



The Diversity of Life

4th Grade

Indiana's Academic Standards

Standard 4: The Living Environment

Objectives:

Students will witness the similarities and differences between big and small cats; big and small birds, and reptiles. Through observation they will discover what is required to sustain life among various species.

Animals featured:

Bobcat, caracal; mountain lion, Bengal tiger, leopards and/or African lion; ostrich, emu, and/or rhea; cockatoo, macaw and/or zebra finch; sulcata tortoise, boa constrictor, bearded dragon and/or ball python.

Goats, llamas, black Welsh mountain sheep, rheas, ostrich, emu, potbelly pig, donkeys, miniature horse, fallow deer.



What to expect:

This program will take place outdoors. A Black Pine instructor will guide the students through the sanctuary for approximately 30-45 minutes to observe small and large cats, small and large birds, and reptiles. Physical adaptations that enable animals to survive in the wild will be discussed, as well as how the sanctuary plans habitats to encourage their natural behaviors in captivity. Students will learn what the animals eat in the wild, and in captivity. The differences between reptiles, birds, and mammals will be discussed.

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 residents.

Maximum time allowed at the site: 90 minutes.

Cost: \$4.50 per student (\$4.00 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 \$5.00 each. Minimum charge: \$50.00.

