Students will complete any of the programs with the knowledge that through informed actions, they can positively impact ecosystems and therefore animal survival.

**ZOO TO YOU AND ZOO SAFARI TOPICS**

**Animal Movement**
Animals use different body parts to help them move around and survive. During this program we will see how different animals move and we will practice imitating some of them! Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Animal Senses**
Animals have senses just like us! Children will compare their senses to that of animals as we touch, hear, smell and see our way through this program. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Animal Coverings**
Why are birds covered with feathers? Why are reptiles covered in scales? Here is your chance to see and touch some different body coverings and learn more about how they help an animal survive! Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Animal Needs**
All animals need certain things to survive, just like people do! Join us as we explore what different animals like to eat and drink, how they stay warm and how they get the air they need. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Animal Opposites**
Animals, like people, come in all different shapes and sizes. During this program we will discuss opposites while learning about the largest mammal on land, elephants, and introduce you to some of the smallest animals we have at the zoo. We will even practice posing like an elephant! Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Life Cycles**
What changes happen when animals grow? Many animals go through a series of changes from birth to death. Students will compare a variety of animal life cycles and learn what changes occur to them between egg and adult. Appropriate for K-3rd grades.

**Bats (onsite only)**
Do you love bats? By the end of this program you will! There are numerous myths about bats that will be debunked while we learn about how bats help humans, what they eat, problems they face, and some fun facts! Appropriate for 2nd-4th grades.
Zoo Careers
Think you may want to work at a zoo someday? Why are zoo careers so important? Learn about the different types of jobs at zoos, and what it takes to prepare for a career working with animals. You will meet some outreach animals that are a part of every workday here at the zoo. Appropriate for ages 10-adult.

Going Native
New York state is full of some real characters; in the animal kingdom that is! Get to know some of your animal neighbors and learn more about how they make their living in the Empire State. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.

Endangered Species
What is an endangered species? Learn why animals are endangered, about the zoo’s resident endangered species – find out what can be done to save them and how you can help. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.

Amazing Adaptations
Why do tigers have such big teeth? How far can an owl turn its head? In this program, discover how animals survive in their environments using special body parts or behaviors known as adaptations. Appropriate for all ages including mixed age programs. Our most requested program!

Predator vs. Prey
What is a predator? What is prey? Meet an example of each, and learn how the ability to get food and avoid becoming food is linked to survival. Different types of animal diets will also be explored! Appropriate for all ages including mixed age programs.

Habitats
Local woodlands, deserts, tropical rainforests … these are just some of the places our animals call home. Discover some of the habitats animals live in and how they have adapted to survive there. Appropriate for all ages including mixed age programs.

Rainforests
Tropical rainforests are one of the most diverse environments on earth, with over half of our known plant and animal species residing there. You will learn about the layers of rainforest and the animals that inhabit them. Students will also learn how humans depend on this unique habitat. Appropriate for all ages including mixed age programs.

Animal Enrichment
Have you ever wondered if animals can get bored like humans do? This program explores different tools that the zoo uses to enrich the lives of the animals that call it home. We will also learn how you can enrich the lives of the animals that reside in your home. Appropriate for all ages including mixed age programs.

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