

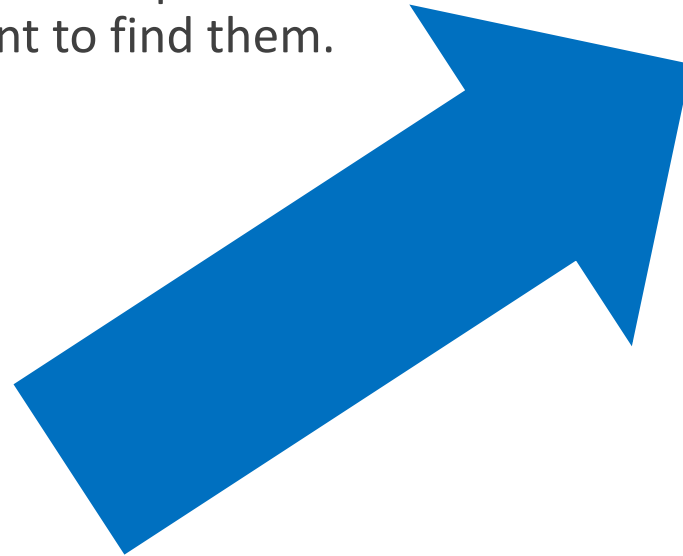
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Giraffe Experience

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Up Close with the Giraffes!

I am going to feed the giraffes at the Philly Zoo! It is so exciting, and I can't wait to see these beautiful creatures up close. The giraffes are located in the "African Plains" part of the zoo. I can use a map if I want to find them.



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During our giraffe experience, there may be times when there is a lot to see, hear, or smell.

If it is too bright and hurts my eyes, I can wear sunglasses or cover my eyes.

If it is too loud, I can wear headphones or cover my ears.

If something smells bad, I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.

Line at Giraffe Experience

We might have to wait in line to feed the giraffes.

While we wait, I will hear and see other families walking around the zoo. I might see some different animals. I might smell the animals and their food, or food that people are eating. There might be a lot of people, so I should stay with my parents or guardians while we wait.

Feeding the Giraffes

Once it is our turn to feed the giraffes, a staff person will scan our tickets and go over the rules.

I need to remember not to touch the giraffe. I should also hold on to my branch nice and tight because the giraffes will pull when they eat.

Feeding the giraffes

When we go inside the gate, we'll hold the branches and wave them around. It might take a while for the giraffes to come over to us, so I might have to be patient.

The giraffes will come up to us and start chewing on the branches. I'll need to hold on nice and tight while they chew the branches.

The giraffe's tongue might come out while it is eating. Their tongues are long and purple and look really neat. Their tongues might touch my hand and that might feel weird, but I know it can't hurt me.

While I'm feeding the giraffes, my parent or guardian can take pictures of me! I can also ask the staff member questions about the giraffes.



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Once we are done, we will walk out of a different gate. I should use hand sanitizer when we exit. From there, I can either explore more of the Zoo or go home. What a great day at the Philadelphia Zoo!