



Wild World of Animals

2nd Grade

Indiana's Academic Standards

Standard 4: The Living Environment

Objective:

Students will observe a variety of animals from around the world and learn what they eat, what they need, and how they are designed to survive in nature.

Animals featured:

Llamas, goats, sheep, large birds, donkeys, miniature horse, fallow deer, potbelly pig.

Sulcata tortoise, boa constrictor and/or ball python.

Additional observations may include coatimundi, bobcats, caracal, mountain lion, Bengal tiger, leopards, African lion, and/or black bears.

What to expect:

This program will take place outdoors. A Black Pine instructor will accompany the students for the first 30 minutes of the program as they tour a portion of the sanctuary. Students will be introduced to pasture animals. The instructor will explain what each different species of animal eats, both in the wild and in captivity, as well as point out unique physical adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Free flowing questions and answers will also be provided. During the tour students will be given the opportunity to feed the pasture animals and feed will be provided.



Students will then be assembled in a group while the instructor presents small outreach animals for hands-on interaction, questions, and answers. Further discussion will help students discover how unique physical adaptations help each species of animal survive in harsh environments.

At this point the program will be turned over to teachers and chaperones. Teachers will be provided a sanctuary map, animal biographies, and brief natural histories to conduct a self-guided tour of the park to observe more animals. Suggestions will be provided to help teachers determine how they would like to use this “free” time. For example, this time can be used to observe only big cats, big vs. small cats, endangered species, etc. Activity sheets will also be provided to help teachers continue discussions in the classroom, before or after the field trip. 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.