



NATIONAL AVIARY  
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# School & Community Programs

Pre-K through Grade 12

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# Bring Science to Life!

Education programs offered by the National Aviary meet the needs of learners of multiple levels and abilities. We connect your students to concepts in science, technology, engineering, environmental literacy, and sustainability (STEELS) as well as math, geography, wildlife conservation, and more! Our team is ready to engage your students in the discovery of the natural world while keeping the importance of protecting wildlife in mind.

We offer a variety of educational opportunities through easy scheduling:

- Age-appropriate, curriculum-aligned classroom and assembly educational programming
- Schedule your program as an outreach to your facility or at the National Aviary
- Self-guided experiences, including curriculum-based activity guides
- Engaging experiences including immersive habitats, live shows, and meeting Animal Ambassadors
- Flexibility in supporting the needs of groups requiring accommodation. Contact us or visit the Accessibility page on our website for more information: [www.aviary.org/visit/accessibility](http://www.aviary.org/visit/accessibility)



# 1

## Choose Your Package



## Visit the National Aviary

- **Education Programs**  
Our Aviary educators guide your students through interactive, standards-based programming focusing on the topic of your choice\*. These programs are private for your group and feature age-appropriate activities, discussions, and explorations as well as a visit from a live Animal Ambassador. Options at your school for your classroom or an assembly are available!
- **A Teacher's Guide to the Aviary**  
*(for Elementary and Middle School Grades)*  
Make the Aviary your classroom with age-appropriate resource kits to go at your own pace! Perfect for large groups, your students will learn about concepts in science as they discover the wonderful world of birds. We provide you with a kit, which includes pre-visit and post-visit activities, and an onsite educational guide to use as you travel through the Aviary.

## ...or have the National Aviary come to you!

- Classroom and Assembly Outreach Programs**

Our educators bring all of the fun and learning of a National Aviary program to you. Friendly and professional Aviary educators engage your students during curriculum-aligned programs featuring interactive activities and a visit from an Animal Ambassador!

- CyBIRD Virtual Distance Learning** 

This experience offers exciting and fun lessons on a variety of topics, perfect for those groups not able to visit in person. Virtually enjoy the same rich curriculum and a visit from an Animal Ambassador as our expert team engages with you via an online platform!

*Most programs can be held at the National Aviary, at your school, or virtually. See part 2: Choose Your Program on pages 5-8 for program topics and descriptions.*

Package	Location	Price Per Person (PP)
<b>Group Admission + Education Program + Live Immersive Bird Show</b>	National Aviary	\$16 pp year-round
<b>Group Admission + Education Program OR Live Immersive Bird Show</b>	National Aviary	\$14 pp year-round
<b>Group Admission + Teacher's Guide to the Aviary</b>	National Aviary	\$13 pp September-February \$14 pp March-August
<b>Group Admission Only</b>	National Aviary	\$12 pp year-round
<b>Classroom Outreach*</b> <i>(up to 35 students)</i>	Your School	First program \$300 Second program \$240**
<b>Assembly Outreach*</b> <i>(more than 35 students)</i>	Your School	First program \$475 Second program \$375**
<b>CyBIRD Virtual Program</b>	Virtual Classroom	\$150

*\*Available at facilities within 30 miles of the National Aviary*

*\*\*Discounted rate available for programs scheduled for two different groups of students within one hour of each other at the same location.*

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## Choose Your Program

Unless otherwise noted, all program topics are available at the Aviary, at your facility, or virtually.



## Preschool & Kindergarten

*These interactive programs can be held at the National Aviary or at your school unless noted.*

- **Nature's Diner (30 minutes)**  
Through puppets, props, and a visit from an Animal Ambassador, National Aviary educators introduce children to different birds, their foods, and how different types of birds use their beaks to eat.
- **Rainbows in Flight (30 minutes)**  
Discover how important colors are to the animal world by exploring the huge variety in feathers—from the bright colors of a parrot to the muted camouflage of an owl. Meet a live bird ambassador and learn how its coloration helps it to survive and thrive in its own special way.

### COMING SOON!

- **A Teachers Guide to the Aviary for Preschool and Kindergarten**



# Elementary School (Grades 1-5)

*These interactive programs can be held at the National Aviary or at your school unless noted.*

- **Amazing Adaptations: Elementary Format**

(45 minutes)

Birds are equipped with traits that help them survive in their natural habitats. Students discover what these unique characteristics are and explore amazing feet, feathers, and beaks!

