

**Como Zoo Skills
Winter Session 2018
Elementary (ages 8-12): Global Adventures**

How will I benefit from this class?

You will get to learn about animals from all around the world and get a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like taking care of animals in the zoo. You will also get to meet kids your age who have similar interests in a friendly, welcoming environment. You will have the opportunity to make friends, interact with a group, practice socializing, and HAVE FUN!

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 _____

Please always wear close-toed shoes and dress for the weather. We will be outside most (if not every) day. Students may bring bottled water and a snack to class.

How will I be positioned during the class?

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

Class Environment:

Noise

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

We might hear animal noises of varying volumes when we walk around the zoo. If the zoo is crowded, there might be loud talking.

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?

You should ask an AuSM staff member. He or she will take you to an appropriate place depending on where you are in the zoo at the time.

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

- You can bring a fidget.
- Cell phones are allowed and can be used if silenced or headphones are used. No phone calls are allowed.
- Texting is discouraged and distracting and should be used for emergencies only. The instructors will have cell phones to get in touch with parents as needed.
- 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

Our instructors will also have a few fidget options available. Please keep track of anything you bring so it doesn't get lost.

Is photography allowed?

Yes
 No

Please make sure that you have permission from your peers if you want to take their picture.

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

Students should be dropped off by the Conservatory entrance. Parents MUST sign in before they leave. We will walk to our classroom or to the zoo as a group.

Will someone from AuSM be there when I arrive?

Yes. An AuSM staff member will be there with sign in sheets. A Como Zoo teacher will be there as well.

What do I do if I arrive late?

If you know you are running late, please call or text the AuSM staff member and let them know. You can still come to class. Please make arrangements with the AuSM staff member to meet at a convenient entrance to get signed in.

What do I do if I can't come to class one day?

Please let the AuSM staff member know as soon as possible.

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

They can park and explore the zoo, or they can wait off-site.

Where should I park?

Use one of the free parking lots – nearest to the Conservatory entrance is best.

Is there public transportation nearby? If so which kind?

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

Rules for the class location:

It is very important for the safety of the class and the animals that you follow teacher instructions at all times. The animals can only be touched by zoo staff. When walking around the zoo, please make sure to stay with the group.