Virtual Field Trip - The Zoo

Ideal for Grades K-5, connects with the following Girl Scout Badges: Daisy Eco Learner, Brownie Eco Friend, Junior Animal Habitats

Explore the Dallas Zoo without leaving your home! For this field trip, watch the video series “Bring the Zoo to You.” These videos can be found on the Dallas Zoo’s YouTube Channel. After watching the series, try the discussion questions and activities below. Then check out the resources and activities from other zoos included on this guide.

Discussion Questions:

Choose an animal from the video series and discuss the following:

What is an interesting fact you learned about the animal?

Where is the animal’s natural habitat?

Is the animal endangered? What can you do to help?

Possible Activities:

1) Draw a picture of an animal from the videos. Be sure to include details of its specific habitat.
2) Design your own zoo. Research animals you will include. Draw your animals and map out your zoo around the house or yard.
3) Create a zoo PowerPoint including animal pictures and interesting facts. Present to your family.
4) Use iMovie or Clips to create a movie trailer or commercial for your zoo.
Get Outside:

After taking your virtual field trip, try taking the fun outside! Use the provided chart or create your own in a notebook or on a piece of paper. Go on a family walk around your neighborhood, or nearby park (remember to observe physical distancing guidelines). Observe the birds you encounter along the way and fill in the information on the chart. When you get home, use the Texas Birds Guide from the Texas Parks and Wildlife to identify any birds you were unfamiliar with. You can also document animals you see along the way using the same chart! You can also check out this great video on backyard birdwatching from the Dallas Zoo!

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Other Zoo Fun:

Observe animals in real time with the San Diego Zoo Live Cams

Activity: Pick an animal cam and observe the animal(s) for 5-10 minutes. Record what you observe.

Learn about zoo and wildlife careers with the Smithsonian Zoo.

Join in on a Facebook Livestream from the Houston Zoo.

The Cincinnati Zoo (home to Fiona the Hippo) has great activities to do at home.