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Gladys Porter Zoo is smoke free.
The Gladys Porter Zoo is a visitor-oriented zoological and botanical park, dedicated to the preservation of nature through education, conservation, healthy outdoor recreation, and research.

The Gladys Porter Zoo opened to the public on September 3, 1971. The facility was completely planned, built, stocked, equipped and then given to the City of Brownsville by the Earl C. Sams Foundation.

**Hours** Open every day of the year from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with extended summer hours.

**Group Rates** Gladys Porter Zoo offers group rates for large parties. Contact the Office Coordinator at (956) 546-7187 to schedule your group.

**Feeding Experiences** Feeding experiences are generally open on weekends and for special engagements, weather permitting.

**FEEDING FEE: $3.00 PER TREAT**

**Birthday Safari**

Let loose and get wild! Celebrate your birthday at the Zoo. Whether you’re a child or an adult, there is something for everyone. We offer packages that can meet all of your party needs.

**Birthday Safari Packages may include:**

- Live Animal Presentations
- Party Assistant(s)
- Admission to the Zoo
- Invitations
- Safari Decorations
- Safari Express Train
- Behind the Scenes Tour
- Souvenir Zoo Cups
- Walking Tour and Much More!

**Safari Chats**

**CONNECTION WITH ANIMALS**

Get a close look at – and even touch – live animals at a Students Teaching Students presentation in the amphitheater.

Presentations are appropriate for all age levels, and pre-registration is not needed but is recommended during busy spring months. Free with paid Zoo admission.

**SAFARI CHATS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

- Saturdays and Sundays
- 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM
- 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM

**Please Note:** Chats are subject to change or cancellation.

**Starlight Safari**

Spend the night at the Zoo for an unforgettable and educational experience.

**Education Programs**

The Zoo’s Education Department offers camps, birthday parties, classes and VIP tours throughout the year. There’s something fun for everyone.

**Support Your Zoo**

Gladys Porter Zoo is a non-profit organization. Charitable contributions towards animal care, education and conservation programs are always welcomed and appreciated.

**Venue Rentals**

From quinceañeras to weddings to business meetings, we have a wild location for any occasion!

**CALL (956) 546-7187 OR VISIT WWW.GPZ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**Hungry? Thirsty?**

Check out one of our many dining options for burgers, pizza, wings, salads, lemonade and sodas.

1. **THE OASIS**

   Grab ice cream or Dippin’ Dots at one of our snack carts.

2. **PIZZOORIA**

3. **ASIAN GRILLE**

4. **MADAGASCAR MUNCHIES**

5. **LION’S PRIDE**

6. **DIPPIN’ DOTS**

**Need a frozen treat?**

At lower attendance levels, some food locations may be closed.

*This restaurant remains open only until Zoo closing time.

**Become A Zoo Member**

Members enjoy unlimited visits and many other great benefits. If you join today, you may apply the cost of your admission ticket toward the membership fee. This offer is only good on the date that appears on your receipt.

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**Safari Feeding**

**Giraffe Feeding**

**Stingray Feeding**

**Flamingo Feeding**

**Galápagos Tortoise Feeding**

**South Texas Botanical Exhibit and Park**

This park features a playground nestled in an area landscaped with native plants. It is one-of-a-kind with a 22-foot tall Discovery Tree, a whimsical ClubHouse and Castaway Boat.

Playground visitors of all ages can cool off under the refreshing water misters at Martha’s Cove.

**Stay in Brownsville**

Brownsville is the perfect family-friendly getaway with a multitude of attractions within walking distance of the Zoo. Support the Zoo and **Book A Hotel** at GPZ.ORG.

**Support Field Research Programs**

The Zoo also contributes funds to support field research programs that take place around the world.

**Thank you for your support!**