

SNEAK PEEK TOURS

KIPP AQUARIUM

Thursdays

1:00-2:00 PM

This Sneak Peek includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Kipp Aquarium and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Kipp Aquarium exhibits. Your experience will include a view of the back-of-house of exhibit tanks with salt and freshwater species from around the world and a glimpse into what it takes to maintain thousands of gallons of water from filtration to reverse osmosis, and **may** also include an octopus, sea turtle, or shark feeding.

Important Tour Information

- Tour meets at Sarofim Court.
- This is a guided walking tour; guests will not board a tram or other vehicle.
- Tour is for guests ages 8 and older only. A ratio of 1 adult for every 2 children is required.
- Non-members must purchase admission tickets in order to participate. Admission tickets may be purchased on the day of your visit at the Zoo's main entrance.
- Reservations are required. Online registration closes at midnight the day before the tour or when the maximum capacity of 6 persons is reached.
- Cancellations must be made 7 days in advance or payment will be forfeited. All cancellations must be made in writing and sent to tours@houstonzoo.org.

BIRDS

Thursdays

10:30-11:30 AM

This Sneak Peek includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of Birds of the World exhibits and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of ONE of the following areas.

- * Avian Conservation Environment building (including the incubation and brooder rooms)
- * Shoebill stork exhibit

In our Avian Conservation Environment building, see the inner workings of the Bird Department, including how we care for our birds from eggs to chicks to adults. Your experience **may** include a candling demonstration, viewing of chicks and/or surrogate mothers, diet preparations, and back-of-house exhibits. A visit to our shoebill stork exhibit will include a feeding experience by the keeper as well as overview of back-of-house exhibit area. The specific back of house animal area you visit on your tour will be determined by the animal care team.

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CARNIVORES

Saturdays

1:30-2:30 PM

This Sneak Peek includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of small cat row and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of ONE of the following areas.

- * Bears
- * African Wild Dogs
- * Cheetahs
- * Lions

See the back-of-house areas of some of our most popular exhibits. Your experience **may** include an opportunity to provide enrichment to our animals such as assisting keepers with placing enrichment in an exhibit, providing tasty treats to our animals, or viewing our animals up-close in their back-of-house exhibit areas. The specific back of house animal area you visit on your tour will be determined by the animal care team.

Important Tour Information

- Tour meets at Sarofim Court.
- This is a guided walking tour; guests will not board a tram or other vehicle.
- Tour is for guests ages 12 and older only. A ratio of 1 adult for every 2 children is required.
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CHILDREN'S ZOO

Sundays

1:30-2:30 PM

This Sneak Peek includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the Children's Zoo and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the Green Barn, which houses our animal ambassadors. Animal ambassadors cannot be viewed by the general public as they are utilized in Zoo events, programs, and classes. Your experience will include touching and photo opportunities with a variety of animals, including mammals, birds, and reptiles.

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COMMISSARY

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:30-10:30 AM

This Sneak Peek includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour through the heart of the Zoo's back-of-house areas and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the commissary, where the food is housed and prepared daily for the Zoo's collection of over 6,000 animals. See the Zoo's culinary creations for our animals and our massive storage areas for hay, grain, meat, and other food items, including our warehouse of walk-in refrigerators and freezers. Your experience **may** include a demonstration of food prep on the Zoo's commercial machinery, a peek into the Zoo's cookbook, or an opportunity to help prepare food items for our animals.

Important Tour Information

- For this tour, please wear closed-toe shoes (no high heels) and dress appropriately for a tour of refrigerated and freezer areas.
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