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NATIONAL AVIARY



CLASSES GRADES 5-8 2010-2011



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Allegheny Commons West
Pittsburgh, PA 15212



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Mythbusters!

\$9.00 per student • *Program lasts 1 hour*

Are owls really wise? Is it accurate to tell someone that they “eat like a bird”? Do all penguins live in Antarctica? Students will have a chance to examine the most common myths and misconceptions in the bird world as they discover amazing true facts about some of the birds that make the National Aviary their home.

Wetlands

\$9.00 per student

Program lasts 1 hour

Discover the role of wetlands and watersheds in our everyday lives! Through a multi-media presentation and live bird encounters, students will be able to recognize the impact that we have on watersheds and wetlands, and the effects our actions have on wildlife.



Learning
takes flight at
the **National**
Aviary.

Rainforest

\$9.00 per student • *Program lasts 1 hour*

Experience the wonders of the rainforest through an immersive encounter with our rainforest birds and an interactive multimedia presentation. Students will gain an appreciation for the rainforest, which is home to roughly 50 percent of the world’s plant and animal species.

Carnivores!

\$10.50 per student • *Program lasts 1 ½ hours and includes an owl pellet dissection*

Learn about the meat eaters of the avian world and what makes them different from other birds. Through the use of biofacts and live birds, students will appreciate the important role that carnivores play in the wild. This class includes an owl pellet dissection, during which students have the opportunity to discover what owls eat out in the wild!

Bird Basics

\$8.00 per student

Program lasts 30 minutes

This introduction to the bird world gives students a chance to examine beaks, feet, feathers and more as they compare two very different feathered friends!



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Parrot Parade

\$8.00 per student • *Program lasts 30 minutes*

Not only are parrots colorful and talented, they are also one of the most intelligent groups of birds around. Students will learn all about these incredible birds.

Penguins

\$8.00 per student • *Program lasts 30 minutes*

Did you know not all penguins live in cold climates? Students will learn fun facts about the 18 different species of penguins.

Birds of Prey

\$8.00 per student • *Program lasts 30 minutes*

Learn about the hunters of the sky. What makes these birds different from other birds? Students will appreciate the important role of birds of prey.



For a listing of **the National Aviary's** daily **events** and **activities**, please check our **website** at **www.aviary.org**.

Amazing Adaptations

\$9.00 per student • *Program lasts 1 hour*

What does it take for a bird to be a bird? Find out the answer to this question and more as the National Aviary introduces students to the diverse world of birds and their amazing adaptations! Live birds, feathers, beaks, and feet will be used to explore this fascinating group of animals.

Penguins are cool, or are they?

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Outreach Programs

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Cost: \$250.00 per presentation. Programs last 45 minutes to one hour in length and must be held within 30 miles of the Aviary. *Discount for back-to-back programs. Second program \$175.* If the audience is over 50 students, please provide a microphone.

So, You Want to Work in a Zoo?

Open up the world of zoos and zoo careers through discussions with the staff of the National Aviary and demonstrations with some of our feathered co-workers. Learn about the fascinating careers that are available in zoos, aquariums, and parks today while giving students a greater appreciation of the role that zoos play in modern conservation and research. This class is recommended for high school or middle school students.

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Self-guided Tours

Cost is \$8.00 per student

Experience all that the National Aviary has to offer at a special group rate! Self-guided tours provide your “flock” with the chance to explore the nation’s premier bird park at their own pace, while enjoying feedings, bird shows, and more! More information, including a list of daily events, is available on our website or by calling 412-258-9439.

Daily Event Information



Events & Activities

Learn more about the National Aviary's birds by participating in our daily events and programs; check out our web site www.aviary.org for a schedule of dates and times.

Wetlands Feeding

There's something fishy going on every morning in the National Aviary's largest walk-through exhibit. Join trainers for a feed-out and watch as the Inca terns fly down for a high-protein snack of fish smelts. Toss a fish to the brown pelicans, join in the flamingo dance, and say hello to Joanie, the wattled currawong.

Tropical Forest Feeding

A fly-by of the feathered kind! Join our trainers in feeding a brilliant variety of birds a snack of wiggly worms, crickets, and grapes. Watch as golden-breasted starlings, fairy bluebirds and other feathered friends enjoy a late morning snack.

Lories & Friends

Prepare for a colorful brush with nature as our flock of rainbow lorikeets fly down for a visit. Purchase a cup of nectar and you'll have them eating out of your hand!

Lories & Friends is sponsored by Dollar Bank.



Penguin Feeding

Learn what our flock of African penguins eats for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!

Meet a Patient

Meet one of the Aviary's hospital patients and learn about the unique medical care provided for our birds.

Kitchen Window

See what we feed the flock of more than 600 birds of over 200 species!

NEW! For Groups

The National Aviary is excited to offer the opportunity for groups to enjoy our new **Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ Theater** and the rooftop **Sky Deck**. In the Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ Theater, guests will witness the flights of macaws, vultures, eagles, parrots and multiple other species in a setting enhanced by lighting, video and sound. Located on the roof of the Helen M. Schmidt Theater, the Sky Deck will allow visitors a breathtaking, up-close entrée into the world of raptors. These venues have limited seating and therefore advance registration for groups is required. Please contact the Education Program Reservationist at 412-258-9439 or education.programs@aviary.org for details of show times, pricing, and availability.



Come **check out** our **website** at www.aviary.org!

Schedule Information

How to schedule a program:

1. Choose your program. Please allow ample time to schedule your program, as all programs must be reserved at least three weeks prior to the program date.
2. Select several dates and times in case the date that you prefer is unavailable. Classes are unavailable from 12 pm – 1 pm due to staff scheduling.
3. Contact the Education Program Scheduler at 412-258-9439 or education.programs@aviary.org to make your reservation.
4. Please have a credit card available to hold your reservation. The credit card will only be charged upon completion of a program or in the event of a cancellation. If you wish to pay by check or cash, you may do so at any time prior to your program. If you wish to pay by credit card, the card given at the time of the reservation will be charged on the date of the program.
5. Upon receipt of the confirmation letter, please sign both copies and return a signed copy to the National Aviary.

Group Minimums:

All programs have a minimum of 10 paid students.
All groups must have at least 1 chaperone for every 10 students.

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The National Aviary is supported in part by the Allegheny Regional Asset District, the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, and the PA Historical and Museum Commission.



Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy:

- If you must cancel your visit, please contact us at least 48 hours in advance to reschedule or cancel for no fee. A \$50.00 cancellation fee will be charged to your holding credit card for failure to provide at least 48 hours notice. In the case of inclement weather the cancellation fee is waived.
- If you must reschedule your program, please contact us as early as possible and at least 48 hours in advance of your originally scheduled time. There is no fee for the first rescheduling of a program if you provide at least 48 hours notice. If you do not provide 48 hours notice or for subsequent rescheduling there is a \$50.00 fee. Please have multiple alternate dates for your program available at the time you call to reschedule.
- Failure to cancel or reschedule a program prior to the class, resulting in a "no call, no show" will be charged the full amount for the program.

Late Arrivals:

All groups are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled program. This will give your group enough time to check in and organize prior to the start of the program. Due to the number of classes scheduled each day, late arrivals will have time deducted from their program. If a group arrives more than half way into their scheduled class time, the class will be cancelled and the group given the opportunity to enjoy a self-guided tour.