

NATIONAL ZOO AND AQUARIUM SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD (K to Yr 2)

(Please note, preschool excursions are listed separately)

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

FEATHERS FUR AND SCALES – general overview

This session provides an introduction and overview of the basic needs of animals (habitat, food, families) and classification.

Children will meet a mammal, reptile and bird to learn first hand what it takes for these animals to survive.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS LIVE - habitats

This session provides a more in depth look at different animal habitats, what happens when they are destroyed and what can the students do to help.

ANIMAL FAMILIES – focus on native animals

An introduction to different family structures of native animals and the variety of ways animals they begin their life. e.g. egg layers, marsupials, live birth and so on. Children will meet a variety of animals that raise their young in different ways.

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

Pre and post visit activities are available on-line. Activity packs will be available in the future to purchase for a small fee.

