

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AT THE ZOO

Please make sure all students and chaperones know the appropriate behavior that is expected of all students visiting Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, regardless of their age. These expectations will help ensure the safety and enjoyment of your students, chaperones, other zoo guests, and the animals.

Stay with chaperones at all times.

Students are not allowed to leave their assigned chaperones while at the zoo. If students need to use the restroom, please make sure a peer goes with the student. Ensure that both return to the chaperone and the group outside the restroom.

Respect the Animals

- Shouting at animals and tapping or banging on exhibit windows or openings is disruptive and is not permitted.
- **Observe animals with eyes and ears only.** Do not touch any animals, unless they are in an area that allows contact.
- Please do not feed the animals except in designated areas. Human food can cause illness to animals and feeding animals may cause harm or illness to humans.

Respect other zoo visitors.

- Walking and speaking softly ensures all guests will enjoy their visit.
- Stay on the visitor paths and on the public side of all guardrails.
- All visitors must remain clothed and shoes must be worn at all times while on zoo grounds.
- Make sure all trash makes it into a trash can or recycling container.

Leave certain things at home:

- Skateboards, scooters, bicycles, shoes with wheels
- Toys, Frisbees, Balls
- Costumes
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Smoking is not permitted on zoo grounds.

