

Young Children's Programs

Interaction: The Niabi Zoo2U offers two interactive program formats for children 3-5 years of age. **Zoo Time!** is a group presentation that features 4 different animal species over the course of 30 minutes. **Animal Tales** is a story telling program that allows children to meet the live characters (2-3 animals) from a selected book that is read to the children (ask about our booklist). Each child has the opportunity to not only touch the animals but also to demonstrate certain animal adaptations through physical activities such as Ferret Flexibility, Parrot Trees, Lizard Slither, etc. This keeps the children actively engaged during the program as it can certainly be challenging to have young children sit in one spot even for 30 minutes.

Selection: You can choose which species of animals your group would enjoy from the list below for **Zoo Time!** or we can choose based on the most popular for your group's age. **Animal Tales** selection is based on the chosen book.

Mammals: Ferret, Hedgehog, Degu, Rabbit

Birds: Umbrella Cockatoo, Blue and Gold Macaw, Parrot (Mealy Amazon, Caique, Eclectus), Chicken

Reptiles: Blue-tongued Skink, Tortoise (Greek, Russian), Snakes (Ball Python, Sand Boa, Corn Snake)

Amphibians: American Tree Frog, Cane Toad

Invertebrates: Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches, Tarantula, Forest Scorpion



Pricing: The service fee is based on the number of participants and the amount of interaction desired.

\$220 - For programs with up to 25 participants (fully interactive)

\$270 – For programs up to 50 participants (fully interactive), or for larger groups (up to 75) with selective interaction (participants may interact with one or more animal, but perhaps not all 4 as in fully interactive programs).

\$320 - For programs up to 75 participants (fully interactive), or for larger groups with selective interaction (participants may interact with one or more animal, but perhaps not all 4 as in fully interactive programs).

Multi-program discounts are available for 3-10 programs at 10% off and 11 or more at 20% off.

What's included: Each program includes 30 min. of presentation time with up to 5 species of animals.

Transportation within 30 miles of Coal Valley, IL is included for no additional cost (additional fee for greater distances).

Arrival: Staff will arrive approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of the program to set up a table with table cloth, signs and animal artifacts. Our preference is to set up without participants present.

Space: Preferred working area (no seating) of approximately 10'x8' to set up our table and access animals.

Containment: Animals will be contained in travel carriers beneath and behind the table. Participants are not permitted behind the table for the safety of the animals and participants.

Bonus Features: While the Niabi Zoo2U program will create long lasting memories, it is also nice to have a memento to remind you and yours of the fun things you learned about animals and of the great time you had with the animals.

T-shirts: Choose from a variety of t-shirt designs, colors and sizes to find your child's favorite animal for only \$15 per shirt.

Activity/Coloring Sheets: This is a fun addition to any party with a descriptive animal coloring sheet on front and an age appropriate word search on the back. For only \$15, we will provide a set for up to 25 people.

Gifts for the Animals – Consider **Charitable Giving** to help the animals at the Zoo! Participants can **donate items** to assist with the care our animals. Items that are always needed include: Gift cards (to Walmart, HyVee, Menards, Home Depot, Lowe's, Farm & Fleet, Petsmart, Petco, Drs. Foster & Smith, etc.), perfume, spices, large parrot toys, Kong dog toys, Rawhide bones, Cloth items (gently used bath and hand towels, sheets, pillow cases, t-shirts, ferret hammocks), Paper items (paper towels, butcher paper, newspaper, streamers), PVC pipe pieces/caps, milk crates **As animal diets are very specific, we are unable to accept donations of food.**