



**Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
Just Zoo It Mini-Grant Program
Presented by**

Northeast Indiana REMCs – Touchstone Energy Cooperatives



What is *Just Zoo It*?

The Just Zoo It Mini-Grant Program is designed to pay **one-half** of the zoo admission fees (up to a maximum of \$75) for a classroom of students and required chaperones for a field trip to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo between April 21, 2012 and October 14, 2012.

Who can apply for a *Just Zoo It* Mini-Grant?

Indiana schools in Allen (Northwest and Southwest Allen County Schools only), DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley Counties served by Northeast Indiana REMCs – Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are eligible.

- First and second grade classes only
- Public or private schools
- Multiple teachers within a school may apply

How do I apply?

Fill out the 2-page *Just Zoo It* mini-grant application and submit it to the zoo by December 15, 2011.

How are Mini-Grant recipients selected?

The *Just Zoo It* Mini-Grant Program has a limited amount of funds, which are provided by the program's sponsor, Northeast Indiana REMCs – Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Selection is competitive and based on:

- Financial need (percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch)
- School location (must be served by Northeast Indiana REMCs – Touchstone Energy Cooperatives)
- Educational goals for your zoo field trip

How will I know if my class has been selected?

You will be notified of your acceptance or rejection via mail or e-mail by February 15, 2012. If selected, you will receive a voucher for one-half of your expected admission expense (up to a maximum of \$75). The voucher can be presented at the zoo admission gate. You are responsible for the remaining half of your admission fees and all other fees incurred during your field trip.

What are zoo admission fees for school groups in 2012?

- \$6.50 per student when there are 15 or more students in your group.
- \$6.50 per chaperone when there are 15 or more students in your group.
- Paid professional school staff are always admitted free when accompanying students on a field trip.
- For groups with less than 15 students, admission is \$13.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children age 2-14, and \$10.50 for seniors age 60+.

How many chaperones does the zoo require?

- The zoo requires one adult chaperone for every 5 to 8 students.
- Chaperones should know your educational goals for the field trip, be able to guide the students' behavior, and remain with children at all times.

Where can I find resources to make my field trip educational and meet Academic Standards?

- Visit kidszoo.org/education/schoolgroups.htm to download free resources
- Sign up for a free Field Trip Mini-Class by calling 260-427-6808
- E-mail education@kidszoo.org to request a hard copy of our School Programs Guide

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