



Pueblo ZOO Zoo School

Nature & Conservation Enrichment Program Information

Do your children love animals, nature, and fun? Our students don't just learn about animals—they learn with them! We're all about inspiring the next generation of animal lovers and eco-heroes! Our mission to empower conservation is woven into everything we do at Zoo School.

Class Days: Friday

Time: 9am to 3pm

Grades: K - 3rd

Location: Pueblo Zoo

When: September 4, 2026 - May 21, 2027

**[www.pueblozoo.org/
zoo-school](http://www.pueblozoo.org/zoo-school)**



About Zoo School

The Pueblo Zoo School Paid Program is offered for families looking for an education program with a nature and conservation focus to fill those Friday non-school days. The paid program is also for homeschool families who have used their homeschool credit for another program or curriculum. Students will register through our Pueblo Zoo website for a fall and a spring semester - or both. Zoo School is held one day a week at the Pueblo Zoo - Friday from 9am to 3pm.



Pueblo Zoo School is committed to offering all students the ability to learn and grow by encouraging students to find an appreciation for our environment and all those who inhabit it.



The **mission** of Zoo School is to engage with nature through time spent outdoors learning with plants and animals and each other.



The **vision** of Zoo School is to encourage a sense of wonder for the natural world that leads to children who respect all life on Earth, including themselves, their teachers and mentors, and the plants and animals with whom they share the world.

COST: Tuition is \$600 for the Fall semester which runs September, 4, 2026 - December 18, 2026 = 15 weeks and \$750 for the Spring Semester which runs January 8, 2027 - May 21, 2027 = 19 weeks. There is a \$50 enrollment fee + \$50 supply fee per semester, this is due at registration. There is an option to pay tuition in full or pay \$150 per month.

Nature Exploration: Pueblo Zoo School firmly believes a person is not motivated to protect the world's natural resources and wildlands until they feel a sense of connection to the natural world.

Conservation Education: The Pueblo Zoo Education Department has been teaching Conservation Education for over 20 years to Kindergarten through High School students. We incorporate experiential learning into our programs and format them to meet the 5E Model of Instruction by including activities to Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate learning.



Sample Daily Schedule

Morning:

9am: Drop-off time

Parents/Guardians sign drop-off sheet at the main gate and walk their child to the big red modular building behind the Ecocenter

Opening Exercise: One Good Thing – children sit in a circle and share “one good thing” from their week

Lesson – Teachers present the Learning Objective for the day

Snack

Zoo Walk – Pueblo Zoo has over 125 different species of animals from around the world, representing a variety of biomes on Earth. Our zookeepers are knowledgeable about all the animals they care for and take time to give our students special keeper talks and behind the scenes, up-close animal interactions

Lunch and Recess – We have 25 acres of land to roam and explore, including woods, lawns, play equipment, and educational spaces

Afternoon:

Hands-on activity to support the Lesson – this might be a craft, an experiment, or a multi-part project that takes place over several weeks; sometimes this is a group project such as a play or a scientific presentation, like Science Fair

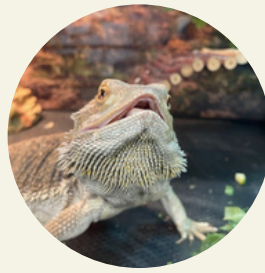
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Recess at Plant Grow Fly playground or the City Park playground

Clean-up time – taking care of our classroom and other spaces teaches responsibility

Closing Exercise & debrief – Reflection time and journaling

3pm: Pick-up – Parents/Guardians pick children up at the main gate



What makes Zoo School Wildly Unique

- Guest speakers from community outreach organizations
- Weekly visits from the Pueblo Zoo animal ambassadors
- Hands on gardening opportunities, outdoor water play
- Students are included in zoo enrichment activities/events with animals
- Relationship building with other students
- Partnerships ACE for Wildlife, AZA, World Mind
- Hands-on science, art, observation, and conservation activities
- Small class sizes with a 10:1 student-teacher ratio
- Qualified teachers with training in childhood education
- Conservation-focused lessons with fun, creative activities throughout the day



Enrollment Process:

1. Students will register through the Pueblo Zoo: [LINK HERE](#)
2. Families will pay an initial fee of \$100 (\$50 enrollment fee + \$50 supply fee) at registration. After registration you will be contacted with enrollment confirmation, additional forms, and payment options.
3. Select full payment or monthly payment of \$150
4. Complete all forms and waivers
5. Review the Pueblo Zoo School Handbook with your child
6. Sign and return Handbook Acknowledgement
7. Attend a Pueblo Zoo School info/orientation night (optional) - dates will be emailed to you.
8. Attend your first class and plan to have an amazing school year!
9. Please reach out with any questions on Pueblo Zoo School or the enrollment process.



- All students must be at least 5 years old on or before their first week of Zoo School.
- Enrollment is capped at 18 students per class
- Students must be going into Kindergarten through 3rd grade
- If there is enough interest, we will open a second class for older students.

Do you have an older student (grades 4 – 6)? Or is the current K-3 class full? Fill out this form to be placed on our waitlist. If we have enough interest to open a second or third class, we will! [FORM](#)



Questions? Contact...

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