



Exotic and Endangered

3rd Grade

Indiana's Academic Standards

Science Standard 4: The Living Environment

Objectives:

Students will understand how the actions of humans can affect the status of wild animals and their habitats.

Animals featured:

Bengal tigers, leopards, African lion, caracal, sulcata tortoise

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

Additional observations may include mountain lion, coatimundi, bobcats, dromedary camel.



What to expect:

This program will take place outdoors. A Black Pine instructor will guide students through the sanctuary for approximately 30 minutes to observe a variety of rare species of animals from around the world that have come to the sanctuary via the exotic pet trade and performing industry. Storytelling will unveil the personal histories of many of the resident animals and encourage an understanding of how humans can adversely affect wild populations of animals.

Discussions of resident species' wild counterparts will also help students understand that habitat destruction and varying cultural beliefs can also affect wild populations.

The instructors focus will be on these rare species: Bengal tigers, leopards, African lion, caracal, and sulcata tortoise.

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 pasture residents. Teachers will also be provided with resources to conduct an in-classroom activity.

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.