



Virtual Field Trips

June

What's Happening in June?
Zoo and Aquarium Month

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Akron Zoo
Akron, OH

URL: <http://www.akronzoo.com/school/distance.asp>
Contact: Carrie Bassett (330) 375-2550, ext. 8973 or cjbassett@akronzoo.org

Cost: \$75
Session Length: 60 minutes
Advance notice required: 1 month

Akron Zoo offers age-specific videoconferencing programs for students in grades 2 and up. All of the Distance Learning programs offered by the Zoo incorporate interaction with the students. Programs are aligned to national curriculum standards and include a teacher's packet containing a CD with digital activities and information, a program outline, pre- and post-program activities and a teacher evaluation form.

Buffalo Zoo
Buffalo, NY

URL: http://www.buffalozoo.org/distance_learning.html
Contact: (716) 837-3900 x. 143 or rbalk@buffalozoo.org

Cost: \$85
Session Length: 45 minutes
Advance notice required: 2 weeks

All programs are interactive, multimedia, and employ the use of live animals and live exhibit footage as needed. Programs are designed to help students fulfill the National Learning Standards. Pre and post program information and materials are provided (except Q & A) and are included in the program fee. Class size is limited to 25-30 students for maximum interactivity and program quality. Programs are available for students in grades K through 12.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Columbus, OH

URL: http://www.colszoo.org/education/as-dist_learn.htm**Contact:** (614) 724-3578 or distance.learning@columbuszoo.org**Cost:** \$120**Session Length:** 40 minutes**Advance notice required:** 1 month

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium broadcasts videoconferencing programs directly from animal exhibits, and incorporates a variety of hands-on activities into every class. Teachers will receive a packet containing information and materials for their session(s), as well as ideas for pre- and post-visit activities when they schedule a program. Programs are available for students in grades 1 through 12.

Lee Richardson Zoo

Garden City, KS

URL: <http://www.garden-city.org/zoo/education/distancelearning.htm>**Contact:** Ryan Schaffer at (620) 276-1250 or rschaffer@garden-city.org**Cost:** Free!!!**Session Length:** 30 - 45 minutes**Advance notice required:** 2 weeks

The Lee Richardson Zoo provides free distance learning programs from an interactive television studio. Students of any age can connect for a one-on-one visit with education staff and special animal ambassadors. Choose a pre-planned program topic, or ask the zoo to create a program to fit your interests. Programs can be adapted for any grade level. There is no program fee charge; however, schools requesting a program are responsible for any connection costs.

Tennessee Aquarium

Garden City, KS

URL: http://www.tennis.org/KidsTeachers/Distance_learning.asp**Contact:** Charles Hayslett at (423) 785-4094 or clh2@tnaqua.org**Cost:** \$50**Session Length:** 40 minutes**Advance notice required:** 2 weeks

All Tennessee Aquarium distance learning sessions feature an Aquarium educator interacting with students and answering questions about the topic. The animals are featured on camera and programs cater to specific grade levels. Educators give background information and multimedia visuals for the animal and its species while encouraging questions from students.
