

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Close Encounters provide a more in-depth, up-close learning experience, meant for a single class. Each program will be 30 minutes and include 2 animal ambassadors. These programs offer several themes per age group listed below.

ANIMALS ON THE MOVE

(AGES 3-5)

Students will be able to observe how different animals move and try out those movements themselves!

VA ELDS: HPD2.1

COLORFUL ANIMAL KINGDOM

(AGES 3-5)

Students will learn how animals use their colors to survive.

VA ELDS: CD3.4

ONE, TWO, WHO'S AT THE ZOO?

(AGES 3-5)

Students will practice their counting skills with different animals.

VA ELDS: CD3.1

LIFE CYCLES

(GRADES K-2)

Students will learn about the different life cycles found within the animal kingdom.

VA Science SOLs: K.7; 1.5; 2.4a

NC Essential Science Standards: LS.2.1

SENSES

(GRADES K-2)

Students will learn how animals use senses to interact with their environment.

VA Science SOLs: K.5a,b, 1.5b

WILD ABOUT WEATHER

(GRADES K-2)

Students will learn how weather and seasonal changes impact habitats and the things that live there.

VA Science SOLs: K.9a,b; 1.7; 2.7a

NC Essential Science Standards: ESS.K.1, ESS.2.1

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

(GRADES 3-5)

Students will learn how energy flows within a food chain and the differences between omnivores, herbivores, and carnivores.

VA Science SOLs: 3.5b; 4.3a,b

NC Essential Science Standards: LS.5.2.2

SECRETS OF SURVIVAL

(GRADES 3-5)

Students will explore the physical and behavioral adaptations in animals that help them succeed out in nature.

VA Science SOLs: 3.4a,b

NC Essential Science Standards: LS.4.1.2, LS.4.1.3

AM I IN THE RIGHT CLASS?

(GRADES 6-12)

Students will get a crash course on Linnean classification, learning every part of an animal's scientific name.

VA Science SOLs: LS.3c; BIO.6a,f

NC Essential Science Standards: LS.Bio.10.2

ANIMAL CARE

(GRADES 6-12)

Students will learn how we use science to provide the best possible care for our animals.

Concepts Covered: Animal Behavior; Zoo Careers; Nutrition

COMMUNITY (CITIZEN) SCIENCE

(GRADES 6-12)

Students will learn how everyday people can get involved to help scientists further our understanding of nature.

VA Science SOLs: LS.8, LS.9, ENV.12

NC Essential Science Standards: LS.Bio.5.2

AT THE ZOO

Program Size

15 - 33 students

Program Time

Available at 10 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am, or 12:15 pm.

Cost

- \$12/student
- \$7/student for Title 1 schools

Cost includes general admission to the Zoo.

AT YOUR SCHOOL

Program Size

Up to 33 students

Program Time

Any time between 9:30 am and 2 pm

Cost

\$350 flat rate, \$210 for Title 1 schools

- A travel fee may apply
- 50% off for consecutive classroom programs