



Riverbanks Education Programs

2021-2022

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www.riverbanks.org/education

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ZOO & GARDEN
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Virtual Programs

Visit Riverbanks through the help of the web! Virtual programs are available Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year.

Tours

Join an educator to get glimpses of Riverbanks' campus. These 30-minute experiences are a great introduction to the wildlife and wild places represented at the Zoo and Garden. \$50 per program. Limit 2 classes or 35 unique device logins.

Primary Grades

Home Sweet Habitat

From the ocean to the mountains, wetlands to desert, Earth is covered in beautiful landscapes that living things call home. Students will see what makes each home unique and how plants and animals function within these habitats.

Fur, Feathers & Scales

Animals come in all shapes, sizes & coverings. Join us for a wild tour as we discuss animal characteristics that help us identify and group things in nature.

Elementary Grades

Playful Primates

Monkeys and apes never fail to amaze us with their super strength, expressive faces, and playful behavior. Come observe what makes these animals uniquely different yet the same.

What's for Dinner?

Teeth, beaks or even swallowing food whole, dinner time in the animal kingdom looks different from you and me. Explore the varied diets of animals around the world.

Middle and High School

Conservation Around the World

Take a trip with us around the Zoo and world. We will explore how animals are adapted to different environments, how humans impact their populations, and the small changes each of us can make daily to help conserve wildlife.

Riverbanks Careers

Ever wondered about the people and careers that make Riverbanks work? Take a tour with us to discover the teamwork and talented people that run the Zoo and Garden.

Classes

Let Riverbanks bring classes to you with the help of the web. These 45-minute classes will cover the same great content with interactive activities and animal ambassadors. \$65 per program. Limit 2 classes or 35 unique device logins.

Elementary and Middle School

Captivating Coral

Take a dive below the ocean's surface to discover the wonder of corals. Discover the basics of coral structures and how Riverbanks is helping these threatened species and habitats in the wild.

Investigating Adaptations

Students will put their observation skills to the test as they investigate how Riverbanks' species are adapted for survival.



Classes at Riverbanks AND On The Road

Whether you are looking for a program for your students, daycare or homeschool group, these fun, engaging and educational programs are just for you! All programs are carefully crafted around South Carolina Academic Standards and can be delivered at Riverbanks during your field trip or at your school.

Field Trip: **\$75 per program + group admission.** Limit 25 students.
 Outreach: **\$95 per program + travel.** Limit 25 students.

Pre-K	On the Move Red, Blue, Who's at the Zoo?	Can you swim like a fish? Slither like a snake? Swing like a siamang? Students will explore animal movement as they hop, crawl and wiggle their way through story, song and activities. Young learners will identify colors and explore the many shades found at the Zoo through songs and activities.
Kindergarten	Kindergarten Keepers	Kindergarteners will count, play and pretend their way through this fun class exploring what it takes to care for animals' needs.
1st Grade	Seeds on the Move	Students will explore and experiment through this windy, wet, sticky and sometimes yucky investigation of seed dispersal.
2nd Grade	Investigating Adaptations	Students will put their observation skills to the test as they investigate how Riverbanks' species are adapted for survival.
3rd Grade	Escaping Extinction	In this mystery inspired class, students will have to put their geography skills and knowledge to the test to save a Riverbanks species from extinction.
4th Grade	Adaptation Engineers	Work as a team to overcome a challenge in this adaptation-themed class. Students will observe living plants and animals as well as design their own model plant.
5th Grade	Mighty Plankton	Students will get an introduction to the base of the ocean's food web while using engineering design skills to create models of plankton to compete in the Great Plankton Race.
Middle School	CSI: Coat & Skull Investigation	Try your hand at forensic science to observe and categorize evidence about animals. Interactive scientific-skill stations and animal encounters can help you provide wild justice.
High School	Operant Conditioning	Explore the purpose and theory behind animal training. Learn the role of training at Riverbanks and understand how it works by being "trained" yourself!



Tours at Riverbanks

A Riverbanks educator will tour your group through the park to learn about the species represented around Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

\$75 per program + group admission. Limit 16 students & 2 adults.

Conservation Around the World

Travel around the world to explore various wildlife and how humans impact their survival. Don't miss out on the chance to find out how you can use technology daily to conserve these amazing animals.

Riverbanks Career Tour

Are you interested in science, photography, art, retail, horticulture or guest services? The Zoo might be the place for you! Take a tour with us to discover the teamwork and talented people that run Riverbanks.



More Opportunities at Riverbanks

Riverbanks Overnights **Returning Spring 2022**

Discover a new side of Riverbanks—after the crowds have gone and the sun has set. Each overnight includes educational programming, ambassador animals, continental breakfast and admission to explore Riverbanks the next day.

Riverbanks Zoo Teens

The ZooTeen youth development program is not only a fun and great way to meet new friends, it also provides opportunities to develop job-readiness and life skills while serving as an ambassador for Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

Riverbanks Homeschool Mondays

Families with homeschooled children ages 2-9 can participate in hands-on learning throughout the school year. Family programs and drop-off classes are available to meet your learners unique needs.

Riverbanks ZooCrew

Middle School students can join their peers twice a month to utilize the Riverbanks campus and exhibits to learn about environmental stewardship and the science behind animal care.

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