

Tiger Rank Requirements (1st Grade)

The requirements and electives, as stated in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*, are in bold type. Suggestions for how to complete the activity during your Zoo Atlanta visit follow.

_____ **Making My Family Special - Family Activity 1f - Think of one chore you can do with your adult partner. Complete it together.**

Did you do a chore with your family to prepare for your trip to the Zoo (pack the car, prepare a picnic, check or put air in the tires, etc.)? If not, you can do a chore with your family at the Zoo (pick up trash) or when you get home that was related to your trip (unpack the car).

_____ **Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe - Family Activity 3f, part b - With your adult partner, plan what to do if you became lost or separated from your family in a strange place.**

While at the Zoo, review what to do if you become lost or separated from your family.

_____ **How I Tell It - Family Activity 4f - At a family meal, have each family member take turns telling the others one thing that happened to him or her that day. Remember to practice being a good listener while you wait for your turn to talk.**

While eating a meal together at the Zoo, your family can talk about the fun things that happened during your visit. What animals did you see and which one is everyone's favorite? What did you learn about the animals?

_____ **Let's Go Outdoors - Family Activity 5f - Go outside and watch the weather.**

Your family can watch the weather while walking around the Zoo. Is it hot and sunny? Does it look like rain? How does the weather affect the animals at the Zoo?

_____ **Go See It Activity 5g - Take a hike with your den.**

If you are visiting with your den, enjoy your hike around the Zoo as you look at different animals. Talk about where the animals live in the wild and what it would be like to take a hike through there.

Tiger Tracks (Electives)

_____ **E13 - Using US pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, choose the correct coins to make the following amounts: 15 cents, 27 cents, 35 cents, 50 cents, 59 cents, and 60 cents.**

There are many places to practice this while shopping at the Zoo!

_____ **E14 - Together with your adult partner, read a short story or a magazine article.**

There are a lot of short stories at the Zoo about different animals that you and your adult partner can read together. Most animal exhibits have signs about the animals for you to read. Also, check the back of your Zoo map and the sign at the entrance of the Zoo to see when and where "Animal Tales" is taking place that day. "Animal Tales" is a program where staff read stories about different animals in the Zoo. ("Animal Tales" location and topic varies weekly; program is offered seasonally.)

_____ **E22 - With your family or with your den, have a picnic -- indoors or outdoors.**

Plan a picnic to have at the Zoo. There are many places to purchase lunch or a snack or you can bring a picnic lunch with you.

_____ **E25 - Make a snack and share it with your family or den.**

Did you make a snack to eat while your family or den visited the Zoo? If not, you can make a snack from things available for purchase at one of the Zoo's restaurants or gift shops. While you are eating your snack, talk about what the animals snack on.

_____ **E29 - Talk with your adult partner about when you should use sunscreen. Find out whether you have any in your home and where it is kept. With your adult partner, look at a container of sunscreen and find out whether it still protects you when you are wet. Also find out how long you are protected before you have to put on more. Look for the expiration date and make sure the sunscreen is not too old.**

On those sunny days, be sure and use sunscreen as appropriate while visiting the Zoo. If you forgot to bring sunscreen, it is available for purchase in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop.

_____ **E31 - Learn about an animal.**

Most exhibits have signs that help you learn about the animals. You can also see how much you know about animals by reading the 2-sided "Test Your Zoo IQ" Signs found at many of the animal exhibits.

_____ **E35 - Play a game outdoors with your family or den.**

Some ideas include trying to find animals that begin with each letter of the alphabet; seeing who can find the most mammals, reptiles, amphibians, or birds; animal charades; etc. You might want to invent an original game to play.

_____ **E39 - Visit the place where your adult partner or another adult works.**

A lot of adults work at the Zoo. Check the back of the Zoo map to see the times and locations of "Keeper Talks" scheduled throughout the day. Go to a talk to find out more about a career in zookeeping.

_____ **E 42 - Visit a zoo or aquarium.**

Plan for your visit by checking out the Zoo Atlanta website at www.zooatlanta.org.

