

## Special Needs Program

**Interaction:** These programs are geared toward children with special needs of all ages and cognitive ability in a classroom, camp, or any other group setting. Our special needs program, called **Critter Connection**, focuses on engaging the senses of sight, sound, smell, and touch. Participants can interact with a colorful parrot, a silky smooth snake, the blue-tongued skink, and a furry ferret. Each is modified depending on the level of need.



**Selection:** Typically the animals are those indicated above, however, if you have requests from the list below, we will work to accommodate them.

**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 45 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.**