

# HENRY VILAS ZOO WILD ENCOUNTERS

Meet some of Henry Vilas Zoo's amazing animals up close in person and learn about what makes them so unique, how we care for them, and how you can help with conservation! Your group can expect to meet a selection of HVZ's ambassador animals, like invertebrates, small reptiles, small mammals, or birds. Programs include age-appropriate thematic content based on Next Generation Science Standards and best practices in empathy-based interpretation.

## CRITTER CONNECTIONS

Groups visiting the zoo can schedule 30-minute, onsite programs on weekdays and as availability allows. Programs can accommodate up to 50 participants in the zoo's indoor classroom, or up to 100 participants in the zoo's outdoor Education Pavilion.

**Pricing for Critter Connections starts at \$50 per program.**

## ZOO TO YOU

Bring zoo animals to your group with our education outreach programs! HVZ educators travel to public locations within Dane County on weekdays and as availability allows. This option is great for community centers, nursing homes, and school visits.

**Pricing for Zoo to You programs starts at \$150 per program.**

## VIRTUAL CRITTER CONNECTIONS

Visit the zoo virtually and meet some of our amazing ambassador animals from the comfort of your classroom. Virtual Critter Connections are 30-minute programs and are a great addition to camp and class curriculum.

**Pricing for virtual programs is \$30. To make this program as accessible as possible, we offer a pay what you can model.**



## QUESTIONS?

Email [education@henryvilaszoo.gov](mailto:education@henryvilaszoo.gov) <https://henryvilaszoo.gov/education/>

## REGISTER

**Scholarship funds are available for all programs.**

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## PROGRAM THEMES

### **Shells, Scales, and Skin** - Ages Pre K-Adult

All about animal coverings! Meet animal ambassadors and learn how they use shells to protect themselves, how scales help with movement, or why some animals with skin are good bioindicator species.

### **Amazing Adaptations** - Ages Pre K-Adult

Have you ever wondered how animals survive in their habitats? Explore some ways that animals are able to camouflage, find food, and thrive!

### **Ages and Stages: Learning about Life Cycles** - Ages Pre K-Adult

Let's explore the lives of animals and how the different animals in the animal kingdom grow and change.

### **Senses and Defenses** - Ages Pre K-Adult

It's a big world out there for an animal, learn all about how animals protect themselves and sense the world around them through their amazing adaptations.

### **Predators vs Prey** - Ages Pre K-Adult

Who eats what? Meet some of our animal ambassadors to learn about what they eat, what eats them, and how they fit into complex ecosystems.

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### Healthy Habitats - Ages Pre K-Adult

Where do animals live, and how do they live there? Explore different habitats, the animals that live there, and how they fit into the habitats around them.

### Animal Care Science - Ages 3rd grade-Adult

How do zoos manage the welfare of so many different animals? Explore the world of zoos and discover how zoo staff take exceptional care of animals.

### Conservation Connection - Ages 3rd grade-Adult

Animals play a vital role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Delve into the issues animals face and learn how we can contribute to conservation efforts.

### Wild Careers - Ages Middle School-Adult

What does a day in the life of a zookeeper look like? How do zoo staff start in their career fields? Explore some of the different roles in zoology and conservation with professionals in zoo education.

