

School-Related Student Trip Request Form

SUBMIT THIS FORM ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING.

FACULTY MEMBER(S) SPONSORING TRIP K-4

TYPE OF TRIP (CHECK ONE):

☒ Classroom Field Trip ☐ Class Trip (i.e., junior, senior), specify _____

☐ Organization/Club Trip, specify _____ ☐ Other (athletic, band, if applicable) _____
DESTINATION CINCINNATI ZOO ADDRESS CINCINNATI, OH PHONE _____
☒ Out of State ☐ Out of County ☐ Within County

☐ Overnight; give name, address, phone of lodging _____

X If date in May K-4
If date in April K-3
 DATE(S) OF TRIP MAY 18, 2016 DEPARTURE TIME 9 AM RETURN TIME 2 PM

 Purpose/Educational Value 2nd choice April 26 - waiting to hear final approval from the zoo
We are very interested in bringing our kindergarten through 4th graders to the Cincinnati Zoo. We feel that a trip to the zoo would enhance our students' educational experience in many ways.

First, our school has a high percentage of free or reduced lunch students, which means many of our families cannot afford to take their children on educational trips to the outstanding places of in our area. Specifically, a high percentage of our students never go to the Cincinnati Zoo unless it is on a school field trip. Therefore, many children miss out on the opportunity to see these types of animals firsthand, rather than just in the pages of a book or on a television show.

In each grade level of our primary classrooms, our students study animals and their habitats. Students learn about animal classification based on attributes, animal life cycles, and different habitats. Each grade level has standards that directly link to all of these types of animal activities, and each year it is always one of the most enjoyed units by the students. A visit to the zoo provides a real-life, authentic culmination to all of the information they have learned in class. This visit would help students synthesize their knowledge and make connections they otherwise would never make.

During a zoo field trip, each teacher would plan activities specific to her grade level to encourage further learning from the classroom to the zoo itself. Without seeing these animals in their "natural" habitat, many students cannot visualize some of the information they learn in class and therefore lose it. We feel a field trip to the zoo enhances our students' education, and we hope to be able to attend this spring. Plus, a visit to the zoo is just fun! (This was attached to zoo application for grant as well).

Source of funding for trip applying for a grant to cover admission, estimated cost is \$2.50 for transportation

NO STUDENT SHALL BE DENIED THE TRIP BECAUSE OF AN INABILITY TO PAY.

 BILL TRIP EXPENSES TO: ☐ SPONSORING ORGANIZATION ☐ SCHOOL COUNCIL ☐ BOARD ☐ OTHER, SPECIFY ACTIVITY FUND _____

 NUMBER OF: STUDENTS 110 FACULTY SPONSORS 8 OTHER _____ CHAPERONES _____
APPROXIMATELY 30

 TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS 148 ESTIMATED _____

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION