

### **WELCOME TO ZOO SCHOOL - CONNECTING KIDS TO WILDLIFE**

#### **OUR MISSION**

At Zoo School, we aim to provide a safe, clean, pleasant and caring environment for each child. Students may develop their physical, social, emotional and intellectual potential at their own pace, while fostering a respect for wildlife and wild places through unique Zoo interactions.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

It's never too early to foster a love for animals and their habitats. Through animal stories, videos, crafts and activities, conservation projects, games, and more, Hope Zoo Kids Club piques children's interest in feathered and furred, friends, as well as those with scales and Horns! From meeting Zoo Keepers to learning about efforts to save habitats and the animals that call them home, Hope Zoo's Zoo School is your connection.

#### YOUR ANIMAL EDUCATION RESOURCE

Parents, teachers, sitters, home schoolers, and anyone with a young wildlife fan in their lives can find resources for nurturing kids' interest in animals and guiding their conservation-oriented activities. From curriculum for grade-appropriate projects to details about wildlife, we've for you covered. Our researchers, keepers, and other staff are dedicated professionals who strive to share the latest and most accurate information regarding wildlife and habitats.

#### **ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**

General admission to the Zoo

Special opportunities with animals

Hands-on activities for the Children

Unique experiences beyond the regular visit

A Conservation Educator to act as your knowledgeable tour guide

N.B. Each student must bring a note book/clip board, Pen, pencil

# **Explore the programs below**

Jamaica Endemics- Jamaica is the most bio-endemic island in the region. Ranking fifth amongst islands of the world for the number of unique species. While having a fun time exploring, kids will obtain priceless knowledge on some of what makes our Country unique.

Jamaican Iguana preservation program - the Jamaican iguana, is on the Red List of endangered and threatened species. Roughly 200 of the animals survive in the shrinking limestone forests of Hillshire, several miles outside the capital Kingston. Let us explore the importance of the Iguana to Jamaica's Ecosystem and some of the ways we can help to protect our Iguanas

**Zoo Science** - As children walk around the zoo, they are exposed to words and concepts. It also encourages dialogue between parents, children and even siblings. Our Zoo science program includes interactive tours, Zoo keepers talk and anima discovery. This will help increase their vocabulary, socialization, team work and comprehension skills.

**Zoo Conservation** - helps children understand the importance of taking care of the environment as it has a significant impact on the lives and welfare of animals. This program also teaches children about the importance of conservation and animal care. Children can especially learn about the impact humans have on animals.

#### **ZOO SCHOOL REGISTRATION LOGISTICS AND PAYMENT**

Please note registrations are accepted on a first come first served basis. Zoo School makes every effort to accommodate students' educational needs and requirements. In order to do so successfully It is imperative that you adhere to your schedule and protocols.

## **Program Selection**

Zoo School offers Only ONE (1) Program per Group. Each program is approximately Three (3) Hours. To best serve all our incoming schools and group It is mandatory that all our zoo classes adhere to a strict schedule. If you have missed your scheduled start time, we will not be able to accommodate an extended time for your lessons or tours.

There is a daily cap on the number of guests for Zoo Education. Please provide two alternate dates in case your first choice is no longer available.

# **Required ratio**

Required ratio is 1 chaperone for every 6 students Chaperones must be over 21 years of age. Zoo Program is designed for not less than 10 persons with a maximum of 15 per group. • Chaperones must stay with their students at all times.

# **Registration Changes**

To change your current registration, please contact the registration office at 876-927-1085 or by emailing zoobookings@hopezookingston.com. Email is recommended in order to track your request accurately. All sections on registration form must be completed.

### **Payment Information:**

Hope Zoo staff generate an invoice and will contact you for payment once your registration has been processed. Registration is not confirmed until full payment is received by the Zoo and you have received confirmation via email. Payment is non-refundable.

# COVID\_19 PROTOCOL:

The Safety of all our animals, staff, and visitors has always been our top priority. We have implemented several Covid\_19 safety measures, this includes limited capacity and activity offerings. Our reservation for each day will be limited, as such we are requesting that once your Zoo class ends, departure in a timely fashion is done in order to sanitize and prep for our next Zoo Class. We invited you to visit our Hope Botanical Gardens and explore our plant Bio-Diversity. (Worksheets can be collected from your class Guide). **FACE MASK IS MANDATORY.** 

REGISTER HERE: ZOO SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM