



NATIONAL AVIARY



National Aviary Daily Programming

Visit the National Aviary and discover an array of interactive encounters and events designed to surprise, delight, engage and inspire. Get nose-to-break with an eagle, talk to a parrot, see eye-to-eye with a penguin, and thrill at the powerful gaze of one of the Aviary's many owls. **Be sure to call 412.323.7235 or click www.aviary.org for a current schedule of activities before arrival.**



FliteZone

See beautiful rare and endangered birds in flight just inches over your head and learn about each species' natural behaviors. Meet vultures, eagles, owls and more. Seasonal.

Meet a Patient

Gain unique insight into the advanced healthcare offered to the more than 200 species that make their home at the Aviary. At the bird hospital annex, visitors can watch procedures and check ups and to get to know some of the patients undergoing treatment. Immediately after exams, veterinary staff bring birds out and answer questions about the challenges of treating birds that range in size from tiny songbirds to meat-eating raptors.



Little Peepers

Inspire an early love for nature in your little ones through stories, songs, crafts and a live bird presentation.

The Feathered Chef

What does a condor eat for breakfast (do you really want to know)? What's on the menu for a macaw? With more than 600 mouths to feed, the National Aviary's kitchen is a busy place. Meet one of our "chefs" and learn about the variety of foods prepared for residents each day.



Junior Veterinarians

Geared for children ages 2-6, Junior Veterinarians gives kids the opportunity to learn about the many things vets do each day to keep animals healthy and well. Children practice their animal doctor skills using toy stethoscopes, bandages and other toy medical equipment on plush birds that the Aviary provides. Junior Veterinarians is led by Aviary veterinary staff, and during the program one of the Aviary's own patients will be brought out for participants to meet.

Rainstorm in the Wetlands of the Americas

An indoor rainstorm in the Wetlands of the Americas, a lush walk-through exhibit where birds fly freely. Watch as colorful and exotic birds play in the rain and enjoy a mid-day bath.

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Feeding Time!

Wetlands of the Americas and Tropical Forest exhibits.

Enter the **Wetlands of the Americas** room, where birds fly freely and you can go nose to beak with parrots, ibis, spoonbills and more. Watch as the Inca terns swoop and dive for fish smelts (from your hand if you're willing). Dance with the flamingos, say hello to Dexter, the brown pelican, and enjoy the musical chatter as birds from around the world fill the space with song.

In the **Tropical Forest**, a peaceful retreat filled with iridescent, colorful birds both shy and bold awaits. Take part in the daily feeding and watch as birds land on the railings (and perhaps even on your hand) to enjoy a high-protein menu of wiggly mealworms or grapes.



Lories & Friends

Prepare for a colorful brush with nature as a flock of rainbow lorikeets flies down for a visit. These fearless, flashy birds consider humans to be an excellent source of entertainment, particularly when they visit bearing cups of nectar. Attired in a striking color combination of emerald green, orange, midnight blue, ruby red and lemon yellow, the Lories, as they are affectionately known, will happily land on visitor's hands to get the best vantage point for a treat.

Penguin Connection

Advance registration required. Ages 6+.

In this small group program, participants learn about penguins, their diets, adaptations and natural history. The program includes 20 minutes of contact time during which guests have the opportunity to touch a penguin and offer toys. Photo CDs of the experience available.



Flamingo Connection

Advance registration required. Ages 10+.

Walk among and interact with the National Aviary's flock of American flamingos. Guests climb down into the exhibit's pond area for an extra close look at the birds' remarkable physical attributes, from their bright pink feathers to their slender legs and curved beaks. Observe the birds' feeding technique (flamingos feed by scooping up fish and filtering the water out of their beaks), while Aviary trainers talk about the birds' behaviors and the challenges the birds are facing in the wild. Guests may even have the remarkable experience of being preened by these gentle, graceful birds.

Raptor Experience

Advance registration required. Ages 12+

An interactive, three-hour, private encounter that takes participants behind-the-scenes to help care for the National Aviary's birds of prey, including hawks, eagles, owls and vultures. Guests learn about the physical attributes that make these birds outstanding hunters, from the silent flight of owls, to the speed and agility of falcons, and the keen eyesight of eagles. Participants prepare food for the birds, and take part in flight training sessions with bird show staff.

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