

Discovery Programs



Digging for Dinos!

Dinosaurs are long gone...or so we think. Learn about how animals of today might be closer to the dinosaurs than you have ever thought, whether it be chickens, alligators, or much more! Participate in activities that will make you think more in depth about how we as humans have thought about prehistoric animals, and how some of those ideas might be up to interpretation. For older groups, we will discuss ways to ensure that extinction of species we love does not happen today! Who knows, a present-day dinosaur might just make an appearance...





On-Site Program Guide

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Program lasts approximately 45 minutes*



Reptilian Reputations to Fascination!

Snakes, dinosaurs, and cool monsters-galore! We will dispel common myths and stereotypes, talk about the adaptations crucial to reptiles over the ages, and turn fear to fascination.

NEW!

Amazing Alabama Animals

Alabama is America's Amazon! Discover our state's rich biodiversity and amazing animals from reptiles to birds to mammals. Students get to learn how animals use their adaptations to survive and how we can protect the wildlife that can be found in our backyard.

Changing World, Changing Species

Our world is always changing, and all living things must adapt to survive. Recently, human impacts have begun influencing physical and/or behavioral changes in certain animal populations. Students will explore species that may or may not be adapting quickly enough to the changes in our modern world and what they can do to help.





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Owl Pellet Dissection

What is a pellet, and how can they teach us about predatory birds? Education staff will bring supplies and guide your students through the dissections of their individual owl pellets to discover about diets, rodents, and adaptations.

*Owl pellet program will incur a \$4 fee per student to cover cost of supplies.

NEW!

Going Batty

Bats are blind, fly in your hair, carry rabies, and don't matter. Join us as we debunk these misconceptions and learn all about the diversity, unique diets and behaviors, and ecological benefits of bats!

NEW!

Candid Canids

Discover the difference between canids and canines. During this program, students will participate in activities and get to observe skulls to learn all about the canids of the world.

Rent a Citizen Scientist

Certified experts will bring equipment to demonstrate and coach EPA certified methods for assessing the health of nearby water bodies during water tests. Learn about environmental issues and how we can help our wildlife and waterways.





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Guided Tours

Tour lasts approximately 45 minutes

Guided Tour of Reptiles

What make something living or nonliving? How do reptiles differ in how they use water, eat, have young, respond to their environment, and grow? How do some reptiles play incredibly important roles for their animals neighbors, like providing shelter, water, or dispersing seeds? Learn the answer to all these questions and more on this guided tour of our favorite reptile habitats at the Zoo.

Guided tour of South America/Primates

Ever wonder what makes a great survivor of the rainforest? Join our Zoo educators as they take you through the Primates and South America building to visit some of our favorite animals who have some awesome adaptations that help them thrive in the jungle above all other places in the world.

Guided Tour of Trails of Africa

How are people impacting resources, ecosystems, and populations and how do animals respond to change or competition? Come along as we explore and learn from elephants, giraffes, giant tortoises, lions, and more in this tour of the Trails of Africa.

Guided Tour of Alabama Wilds

Ecosystems are incredibly dynamic, and those found in Alabama are one of a kind! Explore the Alabama Wilds, and pop in to visit the hidden pollinators to have you learn first-hand how diverse ecosystems equate to healthy and beneficial ecosystems right in our own backyard.





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Pricing and Availability

Times Available:

10:15AM-11:00AM

11:15AM-12:00PM

12:15PM-1:00PM

1:15PM-2:00PM

Discovery Programs-Program max size – (30) attendees

1 program - \$200

2 programs - \$350

3 programs - \$500

Guided Tours- Program max size- (30) attendees

1 program- \$175

2 programs-\$300

3 programs- \$425

*Any customization request to any program will incur a \$100 fee.

How to Book

Contact groups@birminghamzoo.com

- Cancellations for education programs are required by EOD (End of day) via Email ONLY the Friday before your scheduled visit. If a program is cancelled/edited/rescheduled after this timeline a \$100 fee will be incurred by the school/organization, the group will be invoiced for the cost and payment is required before any other groups trips may be booked for the organization.

