



Lions & Tigers & Bears, Black Pine!

All Ages (recommended 5th-12th grade)

Indiana's Academic Standards

Science Standard 4: The Living Environment

Objectives:

Students will understand the difference between “domestic” and “exotic” animals, how humans can affect both wild and captive populations of animals, and what it takes to be a responsible pet owner.

Animals featured:

Approximately 17 species of mammals, including big and small cats, bears, and primates; and ostrich, emu, rhea; snake and/or tortoise.

What to expect:

This program will take place outdoors. A Black Pine instructor will guide students through the sanctuary to observe many of the more than 17 species of exotic and endangered animals in residence.



The tour guide will share personal stories to reveal how the exotic pet trade and performing industry create a market for exotic animals, and how these industries can adversely affect animals in the wild and in captivity.

Discussions will help students understand how lifespan, size, environmental needs, behavior, and other considerations should be given to any animal before making it a captive pet.

Natural histories of the species observed will also be shared to emphasize the importance of conservation and respect for all animals.

At this point the program will be turned over to teachers and chaperones. Teachers will be provided personal biographies and brief natural histories, as well as a supply of animal feed, to introduce the students to the park's pasture animals. The students will enjoy feeding the resident goats, sheep, llamas, large birds and other rescued pets and retired performers who share the pasture.

Maximum time allowed at the site: 90 minutes.

Cost: \$5.00 per student (\$4.50 per student for more 30 students). One adult for every 10 students is required to attend. Teachers and bus drivers are admitted free. Additional adults will be charged \$5.50 each. Minimum charge: \$50.00.

