



Cameron Park Zoo Group Trips

Tips for a successful field trip

- To get the group rate of \$10/person, groups will need to register and pay either in advance or with Education Staff the day of the visit.
- Groups will check in and unload at the Education Center. Staff will stamp hands and walk your group into the zoo.
- Lunch ideas
 - Lunches *are* allowed to be brought into the zoo. There are picnic tables inside *and* outside the Zoo (limited space). We suggest that you bring wagons for transporting your lunches throughout the zoo.
 - If you are wanting a picnic area nearby, there are many places in Cameron Park: Pecan Bottoms, Miss Nellie's and Northern Gateway.
 - If you would like to order lunches for your group, please use the following link to place your order <https://form.jotform.com/230524166616049> Orders must be placed two weeks in advance.
 - Please make sure to clean up after your group and put trash into the trash receptacles.
- During busy days, we have limited parking for both visitors and buses. Please ask parents/chaperones who are not riding the bus to consider carpooling. Buses can park in the overflow parking lot.
- Please have a minimum of 1 adult chaperone for every 10 students, chaperones must stay with their group.
- Please remember that the Zoo is the animals' home and treat them with respect. Refrain from teasing, yelling, throwing items or tapping on the glass.
- Observe all posted signs. Do not cross barriers.
- Walk only on the provided, public walkways and paths.

****If groups do not adhere to the rules, your group will be asked to leave without a refund.***



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Weather Factors

The weather can play a vital role in the decision of exhibiting animals at the zoo. Here are some key factors to think of when planning your day at Cameron Park Zoo.

First—Temperature and Wind Chill Factor

If the temperature, with the wind chill factor, is below a certain temperature it will affect whether an animal is placed on exhibit or not:

- Most animals will not be on exhibit if the temperature and wind chill factor is below 33 degrees.
- The large hoof stock (giraffe and kudu), primates and infant animals will not be on exhibit if the temperature and wind chill factor is below 41 degrees.
- Heat can also affect which animals are on exhibit. If the heat index reaches 100 degrees many animals will be given access to their indoor spaces to escape the heat. Baby animals, elderly animals, or animals with health issues will stay in their indoor spaces when there is extreme heat.

Second—The Strength of the Wind

- If the wind reaches 20-29 miles per hour, there is a possibility of some birds not being allowed on exhibit, or they will be returned to their indoor space prior to the end of the day.
- When the wind is 30+ miles per hour, there will not be birds in open exhibits.
- If the wind is strong enough to damage trees, the decision might be made to secure other animals.

Third—Hail, Tornado, Heavy or Chilling Rain, Lightning and Thunder

- Some animals are sensitive to loud and sudden noises, these animals will be secured if there is heavy thunder. These animals include giraffe, gibbons and elephants.
- If there is lightning in the area, the tallest animals will be secured first and then the rest of the collection.
- In the case of heavy or chilling rain, we will follow the temperature and wind chill factors and monitor for possible flooding. During these types of rain, many small animals, birds, primates and some hoofed animals may be kept inside for their safety.
- If hail, a tornado, or any other form of violent weather activity occurs or are predicted to occur, all animals will be secured.