- **Habitats (45 minutes)**

From the frigid arctic to arid deserts, birds can be found in nearly every habitat on Earth! Learn what an animal needs to survive in different habitats and how birds can thrive in even the most extreme environments.

- **Owls (45 minutes)**

Owls are some of the most recognizable birds on earth, yet they remain elusive to many because of their habits and behaviors. Learn about the diversity of this remarkable group across the globe and close to home and discover the amazing adaptations that make them successful hunters, day and night!

- **Rainforests (45 minutes)**

Discover rainforest habitats through the eyes of the birds who live there. Students examine how rainforests, home to nearly half the world's plant and animal species, support ecological balance and why they are so important to protect.

- **A Teachers Guide to the Aviary: Habitat Designers**

This STEELS-aligned activity guide provides resources for before, during, and after your field trip that help students learn about what makes a healthy habitat. They will explore habitats at the National Aviary, investigate how each habitat meets the needs of the different birds that live there, then try designing their own!

*(Offered at the National Aviary only)*

- **NEW! Wings around the World School Partnership**

During this multi-touchpoint experience for 1st-3rd graders, students will gain in-depth knowledge about birds close to home and around the globe during two classroom visits. They will develop an appreciation for birds right in their backyard with a provided schoolyard bird feeder and a bird identification guide, given during the first classroom visit. After gaining an understanding of the bird world, students will take a field trip to the Aviary, where they will get an up close look and understanding of the importance of birds to our shared environment, the conservation challenges they face, and how we can help them (and ourselves!). This comprehensive field trip includes a thought-provoking education program, exploration of Aviary habitats, and the thrill of a live immersive bird show.



## Middle School (Grades 6-8)

*These interactive programs can be held at the National Aviary or at your school unless noted.*

- **Habitats: Middle School Format (45 minutes)**

From the frigid arctic to arid deserts birds can be found in nearly every habitat on Earth! Learn what an animal needs to survive in different habitats, and how birds can thrive in even the most extreme environments.

- **Birds and Conservation: Middle School Format (45 minutes)**

Explore the impacts humans and environmental factors have on the decline of various species, and discover how the conservation efforts of zoos, scientists, and everyday community members have led once-endangered species to make a comeback.

- **NEW! Avian Adaptations: A Spectrum of Structure and Color (45 minutes)**

The Avian world is full of color, even beyond what the human eye can see. From feather pigments to avian eyesight, students will explore how this colorful spectrum helps birds to survive, find food, attract mates, and more.

- **A Teachers Guide to the Aviary: Super Sleuths!**

Can your students identify the mystery bird? While they investigate the mysterious identity of an unknown bird, students will discover the various adaptations that make birds unique in the animal kingdom. This STEELS-aligned activity guide provides resources for before, during, and after your field trip that help support and extend student learning.

*(Offered at the National Aviary only)*





## High School (Grades 9-12)

*These interactive programs can be held at the National Aviary or at your school unless noted.*

- **Zoo Careers (45 minutes)**

Do your students wonder what it's like to be a zoo veterinarian? What about a zookeeper? What other career opportunities are there at zoos? In this program we'll explore some of the tools of the trade and learn all about zoo careers and what it takes to work in a zoo environment.

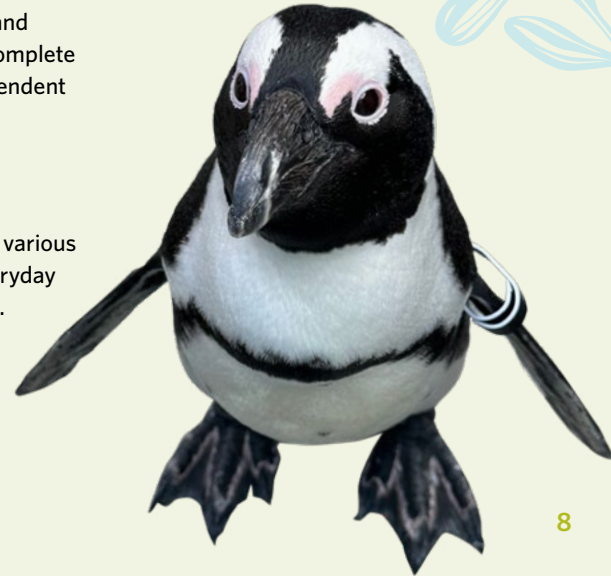
- **Science and Animal Behavior (45 minutes)**

How do scientists study birds? Students will implement the same methods and data collection techniques that ornithologists use. Your group will watch the birds and animals who live in the National Aviary's immersive, free-flight habitats and complete ethograms on what they see. A combination of classroom activities and independent observation work encourages students to think like scientists.

