http://www.napleszoo.org/Visitor_Info/zoo-events/fosa-exhibit.html)

#### **Zebras**

Zoo's Zebras [http://www.napleszoo.org/Plants\\_Animals/animal-files/zebra.htm](http://www.napleszoo.org/Plants_Animals/animal-files/zebra.htm)

#### **Black Bears**

Zoo's Bears <http://www.napleszoo.org/bear/index.html>

#### **Leopards**

Zoo's Leopards [http://www.napleszoo.org/Plants\\_Animals/animal-files/leopard.htm](http://www.napleszoo.org/Plants_Animals/animal-files/leopard.htm)

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Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

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