

Zoo-mazing Race



It's all about team effort and having fun in *Zoo-mazing Race*! Working in teams, you will go through a series of challenges that will take you throughout the Zoo. All these challenges will have, of course, an animal-flare and will be a combination of mental and slightly physical activities. The most physical part of the race will be all the walking you will do. The only requirements for this program are a pair of good shoes and a good attitude!

POSSIBLE CHALLENGES

1. Nature Puzzle
 - Put an animal themed puzzle together. The puzzle contains only 9 squares but how quickly can your team solve the puzzle? Caution: Sounds easy but often it's not!
2. Mountain Goat
 - Become the mountain goat and work as a team to cross from ledge to ledge. Don't worry – this challenge will NOT test your fear of heights or your physical fitness.
3. Guano Toss
 - Humboldt penguins build their nests on large guano heaps, along with hundreds of their neighbours. With a little aim and a good sense of humour, you'll be king or queen of the guano!

Duration: typically 3 hours

Prices: (includes zoo admission)

“Without a catered event” price: \$40.00 per person

“Within a catered event” price”: \$35.00 per person

A catered event is an event with a full day room rental and a catered meal for a minimum of 30 people.

Minimum # of participants: 25 – smaller groups are welcome but the minimum cost will be based on 25 people

Maximum # of participants: 100

Booking: minimum of two weeks notice. To book with a banquet room and catering, please call 403-232-7770. To book without a banquet room and catering, please call 403-695-3806.

Venue type: both indoors and outdoors. In cases of severe weather, we will aim to reduce the time spent outside.

Dress code: wear comfortable clothes and shoes and be prepared for weather changes. Even though the Zoo-mazing Race is a fast-paced activity, we do not encourage running between challenge stations. If all teams work cooperatively and steadily, there is more than ample time to complete every challenge.

Basic Itinerary:

A staff member will meet you at your Zoo-mazing Race start location and provide an introduction to the activities, go over ground rules and the timing of the Race. This usually takes 15 minutes.

Your group will split up into their teams of 4-6 people and start the first challenge in the same room as the introduction. All groups will be taking on a nature puzzle activity and as they complete the challenge, they will be provided with a folder containing instructions of where to go next. Each team is also provided with a Zoo map.

Each team will then proceed to a series of six challenges before returning to the main venue for wrap up. The teams are staggered and start at different challenges, which are led by staff and volunteers. Each individual team will remain together in their cohorts of 4-6 people and occasionally arrive at a challenge at the same time as another team. Most of the time, however, they will be completing the series as individual teams rather than a large group.

At each of the challenge activities, the team will receive a score and their final tally will be counted at the end of the race as they return to the main room. Your race host will announce the winners and conduct an informal debrief of the events, what they learned, what they found most challenging, etc.