*(Offered at the National Aviary only for groups of 35 or under)*

- **Birds and Conservation: High School Format (45 minutes)**

Explore the impacts humans and environmental factors have on the decline of various species, and discover how the conservation efforts of zoos, scientists, and everyday community members have led once-endangered species to make a comeback.



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Enhance Your Visit With a Dynamic Live Immersive Bird Show!





**Our brand-new live, immersive bird show:  
Passport to Parks Presented by AAA Travel**

Get your *Passport to Parks* stamped and head out on a AAA Travel-sponsored eco tour of national parks found around the world, with National Aviary experts as your guide!

Our most immersive bird show to date, featuring a **brand new animal ambassador species** and not one but **two** exciting and knowledgeable guides, *Passport to Parks* is a live, educational and theatrical program sure to wow audiences!

**Flash Warning:** Standard showings of *Passport to Parks* contain flashing lights that may affect those who have photo sensitivities. Learn more about sensory-friendly show times on our website.

*(Offered at the National Aviary only)*



# 4

## Reserve Your Date



## Book Your Visit

The National Aviary Education Program schedule fills up fast! To ensure the greatest availability, we recommend contacting us to register **at least 6 weeks in advance** of your program or visit. To allow time to process your request, we require a **minimum of 2 weeks' advance notice** to schedule your outreach program or to visit the Aviary.

1. We have three convenient ways to begin your reservation process:
  - Use the online form by scanning the QR code, or go to [www.aviary.org/Education.Group.Inquiry](http://www.aviary.org/Education.Group.Inquiry)
  - Email [education.programs@aviary.org](mailto:education.programs@aviary.org)
  - Call the Education Sales Coordinator at **412-258-9439**



Please be ready with the following information:

- Organization name
- Program package and preferred topic, if applicable
- Number of students and adults
- Top three choices for the date of your onsite program or our visit to you
- Arrival and departure time for field trips or program time for outreach at your facility

2. A member of our Education Programs team will contact you after receipt of your completed inquiry to confirm the details of your reservation and to answer any questions you may have.
3. A field trip agreement will be emailed for you to review and sign.
4. Return the signed agreement to finalize your reservation.
5. Your final count of students and adults along with payment are due at least two weeks prior to the scheduled program or visit. Payment is non-refundable.
6. Please contact us by phone or email if you have questions at any point in the registration process. We are happy to help you!





## National Aviary Chaperone Requirements

**Preschool and Kindergarten groups:** 1 adult chaperone for every 5 children.

**1st-12th grade:** 1 adult chaperone for every 10 students.

These chaperones, along with the bus driver, receive complimentary admission. If your organization requires a higher chaperone to student ratio, please plan your visit in accordance with that policy. Chaperones must remain with their groups at all times during your National Aviary visit. To ensure a safe and fun visit for all National Aviary guests, all members of your party must follow National Aviary Guest Policies as outlined on our website <https://www.aviary.org/about-us/guest-policies-faqs/>.

## Outreach Guidelines

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our animals and of your participants, please plan to provide the following for the Outreach team:

- A legal parking space close to the entrance of your facility
- A safe holding area for birds before and during the program, sufficiently sheltered from direct sunlight and weather
- A presentation space with no moving ceiling fans, balloons, objects hanging from the ceiling, or other animals, a 6'-8' table, and a secure stage area that prevents people from walking behind the birds & our educators
- Chaperones in accordance with your organization's policies, and at minimum of one adult for every 25 children

## Group Visit Requirements

To qualify for the discounted group rate, the minimum group size for field trips and other groups is 15 paying participants. All members of your group must arrive at the same time.

## Payment

To qualify for the discounted group rate, a final count and full payment must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of your program or visit date. Your organization will be charged for the number of people indicated on the invoice by this deadline. If payment is not received, your reservation is subject to cancellation or rescheduling. A member of our team will verify the number of people in your group upon arrival. Any members of your group in excess of the final count are welcome to purchase regular price individual tickets at our Visitor Services Desk. Refunds are not provided if actual attendance is lower than indicated in your final count. Thank you for your support of the National Aviary!

***ALLERGY NOTICE: The National Aviary is NOT an allergen-free facility, as many of our birds' diets include nuts, seeds, and other potential human allergens.***

## Questions?

Please contact our Education  
Sales Coordinators at **412-258-9439**  
or [education.programs@aviary.org](mailto:education.programs@aviary.org).