_____ **E 43 - Visit a veterinarian or animal groomer.**

Check the back of the Zoo map to see the times and locations of "Keeper Talks" scheduled throughout the day. Go to a talk to find out more about how animals are cared for and groomed.

_____ **E47 - Learn about what you can recycle in your community and how you can recycle at home. Learn about things that need to be recycled in special ways, such as paint and batteries.**

There are many places throughout the Zoo where you can recycle different items including aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass. You can recycle your Zoo map at the end of your visit. Also, visit the *Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center* to recycle a cell phone and learn

more about cell phone recycling. After your visit, find out more by visiting the Zoo's website (www.zooatlanta.org/conservation_think_green.htm).

E48 - Take a ride on public transportation, such as a bus or train.

How did you get to the Zoo today? There are several buses that go to the Zoo. At the Zoo, take a ride on the train.

Special Awards for All Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Academics and Sports Beltloops and Pins

Requirements are numbered as they appear in the *Academics and Sports Program Guide*. (BL = Beltloop and P = Pin) The requirements, as stated in the *Academics and Sports Program Guide*, are in bold type. Suggestions for how to complete the activity during your Zoo Atlanta visit follow.

Art Pin

P1 - Visit an art museum, gallery, or exhibit. Discuss with an adult the art you saw.

There is art all around the Zoo. Check out the hand-carved wooden animals on the Nabisco Endangered Species Carousel. See the cave paintings inside the tunnel as you ride the train. Enjoy the artwork of the *Cartoon Networks Boomerang* at the *Wild Like Me* exhibit. Lastly, check out the Zoo's animal artists in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop where you will find paintings by elephants and others.

P7 - Photograph four subjects in one theme, such as landscapes, people, animals, sports, or buildings.

Use your camera, or purchase a disposable camera from the gift shop or one of the vending machines located in the Zoo, and take pictures of four different animals. Choose a theme for your pictures such as mammals or animals from Africa.

P9 - Use your artistic skills to create a postage stamp, book cover, or music CD cover.

Create a zoo themed stamp or cover showing your favorite animal(s).

Citizenship Pin

P9 - List ways you can recycle various materials and conserve and protect the environment.

Record your list here: _____

The Zoo recycles many things including plastic, glass, aluminum, and paper. The Zoo also recycles cell phones and elephant waste. Look in the *Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center* for information about cell phone recycling and for a list of ways you can help protect the environment. Check out the "Pachy Poo" for sale in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company for more information about recycling elephant waste. Also, look at the different signs throughout the Zoo for information about animal conservation. After your visit, check out the "Conservation and Research" section of the website (www.zooatlanta.org) for more information about recycling, animal conservation, and protecting the environment

Collecting Beltloop and Pin

_____ **BL1 - Begin a collection of at least 10 items that all have something in common. Label the items and title your collection.**

_____ **P4 - Start a new collection of at least 20 items. Label the items, and title your collection.**

The Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop has many items for starting a collection or adding to an existing collection (miniature animals, stickers, key chains, bookmarks, stuffed animals, patches, pens, pins, etc.). There are also penny machines located throughout the Zoo, which make a unique souvenir collection item. Special books that hold the pennies are available for purchase in the gift shop.

Communicating Beltloop and Pin

_____ **BL1 - Tell a story or relate an incident to a group of people, such as your family, den, or members of your class.**

On the way home, tell your family about your favorite part of your Zoo Atlanta visit.

_____ **P1 - Write an original poem or story.**

Write a poem or short story about an animal you saw at Zoo Atlanta or about a zoo.

_____ **P8 - With an adult, use the Internet to search for information on a topic of interest to you.**

Before or after your visit, check out the Zoo Atlanta website at www.zooatlanta.org.

_____ **P12 - While traveling, make a list of road signs, animals, or license plates that you see.**

You can do this on your way to or from the Zoo. Record the different signs, animals, or license plates that you saw.

