



Thank you for choosing to enroll your child in the Racine Zoo's homeschool program! Your child will be participating in many hands-on activities, games, crafts, and animal encounters to fill his/her time with excitement and education. Please be aware that during some of the activities, your child may get dirty. Racine Zoo homeschool classes will take place rain or shine. Activities and projects may be altered to address the weather. Please dress your children accordingly.

The first day of homeschool classes will be busy and many of you may have questions. Below you will find a list of useful information.

- Drop off and pick up will be at the Augusta Street gate (Located at the northeast corner of the Zoo). Zoo staff will be waiting just inside the gate. In inclement weather staff will have directions for where to drop off and pick up children posted at the gate.

- Class is from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for both K-2 and 3-5 classes.

- Classes will take place on October 20th, October 22nd, October 27th, October 29th, November 3rd, November 5th, November 10th, and November 12th.

- You are welcome to drop off your child anytime between 8:45 am and 9:00 am. If you are late dropping off your child (after 9:10 a.m.), please call the education department at 262-636-9580, and we will have a staff member meet you at the main entrance of the Zoo. The Zoo does not open until 10:00 am, so it is extremely important to call to let us know when you plan to arrive. If you plan to drop off your child after 10:00 am, the Zoo will be open and you are welcome to walk up to the Zoo admissions window and tell Zoo staff that your child is here for homeschool classes. Zoo staff will then contact their teacher, who will have someone come and meet your child in the gift shop.

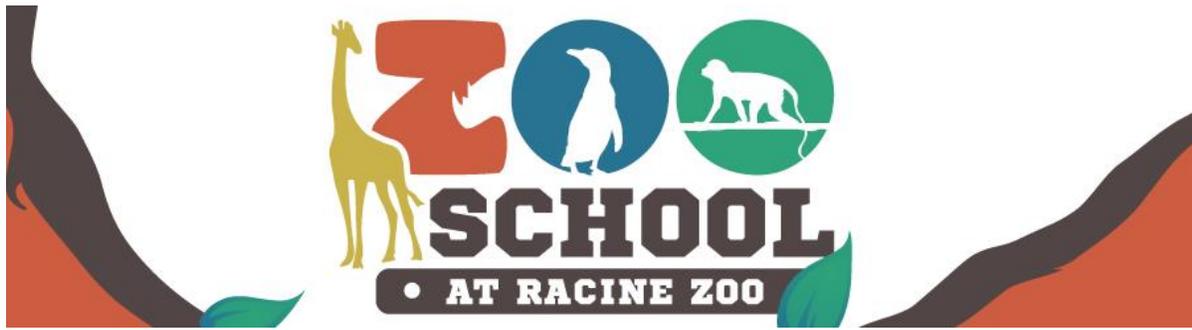
- Pickup is between 1:00 pm and 1:15 pm. All children must be picked up by 1:15 pm. Additional fees may apply for children that are picked up late.

- We do provide games and activities as children wait for everyone to arrive. The Zoo is not responsible for any lost or damaged items. If children's personal games or toys become a problem, they may be confiscated and returned to the parent at the end of the day.

- A daily snack is provided for all children. We do our best to accommodate everyone, but if your child has any dietary restrictions or allergies please consider providing a small snack for your child to eat.

- All students need to bring a backpack to carry with them throughout the day.

- Please label your child's lunch and backpack with his or her name, as many children have the same or similar lunch bags. Reusable lunch bags and water bottles are highly encouraged.



- Please make sure to dress your child in clothes appropriate for outside play and crafts such as painting or making paper- mache. Closed toed shoes are required.

- All children must be potty-trained. We recommend packing an extra set of clothes for our younger children in case your child has an accident.

-Children are not allowed to carry cell phones with them during the day; they must be turned off and stored in their backpack. Should you need to contact your child at any time of the day, please call 262-636-9580 (Conservation Education Department) or 262-636-9189 (Main Zoo Line).

- If your child needs to be picked up early, please inform the education department as soon as possible.

- Please let us know if anyone other than the person dropping the child off will be picking him or her up. Also, if anyone other than the individuals authorized on your child's information sheet needs to pick him or her up, a written note is necessary. All parents and other adults authorized to pick up students will be required to show a photo I.D. for safety reasons before we will release your child.

If you have any additional questions, please let us know and they will be happy to help you.

Once again thank you for signing up your child for the Racine Zoo's homeschool classes!