



1300 West Fulton Street,
Grand Rapids, MI
49504



In-Person Programs

Cost

Attendees

Other

John Ball Zoo Overnight Adventures

Spend the night slumbering next to the chimpanzee exhibit! Scout troops may use the program time to complete badge criteria for the badge of their choice or enjoy a nocturnal themed evening. All overnight programs make a special treat for a zoo animal and watch it get delivered the next morning. Zoo admission is include for the day following the overnight. Troop may choose badge at the time of registration.

Group overnights are \$500 for up to 12 participants. Additional participants are \$45 each.

12 min.
20 max.

Groups larger than 20 people may not be able to sleep near the chimpanzee exhibit Badge not included in cost of the program. Troop leaders/Caregivers responsible for purchase.

This program is available seasonally, April through November. Overnights must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Summer availability fills quickly so advance registration of weeks and/or months is recommended. Please submit the registration form found here to schedule <https://www.jbzoo.org/kidsandfamily/overnightadventures>.

Badges Offered

d Journey: Three Cheers for Animals

b Hiker
Senses
Bugs

j Animal Habitats

c Animal Helpers
Night Owls

s Voice for Animals

John Ball Zoo Girl Scout Badge Program

Zoo educators lead the troop through various hands-on, engaging activities to complete certain criteria for the selected badge. Each program includes an up-close animal encounter, and guided tour of a portion of the zoo.

\$64 for up to 8 scouts and 2 Troop Leaders. Additional Girl Scouts and or adults are \$8 per person.

8 min.
No max.

Troops are allowed to schedule programs with smaller groups but are required to pay the full amount. Badge not included in cost of the program. Troop leaders/Caregivers responsible for purchase.

This program is available year round. Badge programs are 2 hours in length. Visit this page to register - <https://www.jbzoo.org/kidsandfamily/scouts/badge>.

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Twilight Tours

Experience the zoo in a new 'light'. Bring your family, flashlight and a sense of adventure for this guided tour of the zoo as the sun goes down. Learn how to use your senses at night and how animals are adapted to life in the dark. The program includes an animal encounter, hands-on activities for children ages 5 years and above and guided tour.

\$10/person

10 min.
No max.

Groups can be scheduled for a variety of times and dates, depending upon the time of year and needs of your group.

Early Access Tours - Enjoy a 45 minute guided tour of the new front entry though North America with one of our Area Experts. Learn insider knowledge about the animals, and once the tour ends explore the rest of the Zoo on your own. Admission is included. Some of the stops on the tour might include Mountain Lions, Golden Eagles, Snow Leopards, Michigan Turtles, River Otters, Brown Bears, and Canda Lynx. You'll learn about the individual animals at the Zoo and how you can continue to help these species thrive in the wild.

Follow this link for registration information: [Twilight Tour Registration](#)

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\$75/Group for Members
\$100/Group for Non-Members

No min.
No max.

Pre-registration is required, preferred 1 week in advance.

Follow this link for registration information: [Early Access Tour Registration](#)

Presentation Style Travel Zoos

Enjoy an up-close encounter with live zoo animals in the comfort of your own classroom of facility. Presentations work great for classrooms, scout meetings, retirement communities, and libraries. Presentations are typically between 30 and 45 minutes in length. Animals are presented one at a time. Topics vary depending on age of audience (from preschool to adult). We can customize a program for you or you can choose from one of our core education topics.

\$100 plus an additional \$1.00 per mile traveling fee (includes mileage and staffing cost) and \$60 for each additional consecutive program on the same day.

No min.
No max.

There are limited opportunities available for this program. For questions please contact 616-336-4302

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Meet and Greet Station Travel Zoos

A Meet and Greet Station offers a more informal interaction with ambassador animals. Encounters offer a few minutes in which to engage with our instructors and/or Docents as guests learn about the animal and may even have an opportunity to touch an animal! This type of program works well if your event or facility has a large audience that may not be suited for sitting and listening to a long presentation. Typically, one or two animals are strolling at a time for approximately 45 minutes each. Meet and Greet programs are scheduled by the hour for up to 2 hours at a time. Meet and Greet Travel Zoos work well for retirement communities, community fairs/events, and larger corporate events.

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No min.
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