Itinerary for the Zoo Field Trip

Bus Arrival: 8:45
Departure: 9:00
Arrival at the Zoo: 10:45
Picnic Lunch: 11:00 at the picnic area outside the Africa entrance
Explore the Zoo: 11:30-3:00
Snack: 1:30: Junction Plaza; ice cream is the usual treat
Meet at the Zoo Entrance: 3:00 at North America to ride the trolley to the bus
Board Bus and Leave Zoo: 3:15 Board the bus back at the Africa parking lot
Arrive at Partnership: 5:00

Important Information:

Chaperones: Every parent is encouraged to come on the zoo field trip, but it is not a requirement. Parents may carpool, and this is strongly encouraged. Parents may not ride the bus, but may follow it or meet us at the zoo. Each child will be admitted to the zoo for free. The $17.00 was to pay for the charter bus and driver. Each parent will be expected to pay for themselves and any additional family members that enter the zoo. Adult entry is $12 and child entry is $8. Children under 2 are admitted free. Note: if you would like to go onto the Giraffe Deck there is an additional $2 fee and a $4 fee for the new Dinosaur Exhibit.

Picnic Lunch: Please bring bag lunches. If you do not bring a bagged lunch, you or your child will be responsible for carrying their lunchbox, thermos, or water bottle throughout the zoo. We will stop at the midpoint of the zoo for a snack break. Please send some money ($2-$5) for ice cream.

Clothing: Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring an umbrella or rain jacket if rain is expected. Sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses are great for sunny weather. Backpacks are not allowed by students. Coolers, food or beverage used for medical purposes can be checked at the entrance, tagged, and brought inside the zoo. Bottled water is fine to
bring, but remember any water bottles the students bring, they must be responsible to carry.

**Leaving the zoo:** Teachers will have sign-out sheets. When we picnic before entering the zoo, students who are planning to leave with their parents must be signed out. Children may ride home with another parent, as long as teachers have written parental permission prior to the field trip. After our picnic lunch parents may choose to explore the zoo with their student at their own pace, visiting exhibits they wish to see. Teachers will have groups of students, whose parents are unable to attend. You may choose to stick with the teacher group or explore on your own. Please check the itinerary above to note important times, meeting places, and departure information.

**Arrival at Partnership:** We will arrive at Partnership at 5:00 PM. Please make sure you are there to pick your child up from the school. If someone other than a parent is picking your child up from the school, teachers need written parental permission prior to the field trip.

**Emergencies:** Please contact the school in the event of an emergency. All teachers and school chaperones will have access to cell phones and are only a phone call away. 919-856-8200 is the school number; 1-800-488-0444 is the NC Zoo phone number.

**Directions:** Take US 64 West to Asheboro, NC; turn left onto Zoo Parkway/NC 159; Go 4.4 miles; Turn left at Zoo Entrance; bus will park in and depart from the Africa parking lot

**Additional Information:** [http://www.nczoo.org](http://www.nczoo.org)