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## Self-Guided School Group: Administrator and Lead Teacher Social Contract

**\*A signed copy of this agreement must be returned at minimum 3 days prior to the visit date. Please submit by email to [guestrelations@calgaryzoo.com](mailto:guestrelations@calgaryzoo.com).\***

Thank you for planning a visit for your group to the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo! We are pleased to offer discounted rates for school groups of 20 students or more. Rates also apply to preschools and daycares. We also provide a specific number of **FREE** chaperone tickets to ensure your group has adequate supervision for the safety and wellbeing of the students, staff, volunteers, other zoo visitors, and the animals we love and care for.

In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit for all members of your party, we require signed agreement from both the Principal/School Administrator and the teacher leading the visit on the following points:

- All chaperones must be 18 years of age or older.
  
- Students must be in the direct care and control of a chaperone at all times (ie. no more than 5m away and always within sightlines). **The required ratio for your group is no more than \_\_\_\_ students per chaperone.**
  
- Follow the directions of zoo staff and volunteers, and treat them with respect.
  
- Do not run on zoo grounds, except in designated play areas. Mobility devices must be operated safely and at safe speeds. Shoving and horseplay will not be tolerated.
  
- Do not tap on the glass, or make loud noises at animal habitats.

Whistles, noisemakers, balloons, weapons or weapon replicas, and wheeled transport outside of mobility devices are prohibited.

Do not throw food or other objects into animal habitats.

Do not attempt to feed free-roaming zoo animals or wild animals.

Do not chase or attempt to make physical contact with animals, including free-roaming zoo animals or wild animals.

Ensure that garbage and program literature is disposed of in the appropriate receptacles or packed out of the zoo with you.

Play areas are designed for those 12 years of age or younger. Respect and care for the safety of smaller visitors is required.

Be respectful and considerate of other zoo guests.

Do not damage plants, signage, or other zoo property.

All visitors must stay on the pathways and designated green spaces at all times. Climbing is prohibited except in designated play areas.

Abide by all zoo signage.

We require the school principal or administrator to agree to these terms, as well as the teacher who will be leading the visit. By signing this agreement, you also agree to ensure your chaperones remain in compliance and a signed Chaperone/Teacher form must be completed by every chaperone accompanying your group. Forms are to be returned a minimum 3 days prior to the visit date. Please submit by email to [guestrelations@calgaryzoo.com](mailto:guestrelations@calgaryzoo.com).

***I understand and agree to the above terms. I understand that failure to comply with the conditions of this agreement may result in my group being asked to leave the zoo immediately without a refund being provided and/or not welcomed back for a period of time as determined by zoo leadership.***

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Principal/Administrator's Name)

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(Principal/Administrator's Phone)

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(Principal/Administrator's email)

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(Principal/Administrator's Signature)

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(Date)

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(Onsite Teacher's Name)

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(Onsite Teacher's Signature)

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(Date)