

Welcome to the Conservation Learning Zone!









How can we help take care of animal homes? – Healthy habitats are important for both animals and people, especially in the spaces we share. Engaging with Zoo experts, students will explore how they can help the birds, bugs, reptiles and amphibians in their very own neighborhoods.

- Timing:** Conservation Learning Zone is a drop-in, self-paced experience. Activities are available for student exploration from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. While there is no fixed programming or time limit in the Conservation Learning Zone, estimated engagement is 30-45 minutes.
- Location:** The Conservation Learning Zone occurs in the Wildlife Plaza. Marked with a yellow star on the map below, The Wildlife Plaza is across from the wild dogs habitat and just east of the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Animal Hospital.



- Programming:** Get in the Zone! Chock full of hands-on activities, the Conservation Learning Zone consists of several stations, each designed to inspire collaboration, connection and conservation! Marked with a corresponding icon, stations can be explored in any order.

Station Descriptions

	<p>Animal Observation: With what animals do we share this habitat? Use binoculars to observe local wildlife in their natural habitat! Help Denver Zoo by recording the type of animal you saw. Where did you spot the animal? What did you notice about it?</p>
	<p>Bug Exploration: Get to know a local wildlife all-star up close! Get your hands dirty as you explore the habitat, gently handle, and learn about the important role bugs play in their ecosystem.</p>
	<p>Wildlife Wheel: Take a turn spinning the Wildlife Wheel! The wheel shows examples of different local wildlife we can find right here in Colorado. What action can you take to support the animal that the wheel lands on?</p>
	<p>Ecosystem Jenga: Work as a team to create the tallest tower possible! The colored blocks represent different components of the ecosystem—as you join them together your ecosystem grows. The taller the tower, the stronger/healthier the ecosystem!</p>
	<p>Habitat Build: Food, water, and shelter are vital to healthy habitat. Use natural materials, to design and build a habitat, ensuring the animal has what it needs to feel safe and comfortable. What type of habitat would your favorite animal live in?</p>
	<p>Seed Balls: Join Denver Zoo in its efforts to restore habitats by creating a seed ball. Growing native plants is key to helping the land and local bison. One fun and proven method is seed balls! Help Denver Zoo by crafting a seed ball we can spread at local conservation site.</p>
	<p>Animal Encounters: Explore a habitat and local animals up-close with a special meet and greet.</p>
	<p>Wildlife Shelter: What can you add to (or leave in) your own backyard or neighborhood to support local wildlife? Chat with a Zoo expert about the different items you're seeing. What looks familiar? What is new to you? How will you make your outdoor space better for wildlife?</p>



Conservation Learning Zone Chaperone Guide

Trip Tips: Preparing for your Visit to Denver Zoo

1. **Review your confirmation** to ensure the contact information is correct. Email guestcare@denverzoo.org to make any changes.
2. **Need to cancel or reschedule?** Please contact guestcare@denverzoo.org at least 14 days before your scheduled visit. Denver Zoo will work with you to find another date if desired. Please understand we cannot guarantee that your request date will be available. Program changes will incur a processing fee. In case of inclement weather that forces Denver Zoo to close or enforce a delayed start, we will reach out with options using the provided contact information.
3. **Chaperone Requirements** - All staff and chaperones are admitted to the Conservation Learning Zone at no charge but must be registered in advance. Contact guestcare@denverzoo.org to update your staff and chaperone counts prior to arrival. All chaperones must enter the Zoo at the same time as the group. Later arrivals will be required to pay the full price of admission or use their Zoo memberships. Every school group visiting Denver Zoo must have at least one adult per 10 students, regardless of the students' ages. Schools who do not bring at least one adult per 10 students will be charged the full price of admission.
4. **Arrival** – School buses can ONLY access the zoo by entering through the zoo's main entrance on 23rd Avenue at Steele St. Please do not unload students until our staff member has checked in with you and gone over guidelines for your visit. Chaperones driving separately are welcome to park in any available spot and follow signage to the designated Chaperone/Parent waiting area at the School Programs Entrance – please do not wait at the Main Entrance. School groups and Chaperones will meet at the School Programs Entrance.
5. **Experience Options** –
 - a. **Lunch** – Students and chaperones are invited to bring a bagged lunch to enjoy at the Zoo. We recommend Giraffe Meadows as a good lunch location for groups. There is no lunch storage available.
 - b. **Rentals** – Wagons and wheelchairs are available to rent from the rental window across the path from the west end of the lion yard. Turn left upon entering the School Programs Entrance.
 - c. **Attractions** – The Conservation Carousel may be available from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A single ride ticket is \$3.00. The Denver Zoo Railroad is temporarily down for maintenance.