



WOLF SCOUT

PLANNING YOUR ZOO TRIP

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VISITING THE COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM

offers a fun and unique way for your scouts to complete their badge requirements. Before jumping into the materials on the next few pages, check out the information below to help make your visit as smooth as possible.

Please review the self-guided activities before arriving.

The self-guided materials will not address all of the requirements for the *Call of the Wild Badge*, *Council Fire Badge* or *Paws on the Path Badge*. Some requirements will need to be completed at home. Check the requirements page for more details.

ADMISSION:

Be sure to visit columbuszoo.org for individual and group admission rates, as well as parking rates.

LUNCH AREAS:

- Congo River Market is open year-round. Other food stands are subject to seasonal availability.
- Wolf Scouts are welcome to bring lunches into the Zoo with them, but no hard-sided or wheeled coolers are permitted on grounds.
- A Picnic Pavilion is available between the parking lot and Admissions gate. You are welcome to leave coolers in your car or the Picnic Pavilion and utilize the Picnic Pavilion for lunch. Please remember to get a hand stamp from Guest Relations before exiting if you plan on re-entering the Zoo after eating.

ZOO PATCHES:

After completing your visit to the Zoo, stop by the Junior ZooKeeper Gift Shop and buy a Zoo patch for \$2. Ask at the counter to purchase a patch.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING WITH YOU:

- Copies of the Self-Guided Activities for each Wolf Scout
- Clipboard or something to write on for each Wolf Scout
- Pen or pencil for each Wolf Scout





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CALL OF THE WILD #3: While on a den or family outing, identify four different types of animals. Explain how you identified them.

COUNCIL FIRE #6A: Learn about the three R's of recycling: reduce, reuse and recycle. Discover a way to do each of these at home, at school or in your community.

COUNCIL FIRE #6B (EXTENSION): Make your own recycling center or contribute to an existing one.

PAWS ON THE PATH #6: Go on a one-mile hike with your den or family. Watch and record two interesting things that you've never seen before.

PAWS ON THE PATH #7: Name two birds, two insects and two other animals that live in your area. Explain how you identified them.





PAWS ON THE PATH

WELCOME TO THE COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM!

Today your journey will take you through the North America region. This journey will take your den or family on a one-mile hike to observe, classify and learn about native animals.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium participates in a Zoo-wide recycling program. While you are on your one-mile hike today, be sure to pick up any recyclables that you spot and place them in the appropriate bins.



PAWS ON THE PATH #6: Watch and record two interesting things.

The Columbus Zoo is an amazing place to see animals from all over the world. Chances are you may even encounter animals that you have never seen before. Take some time to watch the animals as you explore the Zoo. Look for two animals or animal behaviors that you have never seen before and observe each animal or behavior for five minutes. Draw or write about what you observed below. Be sure to include a statement about why you thought it was interesting.

Interesting observation #1

Interesting observation #2

COUNCIL FIRE

COUNCIL FIRE #6A: What are the three R's of recycling?

Reduce – Choosing to decrease the amount of trash you produce.

Reuse – Finding new ways to use items instead of throwing them away.

Recycle – Making new items out of trash.



My House in Habitat Hollow is full of fun and interactive ways to learn about nature and also recycling. Take some time to explore the kitchen area to discover ways that you can: reduce, reuse and recycle at home or school. Try to find at least one way you can complete each component of the three R's. Record your ideas in the chart below. *(Hint: look in the kitchen if you need ideas)*

THREE R'S OF RECYCLING:	I CAN DO THIS AT HOME BY...
REDUCE	
REUSE	
RECYCLE	

COUNCIL FIRE #6B: Finish your badge at home!

Contribute to a recycling center. There are many ways you can recycle. Examples are:

- Investigate if your neighborhood has curb-side recycling.
- Collect plastic bags and take to a bag collections container *(many grocery stores have these in their entry)*.
- Recycle your family's old cell phones at the Zoo. Work with your parents to look up the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) at www.swaco.org for more information and additional ideas.





CALL OF THE WILD

CALL OF THE WILD #3: Identify different types of animals. Animals are grouped together based upon their shared characteristics. These groups are called *classes*. While you are on your hike, look for examples of animals from each of the classes listed below. Describe the traits that helped you figure out where to classify each animal.



Classification:	Animal:	Traits:
<p>Mammals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • warm-blooded • have fur • give live birth (in most mammals) 		
<p>Birds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have feathers • have wings • lay eggs • have beaks 		
<p>Insects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have three body parts: head, thorax and abdomen • have an exoskeleton • have antennae • have three pairs of legs 		
<p>Amphibians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undergo metamorphosis • cold-blooded • moist, scaleless skin 		
<p>Reptiles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cold-blooded • have scaly skin • lay eggs 		

PAWS ON THE PATH

PAWS ON A PATH #7: Learn about animals that live in your area.

The North America region has many animals that make their home in Ohio. While you are hiking look for two birds, two insects and two other animals that live in our area. List the native Ohio animals and insects in the table below.

HINTS: Check the garden and prairie areas outside of the My House exhibit to find native insects. *The Migratory Songbird Aviary* is a good place to locate some native Ohio birds. Be sure to check the exhibit signs that show each animal's native ranges to make sure they live in Ohio. Have your parent or leader help identify the native ranges of any non-Zoo animals that you find.

** Note: While the Zoo does not have a native insect exhibit, we recommend you look for insects in grassy areas or check out the insect replicas inside My House.*

Birds...	Insects...	Other animals...

