

## **Bear Rank Requirements (3rd Grade)**

Page numbers listed beside each activity correspond with page numbers in the *Bear Handbook*. The requirements and electives, as stated in the *Bear Handbook*, are in bold type. Suggestions for how to complete the activity during your Zoo Atlanta visit follow.

### **SHARING YOUR WORLD WITH WILDLIFE (Page 50) – Requirements 5A, 5C, 5D, and 5E.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **5A - Choose a bird or animal that you like and find out how it lives. Make a poster showing what you have learned.** Choose an animal at the Zoo that you like and learn more about it. Many exhibits have signs with information about the animals. Also, check on the back of the Zoo map for any scheduled “Keeper Talks” about the animal you choose. Attend the “Keeper Talk” to learn from the zookeepers and ask questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **5C - Explain what a wildlife conservation officer does.** Check the back of the Zoo map for information about “Keeper Talks” scheduled throughout the day. Go to a “Keeper Talk” and ask the zookeeper about his or her work. Record what you learn here:

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\_\_\_\_\_ **5D - Visit one of the following: Zoo, Nature center, Aviary, Wildlife refuge, Game preserve.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **5E - Name one animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years. Tell why animals become extinct. Name one animal that is on the endangered species list.** There are signs at the exhibits located throughout the Zoo. Many of these signs tell you the conservation status of the animal (extinct, endangered, threatened, etc.). There are many endangered animals at the Zoo so see if you can find some. You can also attend a “Keeper Talk” to find out more about endangered species (check the back of the Zoo map for times and locations).

An animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years is \_\_\_\_\_

Animals become extinct because

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An animal on the endangered species list is \_\_\_\_\_

### **WHAT'S COOKING? (Page 80) – Requirement 9E**

\_\_\_\_\_ **9E – Make some trail food for a hike.** Did you make some trail food to snack on and enjoy while visiting the Zoo? If not, you can make a snack from things available for purchase at one of the Zoo’s restaurants or gift shops. While you are eating your snack, talk about what the animals snack on.

### **FAMILY FUN (Page 90) – Requirement 10A**

\_\_\_\_\_ **10A - Go on a day trip or evening out with members of your family.**

### **FAMILY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE (Page 106) – Requirements 12B, 12C, 12D, and 12E**

\_\_\_\_\_ **12B - Go on a hike with your family.**

If you are visiting with your family, enjoy your hike around the Zoo as you look at different animals. Talk about where the animals live in the wild and what it would be like to take a hike through there.

\_\_\_\_\_ **12C- Have a picnic with your family.** Plan a picnic to have at the Zoo. There are many places to purchase lunch or a snack or you can bring a picnic lunch with you.

\_\_\_\_\_ **12D - Attend an outdoor event with your family.** Be sure to attend one of our live animal shows, “Keeper Talks,” interactive programs, or animal feedings. Check the back of the Zoo map for a listing of times and locations throughout the day.

\_\_\_\_\_ **12E - Plan your outdoor family day.** Plan your day with your family by checking out the Zoo Atlanta website at [www.zooatlanta.org](http://www.zooatlanta.org).

### **JOT IT DOWN (Page 140) – Requirement 18F**

\_\_\_\_\_ **18F - Write a story about something you have done with your family.** After your Zoo visit with your family, write a story about it.

### **BUILD A MODEL (Page 156) – Requirement 21A**

\_\_\_\_\_ **21A - Build a model from a kit.** The Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop has model-building kits of dinosaurs and other animals.

## **Bear Electives**

### **ART (Page 214) – Electives 9B and 9C**

\_\_\_\_\_ **9B - Visit an art museum or picture gallery with your den or family.** There is art all around the Zoo. Check out the hand-carved wooden animals on the Nabisco Endangered Species Carousel. See the cave paintings inside the tunnel as you ride the train. Enjoy the artwork of the *Cartoon Networks Boomerang* at the *Wild Like Me* exhibit. Lastly, check out the Zoo’s animal artists in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop where you will find paintings by elephants and others.

\_\_\_\_\_ **9C - Find a favorite outdoor location and draw or paint it.** Draw or paint your favorite outdoor part of the Zoo.

**PHOTOGRAPHY (Page 222) – Electives 11A, 11B, and 11C**

Use your camera to do the activities listed below while visiting the zoo. If you did not bring a camera, the gift shop and vending machines throughout the Zoo have disposal cameras for purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_ **11A - Practice holding a camera still in one position. Learn to push the shutter button without moving the camera. Do this without film in the camera until you have learned how. Look through the viewfinder and see what your picture will look like. Make sure that everything you want in your picture is in the frame of your viewfinder.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **11B - Take five pictures of the same subject in different kinds of light. 1. Subject in direct sun with direct light. 2. Subject in direct sun with side light. 3. Subject in direct sun with back light. 4. Subject in shade on a sunny day. 5. Subject on a cloudy day.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **11C3 - Put your pictures to use: 3 - Make three pictures that show how something happened (tell a story) and write a one sentence explanation for each.**

**FARM ANIMALS (Page 244) – Electives 16B and 16C**

\_\_\_\_\_ **16B - Name and describe six kinds of farm animals and tell their common uses.**

Visit the *Petting Zoo* located in the *Outback Station* area of the Zoo to learn about different farm animals. Record the names of the farm animals and their uses here:

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\_\_\_\_\_ **16C - Read a book about farm animals and tell your den about it.** Check the sign at the entrance of the Zoo to see if the “Animal Tales” program for the day is about farm animals. If so, attend the “Animal Tales” program to hear a story about farm animals. There are also many books in the Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop about farm animals. (“Animal Tales” location and topic varies weekly; program is offered seasonally.)

**COLLECTING THINGS (Page 268) – Requirement 22B**

\_\_\_\_\_ **22B - Mount and display a collection of emblems, coins, or other items to show at a pack meeting. This can be any kind of collection. Every time you show a different kind of collection, it counts as one requirement.**

There are souvenir penny machines located throughout the Zoo, which make a unique collection item. Special books that hold the pennies are available for purchase in the gift shop. The Zoo Atlanta Trading Company gift shop has many items for starting a collection or adding to an existing collection (miniature animals, stickers, key chains, bookmarks, stuffed animals, patches, pens, pins, etc.).

**MAPS (Page 270) – Elective 23E**

\_\_\_\_\_ **23E - Mark a map showing the way to a place you would like to visit that is at least 50 miles from your home.** Is the Zoo at least 50 miles from your home? If so, mark the route you took to get to the Zoo on a map.