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Zoo Offers Education Programs for Home School Students

Starting October 2, Nashville Zoo will offer a new series of education programs designed for home school children. The programs are grouped into three age-appropriate programs and will be offered on the first Tuesday of each month (January 2008 will be offered on the second Tuesday).

These engaging programs encourage home school students to learn about the importance of conservation by exploring the world of animals through animal presentations and artifacts. *Animal Wrappers* (for ages 4-8) features fur, feathers, skin, scales, exoskeletons and an overall introduction into animal classification. *Surviving the Wild* (for ages 9-13) explores diverse survival mechanisms in the animal kingdom. Kids will discover why turtles have shells, why bird beaks are so different, and more. *Working With Wildlife* (for ages 14-18) addresses animal-related careers and is designed specifically for middle school students. All programs are aligned with Tennessee State Standards.

The 45-minute programs cost \$6 per student and include one chaperone with each group of students (one or more). Additional chaperones are \$7 each. Admission to Nashville Zoo is included with the program cost, putting the price in line with the Zoo's education group rate policy. For more information about the home school programs, please call the education department at 833-1534 ext. 142 or visit the Zoo's website at www.nashvillezoo.org/homeschool.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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