



Scheduling Information

How to schedule a program:

1. Please allow ample time to schedule your program. All programs must be reserved at least three weeks prior to the program date.
2. Select several dates and times in case the date that you prefer is unavailable.
3. Contact the Education Program Scheduler at 412-258-9439 or education.programs@aviary.org to make your reservation.
4. All reservations require a \$135 non-refundable deposit due seven days prior to the program date. Payment can be made by cash, credit card, or check made payable to the National Aviary.
Final payment is required upon arrival at the National Aviary the day of your program. Groups will only be charged for the number of people attending the program on the day of your reservation. No refunds will be given.
5. You will receive a letter confirming your reservation. Please carefully review the program name, date, time and group size in the letter and, if correct, please sign and return to the National Aviary.

Group Minimums:

All programs have a minimum of 15 paid students.
All groups must have at least one chaperone for every ten students.

Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy:

For complete details on our cancellation/rescheduling policies, please visit <http://www.aviary.org/educ/teach.php>.

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Amazing Adaptations

What makes a bird a bird? Discover the answer to this question and more as the National Aviary introduces students to the diverse world of birds and their amazing adaptations! Live birds and a variety of bird feathers, beaks, and feet will be used to teach your students about this fascinating group of animals.

NEW!

BIRDiversity

There are roughly 10,000 different species of birds on our planet and they can be found on every continent and in nearly every habitat! Explore the importance of biodiversity in our world and meet some weird and wild birds.

Carnivores!

Explore some of the differences between avian carnivores and other birds and discover the important role that carnivores play in ecosystems around the world. We will talk about the important role that carnivores play in ecosystems all over the world.

Mythbusters!

Are owls really wise? Is it accurate to tell someone that they “eat like a bird”? Do all penguins live in Antarctica? Students will examine the most common myths and misconceptions about the bird world as they discover amazing true facts about many of the birds that live at the National Aviary.

Penguins

From the Galapagos penguins near the equator to the Emperor penguins of Antarctica, your students will learn fun facts about all 18 species as well as the threats that put penguins in peril.

Rainforest

Experience the wonders of the rainforest through an immersive encounter with our rainforest birds and an interactive multimedia presentation. Students will gain an appreciation for the rainforest biome, home to nearly half of the world’s plant and animal species.


So, You Want to Work in a Zoo?

Open up the world of zoos and zoological careers through discussions with the staff of the National Aviary and visits with some of our feathered friends. Learn about the fascinating careers that are available in zoos, aquariums, and parks and gain a greater appreciation of the role that zoos play in modern wildlife conservation and research.

NEW! Owl Pellet Add-on

Give your students hands-on experience with owl pellets. Add this 30 minute experience to Amazing Adaptations, BIRDiversity, Carnivores or Mythbusters. Program includes instruction, educational materials, and supplies. Price: \$75 plus \$2.25 per student. *Limited to 40 students.*



 A large screen or blank wall is needed in order for us to show your class these PowerPoint programs.

Program Information & Pricing

At the National Aviary

All programs are aligned with the Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards and include at least one live bird. Specific standards for each program are available by request. Each one hour program is \$9 per student.

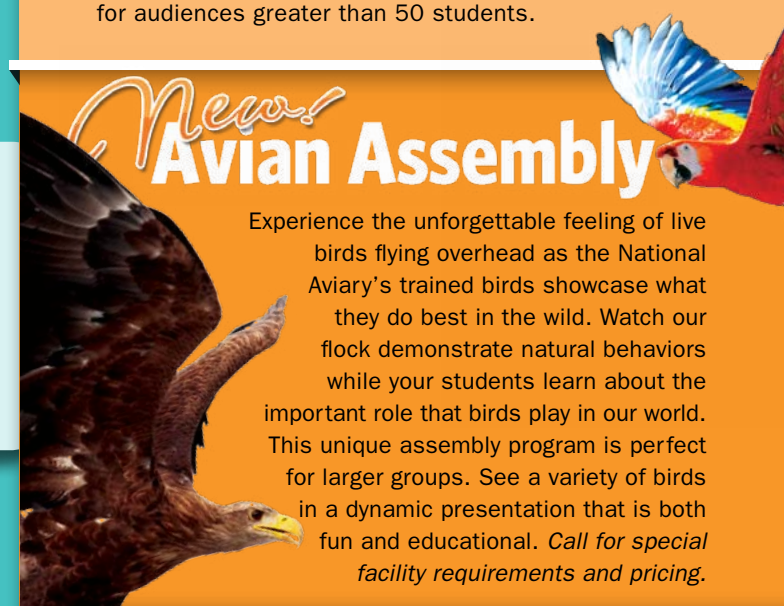
SPECIAL OFFER! School classes scheduled September through February include tickets to *Wings!*. Guests will witness the flights of macaws, vultures, and other species in our Helen M. Schmidt FliteZone™ theater. Through a 20-minute multimedia presentation, students will learn important environmental conservation messages. School classes scheduled March through June may add *Wings!* for only \$2 additional per person.

At Your Location

All of these classroom or assembly programs may also be held at your location within 30 miles of the National Aviary for \$250 per presentation. Add a second program to your assembly for only \$175. A microphone is required for audiences greater than 50 students.

New! Avian Assembly

Experience the unforgettable feeling of live birds flying overhead as the National Aviary’s trained birds showcase what they do best in the wild. Watch our flock demonstrate natural behaviors while your students learn about the important role that birds play in our world. This unique assembly program is perfect for larger groups. See a variety of birds in a dynamic presentation that is both fun and educational. *Call for special facility requirements and pricing.*



The National Aviary inspires respect for nature through an appreciation of birds.

For a listing of the National Aviary’s **daily events and activities**, please visit our website at www.aviary.org.

