BLACK PINE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

# EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

- **April - Nov. Wed, Thur, Fri**
- **Minimum 10 Guests, Max. 70**
- **75-90 minute walking tour**
- **$5 deposit to reserve pavilion**

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary is proud to offer educational field trips that provide students with an immersive learning experience about the exotic pet trade, sanctuary life, and current issues of conservation. Our guided tours share the individual stories of our rescued residents while teaching the critical differences between sanctuaries, zoos, and roadside attractions.

As a GFAS-accredited sanctuary, we maintain strict protocols to ensure the wellbeing of our animal residents, as well as the safety of out guests and staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our policies, which allow us to provide meaningful educational experiences while protecting the animals in our care.

| Availability | Group Size | Lunch Facilities |
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| April through November | Minimum: 10 participants | Two covered pavilions available: large and small |
| Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays | Maximum: 35 per tour group | Can be used before or after tour if available |
| 10 AM or 12 PM start time | Can accommodate 2 tour groups simultaneously | Request when scheduling |
| Our walking tour lasts 75-90 minutes (shorter for younger students) | Groups over 70 **MUST** schedule separate slots | **$5 deposit to reserve** |

**Please Note -** The large grassy areas along our driveway are **NOT** our property and are not available as a secondary space for field trip groups. Many of our groups will utilize Hidden Diamonds park to have lunch while one group tours at 10 AM and then switch them over for their second group to take the 12 PM tour.

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## Field Trip/Group Rate Pricing:

**$7 per student | $10 per adult**

All attendees must pay admission, including teachers/bus drivers/chaperones, etc.
Advance payment preferred, details finalized on booking confirmation

# Behavioral Expectations

Please review these expectations with your students AND chaperones before your visit. Participants who cannot maintain these expectations will be removed from the group without a refund.

## Student Expectations:

1. **Understand Sanctuary principles:** Know what makes a True Sanctuary different from a zoo
2. **No running, yelling, or teasing animals:** this includes making animal sounds, waving arms, or mimicking residents
3. **Stay behind painted yellow lines:** Do not touch or climb on fences
4. **Active, respectful participation:** Listen carefully and raise your hand to ask questions

## Chaperone Responsibilities:

1. **Maintain quiet environment:** No whistles or yelling. Use silent signals to redirect students
2. **Monitor student movement and behavior:** Keep students on paths and away from fences. Active chaperone supervision allows our guides to focus on delivering educational content rather than managing behavior.
3. **Pre-visit preparation:** Ensure students understand Sanctuary mission and noise restrictions prior to arrival
4. **Group cohesion:** Groups must stay together at all times. In case of emergency, students leaving the group must notify their guide

## Important Capacity Information:

**Our tour capacity limits are strict and non-negotiable.** As an accredited sanctuary, we limit the number of visitors to minimize stress on our rescued residents and ensure an educational experience. Each tour group is capped at 35 guests total (students & adults combined). We require adequate adult supervision - typically one adult per 10 students - so our tour guides can focus on education.

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# New policies effective April 2027:

## Full-price admission fees for additional guests exceeding capacity:

In the instance that a group brings additional guests which exceed their reservation capacity (35 for one tour group, 70 for two groups), the additional guests will be charged our regular full-price admission fees rather than the discounted group rate stated above.

Full-price admission fees:

Youth age 1-4: $10 | Children 5-17: $12.50 | Adults 16-61: $17.50 | Seniors 62+: $15.50

## $5 deposit to reserve pavilions for lunch:

We will now be charging a small fee to reserve pavilions for lunch. This is simply to aid in curating an accurate schedule as well as maintaining our picnic tables, pavilions, and other amenities.

# Ready to Schedule Your Field Trip?

Contact our Education Coordinator to check availability and reserve your date

**Email jess@blackpine.org**

After confirming your date, you'll receive detailed planning information and additional resources to prepare your students for an engaging and educational sanctuary experience. We will respond to all inquiries sent to the correct address within 3-5 business days. If you do not receive a response, please follow up to ensure your message was received.

Be aware that our previous field trip email (info@blackpine.org) is no longer monitored. Please use the contact information above to schedule.

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