

Teacher Information



With over 6,000 participants, the day will be a busy one. To help your trip be the best it can be, please review the following information.

Before you get to the Zoo:

- ✓ ScienceFest sponsors will pay admission for the students, teachers, bus drivers and for one (1) chaperone per five (5) students. **Extra family members and chaperones must pay for admittance to the Zoo (which does not include the ScienceFest lunch).**
- ✓ Admission to the Zoo is \$4 (ages 3-11), \$7 (ages 12-64), \$4 (65 & over), and free to children under the age of 2.
- ✓ Wrist bands for students, teachers, chaperones and bus drivers are enclosed for distribution. **We highly recommend that all bands are put on prior to unloading the bus. Wrist bands must be worn for admittance to the Zoo and for the hot dog lunch.**
- ✓ We urge you to give each student a nametag that includes the child's name, the teacher's name and the name of the school.
- ✓ If you have students not allowed to be photographed or videotaped, have them wear a no-photo sticker. If stickers are needed contact Carolyn Sullivan at 1-800-879-6552, ext 5347. If time does not allow for postal delivery, ask a ScienceFest volunteer upon arrival for no-photo stickers.
- ✓ **This is in celebration of Earth Day, so we challenge all participants to throw-away as few items as possible.** There will be recycle bins set-up for disposal of aluminum containers. We ask that all participants refrain from disposing food items in the recycle bins.
- ✓ Talk with the children about what to do in case of emergency. Children should ask for assistance from anyone wearing a ScienceFest T-shirt; anyone wearing a Zoo name badge or uniform; or at the Guest Relations Office.
- ✓ We ask that students wear similar shirts if possible. This will help you keep up with your students and help us identify any lost children during the event.
- ✓ We suggest that the students bring bottled water or funds to purchase drinks which may be required due to extra walking and in the event it is a warm day. As previously stated, soda will be provided at lunch. There are also drinking fountains located at various points in the Zoo which can be used to fill water bottles, if desired.
- ✓ **Prior to unloading the bus, confirm the departure time with the bus driver and the group so that everyone knows the correct meeting time for reloading the bus at the Remington Parking lot.**
- ✓ **As of Nov. 1, 2007, state law prohibits smoking inside zoological parks. Please help the Oklahoma City Zoo by abiding with this law and refraining from smoking within the Zoo.**

Arrival Procedure:

- ✓ Place the enclosed ScienceFest sign in the window of the bus.
- ✓ All buses, with groups to attend ScienceFest, will be directed to Remington Park (see enclosed map) for parking and to unload students. Chaperones traveling in automobiles will be directed by security officials to parking at the Oklahoma City Zoo or Remington Parking lots (Chaperone signs are enclosed for posting in automobile windows).
- ✓ Zoo admission is FREE for all drivers, which includes the hot dog lunch (proper wrist band required and enclosed in packet).

Arrival Procedure - continued:

- ✓ To ensure continuous contact with the group, chaperones should travel on the bus with the students. If they must drive separately, they will be directed by security staff to park either in the Zoo's main parking lot or the Remington parking lot. **Keep in mind that there will be 100 other groups arriving and it may be difficult to regroup once you are separated.** If you do get separated, rather than have the students waiting, we suggest chaperones and teachers stay in cell phone contact to locate the class.
- ✓ ScienceFest volunteers will be in all areas to provide assistance as needed.
- ✓ Roped areas will be available for crossing the street to the Zoo entrance. We encourage extreme caution and highly recommend staying within the designated areas.
- ✓ ScienceFest volunteers will be at the Zoo entrance to direct the group to one of three trails with ScienceFest activities. Activity maps and descriptions will be handed out at the trailheads.

ScienceFest Itinerary:

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| ✓ ScienceFest Opens | 8:30 AM |
| ✓ Lunch | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM |
| ✓ ScienceFest Ends | 3:00 PM |

- ✓ You may choose among different activity stations and exhibits, as well as seeing the animals at the Zoo. All activity stations and exhibits will be ongoing throughout the day
- ✓ With 6,000 participants and limited time, not all activities may be available at all times. ScienceFest volunteers will be available to help guide you.

What About Lunch?

- ✓ **Lunch will be served at the Picnic Pavilion from 10:30 – 12:30.** All individuals attending ScienceFest will receive a hot dog, a bag of chips and a can of soda for lunch. **Please bring any "special needs" lunches with you.** **Wrist bands are enclosed for the students, teachers, chaperones (one to five ratio) and bus drivers. The wrist bands must be worn for admittance to the Zoo, as well as for the lunch.**
- ✓ Recycle bins will be positioned around the Picnic Pavilion and we encourage individuals to recycle aluminum products.

Departure Procedure

- ✓ ScienceFest will end at 3:00 but you may stay at the Zoo longer if time allows.
- ✓ **Make sure all teachers, chaperones and bus drivers know the bus departure time.** Buses will depart from the same location as arrival, which is Remington Park.
- ✓ Roped areas will be available for crossing the street and we encourage extreme caution in staying within the designated areas.