



MINNESOTA ZOO
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Before you arrive:

- Check your confirmation sheet. If you have any questions or need to make changes call the scheduler at 952-431-9218.
- Field trip resources; available on line at http://www.mnzoo.org/education/education_teachersSchools.asp view the pre-field trip orientation video and classroom theme-base pre and post visit activities. Maps, show schedules and animal fact sheets are on line at www.mnzoo.org
- Please review this information and distribute any schedules to your chaperones to review before you leave your school.
- Consider having adhesive tags for your students and chaperones with your school name for identification while at the zoo.
- We require a minimum of one adult chaperone for every 15 students. Chaperones are required to stay with students at all times.
- When meeting at the end of the day please select a gathering place away from the entry/commons area. The MN Trail lodge, Tropics Trail entry, Discovery Bay, Snow Monkey viewing hallway windows, school lunch area, Upper Plaza or Discovery Bay are good locations to gather large groups. Let your students/adults know where this is before you leave school.

Arriving at the Zoo:

- When you arrive, have the bus drivers drop the students at the entrance or follow signs for “school bus” drop off at special times of the year. Please arrange for pick-up at the same place you were dropped off.
- ★ Be prepared to check in with Guest Services. The lead teacher must have an **exact** count of the number of students and adults & pay **all Zoo fees** at the time of admission. Make one payment by check (payable to Minnesota Zoo), large bills, or school charge card. Please review these costs and make any adjustments to your total.

2009-2010 School Year

Admission Grades K-6 th	\$ 5.00
Admission Grades 7th-12 th	\$ 7.00
Admission Preschool	\$ 5.25
Admission Teachers/Chaperones (one free person with each 5 students)	free
Admission Additional Adults- paid for by lead teacher	\$ 10.00
Admission Adults checking in individually	\$13.00
Members (collect a copy of the membership card)	free
Bus Parking per bus (or car parking \$5.00)	\$ 10.00
Monorail, class, or special events per person (prescheduled)	\$ 3.00

- Adults should not check in separately, please collect admission fee from adults that need to pay and make one payment, including any parents parking fees.

Lunch:

- We would like you to encourage students to bring recyclable lunch containers instead of disposable items to reduce waste.
- Put lunch containers in sturdy boxes or brown paper grocery bags and label with your school’s name. When you arrive at the Zoo, our staff will direct you to the lunch area. Your chaperones will have to carry the boxes to the lunch location. Chaperones may carry lunches in bags or backpacks during the day and you may eat at any picnic table on a first-come basis.
- Food service at the Zoo is available at the Call of The Wild Café and the Zoo Café for coffee and snacks. Call 952-953-0667 for questions on ordering food.

Zoo Store:

- Students, accompanied by a chaperone, are welcome to visit the Zoo Store in small groups. To speed up your visit, we suggest you shop before noon and allow time for check out. You may pre-purchase items by calling 952-431-3090.

Great Clips Imax Theatre:

- Upper South Walkway: Show times available at the IMAX box office or the Guest Services Desk. Reservations 952-997-9714. Groups attending IMAX must check in at **both** the MN Zoo and Imax, separate payment is required.

Tips for an enjoyable visit:

- Plan to arrive at least five minutes before any scheduled class, tour or monorail program time.
- Show seating is available on a first-come basis for all Zoo guests, with limited seating. Theater doors close when the show begins or when seating is full. Plan to get there 25-30 minutes before the show when the Zoo seems busy.
- Be aware that during inclement weather the Monorail and other facilities may have adjusted schedules. Please check with Guest Services on inclement weather days.
- Guest Service staff is available to assist you at the main desk.
- It takes 5-7 hours to adequately see the entire zoo. Unless you have that much time, don't try to see it all. We ask chaperones to stay with the students at all times and encourage students to spend time observing the animals along the trails you have selected.
- Volunteers are located throughout the zoo to help you enjoy your visit, stop and ask them any questions you have. Volunteers will be at the benches along the Zoo trails with interpretive artifacts throughout the day, schedules vary.
- The following charts are to assist you in scheduling. Please be aware that the following schedule is subject to change. Check at the Guest Services Center for up-to-the-minute information or see our web site at www.mnzoo.org.

Daily Activity Schedule

ZOO HOURS 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Tropics Trail: Travel through the lush “rain forest” featuring tropical hot spots –endangered regions in the world. You will see animals like lemur, tapir, gibbons, and tropical birds that make the Zoo their home. The last phase of the tropics building renovation is now under way, two exhibit areas are currently closed. Dive Shows 10:30 am and Shark Feeding daily 3:00.

Minnesota Trail: Minnesota Trail exhibits, after a recent renovation, now showcase raccoons, coyotes and gray wolves, together with long-time residents like beaver, otter, puma and lynx. Smaller Minnesota favorites, like turtles, frogs and salamanders, will be featured in the exhibit’s “trailhead,” a warm and welcoming lodge. Along the Trail, guests will experience a variety of Minnesota landscapes, ranging from views into a beaver pond, a walk alongside a northern forest glade and a bird-watching perch in the treetops.

Discovery Bay: Thousands of gallons of water make homes for sharks, coral and dolphins. Shark Talk Monday and Wednesday 11:30. *As you may have heard, there has been some changes in the social structure of our dolphin pod. Semo, Spree, April, and Allie have daily enrichment and feedings session but not at scheduled times. They can be viewed from the upper amphitheater and lower viewing windows, Zoo volunteers would be glad to update you on the dolphin collection. More information can be found on our web site at www.mnzoo.org.*

Northern Trail: Amur Tigers, caribou, Mexican wolves and more species spend all seasons outdoors on our northern walk. Russia’s Grizzly Coast our new exhibit is also located on the Northern Trail, this area hosts sea otters, brown bears, leopards and wild boar, see these animals in their new home near the main plaza.

Russia’s Grizzly Coast: Experience our newest exhibit as you are immersed in Russia’s far Eastern coast where you will find sea otters, brown bears, leopards and wild boar. Located on the Northern Trail.

World of Bird Show in the Indoors Theater, mid-October – mid- April, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm. World of Bird Show in the Outdoor Amphitheater May 17 -Labor Day, daily 11:00 & 1:00.

Wells Fargo Family Farm: Rare farm animals are the highlight of this working farmstead. Farm Tram Rides daily. Cow Milking Demos daily 11:00, 1:00 & 3:00. Farm is open seasonally April 1 – end of October.

Please check the web site at www.mnzoo.org to confirm show times.

Please use the following chart to make a schedule for your field trip:

Time →	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:30	1:30-2:00
Group I										
Group II										
Group III										

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