

# NATIONAL ZOO AND AQUARIUM SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

## LATER CHILDHOOD (Yr 3 to Yr 5)

Discovery Learning Sessions are a fun, hands on one hour program. These sessions are divided into two parts: The Cougar Den; an instructional setting and in the zoo; meeting and feeding a variety of animals. All tours are interactive, both asking and stimulating questions. Students are given thought provoking scenarios to discuss and explore during and after the excursion.

For children to feed larger animals such as tigers and giraffes; indemnity forms need to be signed by a parent/guardian prior to the visit. Download this form from the website. With groups over 15, we cannot guarantee that each child will be able to feed a large animal. However, every child will have to opportunity to be close to the animals, hold and pat a reptile and feed and pat an emu or alpaca.

## DISCOVERY LEARNING SESSIONS

### ***SURFING THE WEB OF LIFE – Biodiversity and Natural Cycles***

This session covers general information on how all life is connected through various ecosystems, food chains and natural cycles. Concepts such as biodiversity and conservation are introduced.

### **WHY IS THE GIRAFFES NECK SO LONG? - Adaptations**

Students are posed with questions such as Why is the giraffe's neck so long?, Why bears eat so much? Why does the tiger have stripes? From there they will explore the zoo to meet some of these animals and find out the answers to these questions.

Students will learn about various animal adaptations and how they help them to survive.

### **FEATHERS, FUR, SCALES AND SLIME - Classification or General Tour**

This session goes more in-depth on how animals are classified into different groups. Children will meet a mammal, reptile, bird and amphibian to learn first hand how these animals became divided into different groups.

### **WHERE THE LION AND ANTELOPE ROAM – Habitats and Conservation**

Students will meet various animals and learn about their various habitats. This session also encompasses various conservation issues such as habitat destruction and its impact.

Or Ask for a session to be tailored to your specific curriculum needs.



A.C.T. SCHOOLS