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The Los Angeles Zoo is excited to offer the ZOO PALS program. ZOO PALS is a special grant-funded program that provides teachers and their students with **FREE** admission and **FREE** transportation to the Los Angeles Zoo for either a self directed visit (pre-k thru adult) or docent-guided tour (grade one and higher only).

Interested teachers may apply for the **FREE** field trip, **FREE** docent guided tour (for grades one and higher only), and **FREE** transportation by **MAILING the following:**

- 1. The completed application form**
- 2. A one-page letter on school letterhead indicating why you want your students to participate in a field trip to the Los Angeles Zoo, how you believe your students will benefit from the experience and a brief explanation of why your class wouldn't be able to come to the Zoo were it not for the support of the scholarship.**

Only mailed application forms and letters on school letterhead (original forms only – no copies please) will be accepted.

Criteria for the scholarship are based solely upon the financial need of the school. Assessment of the need will be determined by verification of the schools receipt of Title 1 or Head Start funding or other subsidized government support. Applications that meet the criteria will be awarded a ZOO PALS scholarship on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. *Funding for this program is limited; so please apply early.* **Do not consider your field trip booked until you receive an acceptance letter along with written confirmation from the Los Angeles Zoo.**

If you are a group not affiliated with a school please fill-out the "Group Scholarship" ZOO PALS application.

When filling-out the application form, be sure to request three possible dates **(September 2009 through April 2010 only)**. The months of May and June are not available due to the high volume of schools the Zoo serves during that time period. Please select whether your visit will be self-directed or if you are requesting a docent guided tour. We **ONLY** offer docent guided tours for student groups in grade one and higher.

The ZOO PALS program funds transportation costs for participating teachers and their students **(ONE bus per school - maximum 60 students.)**

Scholarship recipients will be required to submit photos from the field trip along with letters and/or pictures from the students. Photos and written materials must be received by the Los Angeles Zoo within three weeks of the completion of the field trip.

Applications should be MAILED to the following:

Los Angeles Zoo
ZOO PALS School Scholarship
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

If you have additional questions after reviewing the application, please call (323) 644-5366.

The Los Angeles Zoo thanks you for your interest in ZOO PALS!

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SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please fill out this entire form. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. Completed applications must be mailed.

I. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

School Phone Number _____

School Fax Number _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Email Address _____

Principal _____ Principal's Signature _____

School District _____ and City Council District # _____ or County District # _____

Title One School YES or NO (please circle)

Head Start School YES or NO (please circle)

Private School _____

Does your group have any special needs which may impact your visit? If so, please describe.

Grades served _____

Total enrollment _____

Total # of employees' _____

Are you a year round school? _____

% of students on free/ reduced lunch _____

% of limited English Speaking students' _____

Average class size _____

Current annual expense per pupil
(Total budget/ total attendance) _____

List additional specific government or private funding your school receives

How did you hear about the ZOO PALS Scholarship Program?

On your school's letterhead please type a one-page letter indicating why you want your students to participate in a field trip to the Los Angeles Zoo, how you believe your students will benefit from the experience and explain why your class wouldn't be able to come on this trip were it not for the support of the scholarship (please submit the letter along with the scholarship application). Letters only written on school letterhead will be accepted.

II. Program Information

School's Name _____ District _____

Total Number of Participating Students/Grade Level(s) _____ (maximum 60 students)
 Additional students will be the responsibility of the non-LAUSD schools \$3/student

Number of Chaperones _____ (1:10 student ratio is covered; additional LAUSD chaperones \$3/person and additional non-LAUSD chaperones \$5/person is the responsibility of the school)

Contact Teacher _____ Cellular Number (____) _____

Contact Teacher's E-mail _____

Would you like to apply for transportation funds? YES or NO
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- You may book your field trip for a **Monday through Friday** between September 2009 and April 2010.
- Please list three date choices and provide the time that you are requesting. Your class will be scheduled in the first available time slot. Please check whether you would prefer a Self-Directed Visit or a Docent Guided Tour. **Please note that Docent Guided tours are only for students in 1st grade and higher.**

	Docent Guided	Self Directed
1. Day _____ Date _____ Time _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Day _____ Date _____ Time _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Day _____ Date _____ Time _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Contact Teacher acknowledges:

1. Returning this form and the one-page letter does not guarantee acceptance into the Zoo Pals grant. **You are not covered under the grant until the contact teacher receives written confirmation from the Los Angeles Zoo.**
2. Keep a copy of this form and mail the original to the Los Angeles Zoo (see above for address).

I, _____, contact teacher for the above school have read the above and understand the process and my responsibilities and will share the information with the other participating teachers and the school's administrative staff.

Contact Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail completed application forms and letters to:

Los Angeles Zoo
 ZOO PALS School Scholarship
 5333 Zoo Drive
 Los Angeles, CA 90027

Office use only: Date of visit: _____ conf.#: _____ Value _____ Approval Signature _____ Date _____ Transportation Cost _____
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