

STAR TREATMENT TOURS

CAT TRAINING WINDOW

Wednesdays

8:00-9:00 AM

(excluding the first Wednesday of every month)

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of small cat row and a 30-minute training window experience, including feeding opportunity, of ONE of the following areas.

- * Lion
- * Tiger

The training window experience will demonstrate the husbandry behaviors of the lions or tigers and will include an opportunity for you to participate in providing food enrichment for the animals (through the mesh barrier of the training window). 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.
- 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.

CHEETAH WALK

Wednesdays

8:00-9:00 AM

(1st Wednesday of each month only)

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of small cat row and a 15-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the cheetah exhibit, and then you will join the cheetahs and carnivore staff members in their 15-minute cheetah walk on Zoo grounds.

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 18 and older only. No children are permitted.
- 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.
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ELEPHANTS

Fridays

9:00-10:00 AM

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of the elephant exhibit and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the elephant barn, including assisting the elephant keepers with the daily elephant bath.

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 4 persons is reached.
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GIRAFFES

Fridays

9:30-10:30 AM

This Premiere Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of The African Forest and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the giraffe barn, including a priority feeding opportunity from the exhibit's feeding platform.

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.
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MEERKATS

Sundays

1:00-2:00 PM

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of Natural Encounters exhibits (excluding aquatic exhibits) and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the meerkat exhibit, including a feeding opportunity with the Zoo's meerkat mob from inside the exhibit.

Important Tour Information

- For this tour, please wear closed-toe shoes and socks (no sandals or high heels).
- 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.
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RHINOS

Thursdays

12:30-1:30 PM

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 30-minute front-of-scenes tour of The African Forest and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the rhino barn and back-of-house exhibit area, including a feeding and photo opportunity with one of the Zoo's white rhinos.

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.
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SEA LIONS

Sundays & Thursdays

10:45-11:45 AM

This Star Treatment Tour includes a 15-minute front-of-scenes tour of the sea lion exhibit, reserved seating at the 11:00 sea lion show, and a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the sea lion exhibit, including a photo opportunity with one of the Zoo's sea lions.

Important Tour Information

- For this tour, please wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or high heels). Rain boots are permitted.
- 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.
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