

ASABE AIM Technical Tour

Behind-the-Scenes at the Zoo



This tour will be offered on 2 days if there is sufficient interest. Participants for Behind-the-Scenes tours limited to 10 per tour.

Dates Offered:

Sunday, July 9

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Departure from CHI center: 8:30 AM

Return to CHI center 12:30 PM

Consistently ranked one of the world's top zoos, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium is an independent not-for-profit organization accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The Zoo is recognized nationally for its conservation, animal care and exhibit design. As a leader in conservation, the Zoo's Center for Conservation and Research focuses on areas to benefit animal husbandry and species conservation including conservation genetics, conservation medicine, rare plant conservation, reproductive sciences and comparative nutrition.



Experience a technical "Behind-the-Scenes" tour at the Omaha Zoo. Your visit includes free time to explore the zoo, and you may select 1 or 2 venues to visit backstage. Each backstage tour is \$50 per person.

Tours offered 10:00 – 10:45 AM

- 1. Aquarium Backstage Experience:** The World-famous Scott Aquarium is the largest aquarium in a Zoo. This is your opportunity to go behind the scenes of one of the zoo's most popular exhibits. Head to the basement to learn about the animal care and conservation projects taking place inside the Aquarium, including the diet kitchen and coral reproduction tanks. Then head to the top level of the Aquarium for a top-down view of sharks, sea-turtles, stingrays and more! You will have an exclusive view of the aquatic system that circulates over 900,000 gallons of saltwater.
- 2. Center for Conservation and Research Backstage Experience:** Head behind the scenes in our Center for Conservation and Research where you will learn about the work Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium is doing to help protect animals both in the wild and in Zoos and Aquariums around the country. This experience brings you through the labs and offices where researchers are hard at work each day on research and conservation projects happening at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.



Tours offered 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

3. **Giraffe Backstage Experience:** As you go behind the scenes of the Giraffe Herd Room, you will have a chance to meet the zoo's tallest residents! You will be led through all parts of the animal care facility by a giraffe expert and learn about training giraffes, their lifestyle, and more!



4. **Insect Pavilion Backstage Experience:** Look behind the scenes of the Berniece Grewcock Butterfly and Insect Pavilion and learn about insect conservation at the Zoo. Travel through the immersive butterfly exhibit with a zoo expert, then head behind the scenes to the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle Research Lab where animal care staff are breeding, studying, and releasing one of the nations most endangered insects. This experience gives you an up-close look into what goes into insect conservation and why insects all over the world are important to our ecosystems!

Minimum: 10 per each Behind-the-Scenes tour Maximum: 50 total for visiting the Zoo

Cost: \$70 - Includes one private Behind-the-Scenes tour, entrance to zoo to explore on own, round-trip transportation

A second Behind-the-Scenes tour can be added for an additional \$50.

For Zoo visit only (no Behind-the-Scenes tour) with roundtrip transportation & Zoo entrance, cost: \$50

Requirements: Participants must be able to take walking tours and manage stairs. Wear closed toe shoes. All tour attendees are responsible for their personal property. ASABE and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium reserves the right to cancel at any time.