



## **Teacher & Group Leader Packet: ZooMobile Program Information**

### **General Reservation Policies**

- Reservations are required at least 3 weeks prior to program date.
- Final payment and final count of participants is due 3 weeks prior to program date. Participant numbers cannot increase after this date without approval from Zoo staff.

### **Cancellation Policies**

- Cancellation means the customer did contact Naples Zoo's Education Department before the scheduled program.
- Customer cancellations received less than 2 weeks prior to the program date will incur a 50% of total cost of program as a cancellation fee.

### **Date Change Policies**

- Date changes must be made at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled program date.
- Date changes made less than 2 weeks before original program date will result in loss of original deposit. Another deposit will be required.
- New program date must be at least 4 weeks in advance and is subject to availability.

### **Available ZooMobile Programs**

#### **Backbone Basics (Early Education – 3 year olds)**

Do I have a backbone? What about animals? What does a backbone do? Through play, engineering, and animal encounters, children will learn about animals that have backbones and what they do.

#### **Sensational Squamate Senses (K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)**

Slithering, scuttling and scurrying all over the world, our scaly lizard and snake friends explore the world around them in surprising ways. Students will discover how reptiles use their sensational senses as you explore life as a snake.

#### **Cycles of Life (2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**

How do frogs grow? What about alligators? Life cycles are impacted by predators, disease, and changing seasons. Animals have incredible adaptations that help them to survive. Role-play to explore two life cycles and see if you can survive the Cycles of Life!

### **Teacher and Group Leader Information**

- All programs are correlated with Florida's standards through CPALMS.
- Make sure you have provided the Zoo with an accurate address and phone number to the program location at least 2 weeks prior to your program.

- If mileage to the program location is greater than 60 miles from Naples Zoo, please call 239-262-5409 X 124.
- Locate a quiet, temperature-controlled area for the program. Also, this area must not be near other animals or food items.
- Set up program location with a table and chair for the presenter at the front. If possible, arrange the students' chairs in a U-shape formation. If chairs must be arranged in rows, please allow adequate space for instructor movement in between the rows.
- The ZooMobile must be parked close to the indoor program location for ease of animal transport and for the van to be available in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- For the safety of both the students and the Zoo animals, teachers and chaperones must remain in the room for the entire program to assist with classroom management.

### **Student Expectations**

- Review the following behavioral expectations with your students:
  - Follow any directions given by Zoo staff.
  - Respect the animals – do not make loud noises or sudden movements.
  - Any headphones or cell phones must be turned off and put away during the program.
- Please remind students of the rules and follow up if needed. Animal presentations may be discontinued if the welfare of an animal is in question.

### **Animal Encounters**

- Animal encounters occur in all outreach programs. Up to two animals will be introduced during each session.
- Certain animals will be designated as touchable. If these animals are available for programs, touching will be permitted. If animals are touched, students are required to use hand sanitizer (provided by Zoo).
- Be sure students wash their hands after the program.
- No specific animals can be guaranteed.
- Example ZooMobile program animals include: tortoise, hedgehog, snake and lizard.

**If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email [education@napleszoo.org](mailto:education@napleszoo.org)!**