



- Restrooms
- Comfort Room
- Indoor Rest Area
- Water Fountain
- Water Refill Station
- Food, Snacks, and Vending
- Picnic Area
- First Aid Station
- ATM
- Bike Rack
- Stroller Path
- Parking

ANIMALS

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| Lemur | Red-crowned Crane | Harpy Eagle | Nile Crocodile |
| Flamingo | Tiger | Red-legged Seriema | Wattled Crane |
| Lesser Flamingo | Otter | | Gorilla |
| Alpaca | Maned Wolf | | Elephant |
| Goat | Capybara | Hippopotamus | Warthog |
| Naked Mole Rat | Toucan | Okapi | Lion |
| Emperor Tamarin | Sloth | Porcupine | African Painted Dog |
| Brown Forest Tortoise | Coscoroba Swan | Klipspringer | Giraffe |
| Clouded Leopard | Galapagos Tortoise | Chimpanzee | Ostrich |
| De Brazza's Monkey | | | |

RESTAURANTS

- Prime Meridian Café
- Serengeti Grill



Scan the QR code to view our Keeper Chat schedule!



ENCOUNTERS & EXPERIENCES

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| Endangered Species Carousel | Wonders of the Wild (seasonal) | Destination: Dinosaurs (seasonal) |
| Giraffe Feeding | Wild Explorer VR Experience | Herpetarium |
| Birds Landing | Bug U! | I Spy Butterflies (seasonal) |
| Wild Encounters Stage | Monarch Express Mini-Train | |

HOMESCHOOL DAY 2026

Make sure you experience it all! Flip the page for a handy checklist of today's activities and experiences.

Partner Activities

PR1

City of Dallas - Park & Recreation

STEM Animal Safari – Put your observation skills to work on a Zoo-wide scavenger hunt and uncover fascinating facts about the animals you meet along the way.

PR2

City of Dallas - Park & Recreation

Tiny Worlds: Meet the Water Bugs – Use magnifying lenses to discover tiny aquatic creatures and learn how they fit into the underwater food web.

PR3

City of Dallas - Park & Recreation

Explore a fun activity from the Park & Recreation Department.

WU

City of Dallas - Dallas Water Utilities / Water Conservation

Water Wise: Test Your Water Smarts! – Test your water knowledge with fun facts and trivia, and pick up tips and giveaways to help conserve water.

PV AM

PVAMU - Prairie View Extension

STEM Safari: Engineer for Wildlife – Become a wildlife engineer and design creative solutions to help animals and protect their habitats.

DPL

Dallas Public Library

Build a Habitat Triorama – Design a habitat and create an animal adapted to survive there. Choose adaptations for movement, eating, and protection, then bring your ecosystem to life in a triorama.

TX DG

Texas Discovery Gardens

Wildflower Way: Build a Pollinator Garden – Design your own Texas pollinator garden and discover which native plants help butterflies, bees, and other pollinators thrive.

HN WR

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Wildlife Detectives: Skins, Skulls & Seeds – Become a wildlife detective! Explore animal skins and skulls, discover native milkweed seeds, and test your knowledge with a fun game.

JB SW

John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

Scat Sleuths – Use observation, measurements, and identification keys to discover wetland animals through their scat. Collect data and uncover what size, shape, and contents can reveal.

FF

Frontiers of Flight Museum

Design. Build. Test. – Explore the engineering behind spacecraft, learn about the parts and systems used, and discover how NASA tests their durability through the Shake and Spin test!

UT SW

UTSW - The D'Mello Lab

Animal Superpowers: Brains at Work – Match animals to their amazing superpowers and discover how their brains help them survive.

UTD

UTD - Ofen Lab for Cognitive and Brain Development

Brain Games: Test Your Mind! – Put your brain to the test with reaction-time challenges, memory games, mirror drawing, and a 3D brain puzzle.

ST DC

Sci-Tech Discovery Center

Biomimicry: Sticky Science – Explore what makes geckos and spiders amazing climbers using nano tape, and discover how scientists turn nature's solutions into new STEM ideas.

HN SM

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

Monarch Mission: Butterfly Science – Discover the amazing world of monarch butterflies through hands-on activities, specimens, and a take-home craft.

NT MN

North Texas Master Naturalists

Backyard Scientists – Become a scientist in your own backyard! Discover the amazing plants, animals, and natural wonders right outside your door.

DA

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden

Clean it Up! – Choose the correct tool to clean up trash in the Arboretum koi pond.

EEI

City of Dallas - Environmental Education Initiative

Urban Water Cycle: Clean, Reuse, Repeat! – Follow the journey of water through our city and discover how we clean and reuse water for people and animals.

NSC

Nasher Sculpture Center

Track Detectives: Who Made That Track? – Use animal tracks as clues! Make track rubbings, investigate the evidence, and identify the animals that made them.

CH SP

Cedar Hill State Park

Flock Party: Birds on the Move – Learn how and why birds migrate, then add your own bird to our flock as it heads south for the winter!

TX LC

Texas Land Conservancy

Conservation in Action – Try three quick STEM challenges that show how scientists use science and technology to protect land, water, and wildlife.

OE QS

City of Dallas - Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability

60-Second Sustainability Challenge – Can you solve a sustainability challenge in 60 seconds? Test your skills with a quick, hands-on activity about waste and climate.

SD

City of Dallas - Sanitation Department

Trash to Treasure: Where Does It Go? – Explore what happens to our trash after it leaves the curb and discover how small choices can make a big difference.

SFM

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

Dunes Defense Lab: Kennedy & Conservation – Step into the role of a conservation scientist and explore how President Kennedy helped protect America's natural places.

SCM

Silver Creek Materials

Zoo Poo: Turning Waste into Garden Gold – What happens to all that Zoo Poo? Discover how animal waste is transformed into compost that helps gardens grow.

TCA

Texas Conservation Alliance

Garden for Wildlife – Explore five essential habitat elements—food, water, shelter, places to raise young, and sustainability—and discover how STEM helps wildlife thrive.

CP

Coyote Project

Meet Your Wild Neighbors – Create a coyote mask, explore their diet, senses, and behaviors, and discover Project Coyote's youth curriculum and wildlife learning resources.

WS

walkSTEM

STEM All around you – Learn about walkSTEM® opportunities at the Dallas Zoo and throughout the DFW area, and explore everyday STEM through fresh eyes.

Zoo Activities

1

STEM Lab Headquarters - Check in here

Pick up your STEM notebook and get updates for your day.

2

Career Corner

Chat with Dallas Zoo staff and discover the many careers that make a zoo run! Stop by each hour to meet a new team member — from our zoologists and media to guest services and trades professionals.

3

Zoo Crew & Camps

Learn how teens can dive into science and conservation through volunteer programs and youth-led events.

4

Dallas Zoo Membership

Make your learning adventure last all year! Become a Dallas Zoo member and come back again and again to explore, discover, and connect with wildlife.

5

STEM Lab: Animal Comparison

Step into the role of a wildlife biologist and unlock the secrets of animal survival and adaptation through hands-on comparative anatomy.

6

STEM Lab: Field Research

Become a field researcher and explore how Dallas Zoo scientists help protect Texas horned lizards. Practice collecting, weighing, and releasing lizards in a hands-on research simulation.

7

STEM Lab: Field Observer

Explore, observe, and search for nature items and signs of wildlife in our garden BioBlitz.