

Planning Information & Guidelines



\$25–\$45 per campus visit

Each campus visit costs \$25–\$45, depending on distance. Checks payable to “Victoria Symphony”. An invoice will be provided.

3 Hour Maximum

All instrument petting zoos are available for a maximum of 3 hours per visit.

For each petting zoo class, please allow:

15–25 minutes for pre-school students

25–30 minutes for students in grades K–2

35–45 minutes for students in grades 3–5

Class Sizes

Due to a limited number of instruments and because students will be rotating through instrument stations, it is necessary to limit class size for instrument petting zoos.

No more than 12–15 students per class for pre-school classes

No more than 20–25 students per class for Grades 1–5

The School or Facility should provide:

- Teacher presence during the entire petting zoo visit
- 1–2 people to help unload/load all instruments, if possible
- 4 or 5 six-foot tables and 1 chair
- Large room where seated students take up only ½ space, such as gym, library, or cafeteria (because of the noise, please do not schedule a petting zoo near students taking tests)
- If possible, 3–4 adult volunteers to assist and arrive 15 minutes early for training
(VSO education staff can possibly provide volunteers if your school cannot guarantee adult volunteers will be present during the duration of the petting zoo visit.)

Prior to the Visit: Music Teacher Goals

For the most successful petting zoo visit, each music teacher should provide background information about students’ level of understanding of the orchestra, instrument families, individual composers, and conductors. The school music teacher will help establish educational goals according to the grade level and depth of students’ knowledge. Teachers will also need to think about how they would like to divide their class into the 3 separate groups needed to rotate between instrument stations during the visit.

Petting Zoo Evaluation

After the petting zoo visit, each music teacher is requested to complete and return an evaluation provided by the VSO Director of Education.

To Schedule:

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