



2022 Season - April 18—October 30



Field Trip and Group Visit Guide

A field trip is an exciting way for your group to explore the Zoo! Guests have the opportunity to see over 600 animals representing over 200 species spread out across 40 acres centered within Niabi's 287 acre forest preserve. Learn how the Zoo provides superb care for all of its animals including 27 species that are endangered, vulnerable and threatened with extinction. Enjoy a variety of experiences such as an educational tour, a ride on the endangered species carousel or train, and feed some animals like giraffes, koi fish, domestic animals and guinea pigs at our approved feeding sites.

Groups are welcome during our regular season with discounted rates available Monday through Friday. Reservations must be made online. Groups must book 2 weeks in advance of their requested date. Current rates for your group type and additional details can be found by visiting: <https://www.niabizoo.com/education/field-trips/>

Where to find us:

**13010 Niabi Zoo Road
Coal Valley, IL 61240**

[309-799-3482](tel:309-799-3482)



WHAT TO DO AT THE ZOO? We offer bonus experiences for your group!

All experiences require advanced ticketing from the admission booths or gift shop.

Train Ride

\$3.75 Tickets-ONLINE

\$4.75 Tickets-ONSITE

Train ride tickets are available daily from 10:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Additional, tickets can be purchased at any time from our gift shop or admissions gates. Please note that a ticket is required for all children 1 year of age and up. Unused tickets are valid through the end of the season. No Refunds.

Carousel Ride

\$3.50 Tickets-ONLINE

\$4.50 Tickets-ONSITE

Carousel ride tickets are available daily from 10:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Additional, tickets can be purchased at any time from our gift shop or admission gates. Tickets is required for all individuals 1 year of age and up. For children's safety, one adult is allowed to ride the carousel standing next to the ticketed child. Unused tickets are valid through the end of the season. No Refunds.

GIRAFFE FEEDING

\$8.00 Tickets-ONLINE

\$9.00 Tickets-ONSITE

Meet the tallest animals in the zoo AND give them a snack! Giraffe Feedings occur twice per day at 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Tickets are required for each guest age 1 year +. Everyone needs a ticket to enter the feeding area. Children age 10 and under require one adult (at no charge and will not receive feeding lettuce). Feedings run for 30 min. from the start time. Unused tickets are valid through the end of the season. No Refunds.

GUINEA PIG EXPERIENCE

\$5.00 Tickets-ONLINE

\$6.00 Tickets-ONSITE

Guinea Pig Experience tickets are available from 10AM to 4:30PM daily. Additionally, tickets can be purchased at any time from our gift shop or admission gates. Tickets are required for individuals age 1 year and up. Everyone needs a ticket to enter the feeding area. Children 10 and under require one adult at no charge (adult will not receive a seed stick). Unused tickets are valid through the end of the season. No Refunds.

KOI POND FEEDING

\$1.00 PER BAG-ONLINE

\$2.00 PER BAG-ONSITE

Take a tranquil walk out on our koi pond deck under a beautiful gazebo and feed our lively koi! Keep an eye out for other pond residents like the ducks and turtles.

Koi food can be purchased any time from our gift shop or admission gates. Unused tickets are valid through the end of the season. No Refunds.

Make your trip to the Zoo an educational experience!

Learn how Niabi inspires conservation action while helping meet state education standards from pre-K to the college level. **Book your tour online!**

What you should know about educational tours:

- Tours run for approximately 30 minutes in length.
- Cost is \$5 per student and chaperone (teachers can attend at no cost).
- Groups exceeding 25 participants may be split into more than one group at no extra cost.
- We welcome details about your group's current classroom studies to help your tour experience build on their current knowledge.

Themed Tours:

Amazing Adaptations

From prehensile tails to swinging hands and how to survive in desert sands, we'll take a closer look at the special characteristics that help animals survive.

Featured Animals: Gibbons, Binturong, Bactrian Camel, Snow Leopard, Giraffes

African Safari

Explore the great continent of Africa and learn about the unique characteristics of the diverse animals that call it home. **Featured Animals:** Rhino, Giraffe, Zebra, Ostrich, and Colobus Monkeys

Brilliant Biodiversity

Meaning the variety of life, explore Biodiversity Hall and its wide variety of species to help understand why biodiversity is so important to the survival of life on Earth. **Featured Animals:** Meerkats, African Crested Porcupine, Crocodile Monitor Lizard, Fennec Fox, Reticulated Python, Linne's Two-Toed Sloth

Cool Cats

Have you ever seen a lion's skull? How sharp is a leopard's claw? How far can a snow leopard leap? In this program your group will learn what it takes to survive at the top of the food chain while viewing these impressive carnivores. **Featured Animals:** Snow Leopard, Bobcats, Amur Leopard, African Leopard, and Pallas Cats

Homey Habitats

Which animals live where? What about their environment best suits particular animals? Join us as we look at animals from around the world, the different habitats they call home and how everything is connected. **Featured Habitats:** Tropical Rainforest, Desert, Savannah/Grassland, and Temperate Forest

Radical Reptiles

Discover the ancient world of reptiles and what makes them unique. See our Reptile House and learn about the characteristics that make reptiles so fascinating!

Featured Animals: Green Anaconda, Northern Caiman Lizard, Red-footed Tortoise, and Leaf-tailed Gecko

Spineless Wonders

Are BUGS really animals? What about animals in the ocean without a backbone or spine? While many people typically only think of vertebrates as animals, invertebrates represent 97% of all animal life. Next time you think of an animal, consider that nearly all of the animals on Earth are spineless wonders. **Featured Animals:** Coconut Crab, Curly-haired Tarantula, Ghost Shrimp, Horseshoe Crab, Slipper Lobster, Tailless Whip Scorpion

Zoo Careers

Find out about a variety of careers with animals, education requirements, experience needed and how to get it as well as the time, commitment, and dedication needed to work in a Zoo. Includes a presentation and a behind the scenes look at areas of the Zoo. **Featured Career Paths:** Zoo Keeper, Conservation Education, Animal Nutritionist, and Veterinary Services

NOTE: All tours can be tailored to any age group.

Don't see what you want? We can custom design a tour for you! Just give us a call with questions, 309-799-3482 ext 222 or email education@niabizoo.com

