

ZOO CAREERS CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

2. Let's Run the Zoo

Directions: As a group, select one person to represent each of the following zoo professionals: Director, Chief Financial Officer, Wildlife Director, Veterinarian, Animal Curator, Education Curator, Public Relations Director, Maintenance Director, Food and Beverage Manager, Gift Shop Manager, Landscaping Manager, Entertainment Manager, and staff members for each department. Role-play the following situations, offering advice and input according to your particular job description: *Note:* If you like, you may switch job descriptions for each situation, so that everyone has an opportunity to try various roles.

Situation #1: An animal has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from your zoo.

Situation # 2: Attendance is down 25% this year from last year.

Situation # 3: Your zoo has just opened a new exhibit.

Situation # 4: Attendance at your zoo is average, but the restaurant and gift shops are losing money.

Situation # 5: Two people have tripped over a crack in the sidewalk near the carousel.

Situation # 6: Your education department has just created an exciting new educational program.

Situation # 7: You would like to give employee raises, but your zoo has not made a profit this year.