

**Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
Polar Bear Enrichment for Adults with ASD
December 9, 2017 from 8:30-10 a.m.**

Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions and answers provide additional information about this class. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact AuSM's Education team at 651.647.1083 or e-mail education@ausm.org. Our goal is to provide you with a positive, rewarding experience.

Please note that AuSM wants to make its programs available to as many as possible. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Visit www.ausm.org and click on the "Scholarships and Waivers" quick link in the box on the right side of the home page for more information.

How will I benefit from this class?

Learn about polar bears, zoos, and animal enrichment. Make food enrichment for the polar bears. See the zoo before hours when it is closed to the public.

What learning format(s) will be used in this class?

- Lecture
- Group Discussion
- Role Playing
- Hands-On Involvement/Doing Something/Touching Something
- Other _____

Where will this class take place?

- Inside
- Outside
- Inside and Outside
- Other _____

How will I be positioned during the class?



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- Sitting
- Sitting and Standing
- Sitting, Standing, and Moving
- Walking/Moving
- Riding in a vehicle or public transportation such as a tram
- Other _____

Tell me about the class environment:

Noise

- Quiet
- Conversation Level
- Louder than Conversation
- Loud, Unexpected Loud Noises
- Other _____

Lighting

- Typical Classroom Lighting
- Low Lights/Darkened Room
- Outdoor, Natural Lighting

Olfactory

- Food
- Animals
- Other _____

If I need to take a break during the class, where can I go?

The atrium on the 2nd floor near the classroom and would be a good place for a break during the first half of the class. During the enrichment observation portion we will be in the Polar Bear Exhibit building. The zoo grounds will be closed, but certain spaces in the building will be more isolated or will feel less crowded.

Can I bring fidgets and/or electronics to this class?

- You can bring a fidget but larger items are a distraction and should be left at home or outside the classroom.
- Cell phones are allowed and can be used if silenced or headphones are used. No

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- phone calls are allowed.
- Texting is discouraged and distracting.
- No texting.
- Electronics such as iPads are allowed for communication purposes.
- Electronics such as iPads are not allowed.
- Use of any electronics is not allowed

* Photography is allowed.

Where do I go when I get to the class location?

You can arrive at the main entrance of the Visitor Center. The Zoo is not open at this time, so there will be a Zoo staff inside along with an AuSM leader to let you in.

Will someone from AuSM be there when I arrive?

Yes, Jillian from AuSM will be there.

What do I do if I arrive late?

Come even if you are late. When you arrive tell a zoo staff near the entrance why you are there and they will help you find the group.

If someone gives me a ride to the class, where do they go while I am in class?

The Zoo isn't open during the class so they will not be able to come in to the zoo to wait.

Where should I park?

There is free parking located close to the main entrance. Since the zoo is not open yet there should be plenty of space to park.

Is there public transportation nearby? If so which kind?

- Metro Bus
- Light Rail
- Public transportation is not near the class site.

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Rules for the class location:

We will be making food enrichment for the polar bears and we need to follow rules and restrictions closely for the safety of the animals – instructions will be given, but always ask if you need clarification.

We will be traveling on zoo grounds before it is open to the public so we need to stick together as a group.