



Travelling Instrument petting zoo

Would your students like to see AND play instrument families from the orchestra? Try the cornet, trombone, French horn, violin, viola, cello, or a large assortment of percussion instruments. Treat your classes to a noisy, fun time and schedule the zoo at your school! (All brass mouthpieces are sanitized after each use.)

Reservation required! Calendar available upon request

The **School** or Facility should provide:

- (Music) **Teacher presence during entire petting zoo visit**
- 1-2 people to help unload/load all instruments, if possible
- 4 or 5 6' tables and 1 chair
- Large room where seated students take up only ½ space, such as gym, library or cafeteria (because of noise, please do not schedule a petting zoo near students taking tests!)
- **If possible, 2-3 adult volunteers** to assist and arrive 15 minutes early for training





Because there are a **limited number of instruments** for students to play, classes may be **no larger** than:

- 25-28 student maximum for elementary classes, **WITH** Teacher present at all times
- 12 student maximum for pre-school classes, **WITH** Teacher present at all times

VSO education staff can possibly **provide volunteers**, if your school cannot guarantee 2 adult volunteers will be present during the 3 hours of petting zoo.

Musical petting zoo classes should be:

- 20-25 minutes long for pre-school students,
- 30 minutes long for kindergarten – 2nd grade students, and
- 35-45 minutes long for 3rd - 5th grade students.

Maximum petting zoo visit to a campus is 3 hours. Calendar available upon request. **Reservations are required.**



Before the petting zoo date:

The school music teacher will provide **background information** about student's level of understanding of the Orchestra, instrument families, individual instruments, composers, and conductors. The school music teacher will help **establish goals** for each petting zoo visit according to the grade level and depth of student's knowledge.



Payment:

\$20 payment may be made in advance, the day of the visit or we can provide an invoice. A school check should be made out to the Victoria Symphony.

Evaluation:

School Music Educator will complete survey emailed from Director of Education to give feedback for educational success of petting zoo visit.

Email vsoeducation@sbcglobal.net or call 361-576-4500 for more information.