Computers Pin

_____ **P11 - Visit a local business or government agency that uses a mainframe computer to handle its business. Explain how computers save the company time and money in carrying out its work.**

There are computers throughout the Zoo. Record the ways they are used here:

Science Beltloop and Pin

_____ **BL3 - Visit a museum, a laboratory, an observatory, a zoo, an aquarium, or other facility that employs scientists. Talk to a scientist about his or her work.**

Check the back of the Zoo map for information about "Keeper Talks" scheduled throughout the day. Go to a "Keeper Talk" and ask the zookeeper about his or her work.

_____ **P12 - Read a book about a science subject that interests you.**
Find a book about your favorite animal or another science subject in the gift shop.

Wildlife Conservation – Beltloop and Pin

_____ **BL1 – Explain what natural resources are and why it's important to protect and conserve them.**

Read the many signs throughout the Zoo about this. For example, check out *The Living Treehouse* to learn all about trees. You can also talk with a Zoo employee about this topic. Record what you learn here:

_____ **BL3 - Learn about an endangered species. Make a report to your den that includes a picture, how the species came to be endangered, and what is being done to save it.**

The Zoo is home to many endangered species including giant pandas, gorillas, rhinos, orangutans, many species of frogs, and several birds. You can find out more about these endangered animals by reading the signs throughout the Zoo. You can also attend a “Keeper Talk” (check the back of the Zoo map for times and locations). Make sure you take a picture of the endangered species you choose. Record the name of your animal and what you learned here:

_____ **P1 - Visit a wildlife sanctuary, nature center, or fish hatchery.**
Zoo Atlanta serves as a nature center and wildlife sanctuary to various species of animals.

_____ **P2 - Collect and read five newspaper or magazine articles that discuss conservation of wildlife and report to your family or den what you learn.**

Signs and stories related to this topic are posted around the Zoo. Specific locations include *The Living Treehouse* and the *Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center*. You can find magazines and books in the gift shop related to this topic. Also, be sure and access the Zoo’s website (www.zooatlanta.org) for articles related to this topic.

_____ **P3 - Learn about five animals that use camouflage to protect themselves.**

Many Zoo animals use camouflage as protection including mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. List the names of the animals you find here:

_____ **P7 - Visit with a person who works in wildlife conservation, such as a park ranger, biologist, range manager, geologist, horticulturist, zookeeper, fishery technician, or conservation officer.**

Check the back of the Zoo map for “Keeper Talks” scheduled throughout the day where you can meet and talk with zookeepers.

Outdoor Activity Award

This is a special award in connection with attending Cub Scout camp. Be sure and check with your den leader to see if you are eligible and what additional activities are required beyond camp attendance and the ones listed below. You may be able to receive credit for the following “Outdoor Activities” by visiting Zoo Atlanta. Remember, it is up to your den leader whether or not your trip to the Zoo qualifies. Please note: the numbers of the activities correspond with the number listed in the award materials (not numerical order).

Outdoor Activities - With your den, pack, or family:

_____ **1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.**

Enjoy a hike around the Zoo to observe animals and local nature. Look for native butterflies, chipmunks, spiders, and birds that call the Zoo home. Check out the Zoo’s *Backyard Habitat* for local plant and animal species.

_____ **2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.**

Enjoying the Zoo is a great outdoor activity.

_____ **3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.**

Practice the buddy system while visiting the Zoo and discuss a plan of what to do if someone gets lost.

_____ **13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.**

Zoo Atlanta is located in historic Grant Park, which is the oldest city park in Atlanta and on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award

This is a special award that involves numerous activities. Be sure and check with your den leader for complete requirements. Your visit to Zoo Atlanta may count toward the following requirements. Remember, it is up to your den leader whether or not your trip to the Zoo qualifies. Please note: the numbers of the activities correspond with the number listed in the Cub Scout award requirement materials (not numerical order). This is not a complete list of all the requirements (only the requirements that might be completed at the Zoo are listed).

Pledge

I promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines wherever I go:

1. Plan ahead.
2. Stick to trails.
3. Manage your pet.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Respect other visitors.
6. Trash your trash.

Signature of Cub Scout: _____

Today's Date: _____

Be sure and follow these guidelines while visiting Zoo Atlanta!

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.

2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.

5. Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.

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