



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Educational Programs

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ABOUT

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Alma Bonita Animal Rescue

Located on 40 acres in Morgan Hill, Alma Bonita Animal Rescue is a sanctuary to over 70 animals that have come from abuse, neglect or in need of rehoming. We provide them with medical care, safety and love in their new home. The animals of ABAR have taught us so much about resilience, compassion and forgiveness.

At Alma Bonita Animal Sanctuary, we watch our rescued animals overcome fear, depression, behavior challenges and illness to thrive as physically and emotionally healthy members of an animal community. As their hearts and wounds heal, we watch their personalities blossom as they express joy, playfulness, likes, dislikes, affection and love. The connection of relationship building is undeniable as we watch them learn to trust themselves, other animals and humans again. Their journeys and transformation are powerful and inspirational!

Through virtual programs at Alma Bonita Animal Rescue, your students can build relationships with the animals, learn about their stories of perseverance, explore scientific understanding of types of animals, observe what farm life looks like and so much more! Although we may be virtual we still prioritize student participation with opportunities to ask questions and robust discussions.



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ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM

All our programs include virtual interaction with our rescued animals—sharing their rescue stories and highlighting their individual personalities. Beyond the basics, program topics can be tailored to your class and may include the discussion about the lives of animals on farms, aligned lessons using science standards, or social emotional learning opportunities.

If you would prefer, your program can even focus on a specific species— pigs, horses, chickens, cows, ducks, goats, sheep, alpacas, and donkeys.

And of course, the programs are fun and engaging! Our virtual field trip provides a one-of-a-kind break to the school day. The animals are always up to something – so you never know what unique experience you will have when you engage with our ABAR animals!



ABOUT

PREPARE FOR YOUR PROGRAM

Complete the Google Form and schedule a call with your ABAR educator to ensure all your standards and expectations are met.

For students engaged in remote learning:

- Make sure everyone has an internet connection and the video conferencing application loaded onto their computer, laptop, tablet, or phone
- Students are welcome to turn their cameras on or off, depending on their preference
- We ask that everyone keep their microphones off unless they are actively engaged in discussion. This makes it easier for everyone to hear.
- Students can use the chat to ask questions or share on-topic thoughts throughout the program if your classroom rules allow for it



For students in the classroom:

- You can use your SmartBoard or other projection systems to show the program to the whole room. You'll just need the video conferencing applications on your computer and a microphone
- You can call on students to ask and answer questions. It's helpful for our staff if the student comes up to the microphone so we can hear better or you can be the one to ask questions that the students might have typed into the chat.
- Otherwise, you can prepare your students as you normally would for a guest speaker. Especially for younger children, it can be helpful to remind them of classroom communication rules. We can also provide you with suggested preparation questions depending on your program's topic and the ages of your group.



PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

Choose the virtual tour path that fits your needs!

The Story Behind

Alma Bonita Animal Rescue

Why did we start an animal rescue? How did we do it? What's it like to work at Alma Bonita? Learn the answers to these questions and more!

We recommend starting with this option!

Animals in Focus- Meet One Kind

Take a deep dive and get to know all about one particular type of animal. Choose from our long (and growing!) list of animals that call ABAR home.

All About Animals- Meet Many Kinds

Each meeting will focus on one animal then concluding the program with a compare and contrast of the different animals. Depending on your needs, we can discuss science standards such as adaptations, ecosystem, lifecycle, growth and development, conservation, human impact, genetic traits or biodiversity.

Social Emotional Learning Series

We can adopt your school or classroom's life-skills to tell stories of resilience, perseverance, hope, kindness, integrity, excellence, decision-making, respect, overcoming challenges and illness using the real-life stories and personalities of our amazing animals.



ANIMAL LIST:

Cows
Pigs
Chickens
Horses
Donkeys
Ducks
Alpacas
Turkeys
Goats
Sheep



PROGRAMS

THE STORY BEHIND

ALMA BONITA ANIMAL RESCUE

Can be adjusted for any grade levels Preschool – 12th

Explore our furry and feathered friends, how they came to ABAR, why we keep them in our care, and what we do to ensure they are safe and happy!

Learn what it takes to keep so many animals healthy every day of the year, the challenges we face and why we chose to rescue farm animals.

We will align the lessons to your state's grade level science, ELA or other standards. We can also align the lessons to SEAL, GLAD, PBIS, Life Skills, or other school-based Social Emotional Learning or Language Development programs.



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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SERIES

Can be adjusted for any grade levels Preschool – 12th

Explore the different personalities of each animal, their rescue story and the amazing Emotional Intelligence they exhibit.



Learn how animals show affection, sadness, remorse, happiness and even their playful silly side. These can be in monthly alignment with your school's programs including Habits of Success, Leadership, Life Skills, PBIS, or other Social Emotional Learning focus area!

All stories use the real-life stories and personalities of our amazing animals!



Social Emotional Learning Series Ideas:

Resilience - Alma the abused horse learns to trust humans again.

Perseverance - Gomez the 40 year old donkey keeps moving forward despite many challenges.

Respect - Getting a 1000+ pound animal to do anything can only happen when there is mutual respect.

Integrity - Sampson the donkey accidentally causes an injury, but stays to apologize and make it right.

Decision Making - Even grumpy goats need to make sure they make good choices!

Excellence - Rosie and Lulu are the perfect examples of excellent caregivers for their young.

Hope - Kody had almost given up on having a happy life, then all of the sudden things turn around.

Kindness - Native Dancer seems to know when you might need to slow down as she offers you a hug.

Overcoming challenges and illness - Twila the chicken heals her body and heart in order to finally find a friend.



PROGRAMS

ANIMALS IN FOCUS

Get an in-depth look at some of the species of animals that are rescued by Alma Bonita Animal Rescue!

Explore what's involved in taking care of animals at ABAR and how it's different from the conditions from which they were rescued. We'll also take a big-picture view and explore how humans have influenced the selection of traits of these animals.

Choose one species to focus on for this program.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

A deep dive of one species just isn't enough? Create a multi-session program and explore all the different types of animals at our rescue. Choose several types of animals to learn about through multiple sessions allowing students to compare and contrast what they know about each kind.

Choose multiple species to compare and contrast for this program.

We will align the lessons to your state's grade level science, ELA or other standards. We can also align the lessons to SEAL, GLAD, PBIS, Life Skills, or other school-based Social Emotional Learning or Language Development programs.



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Alpacas
Turkeys
Goats
Sheep



REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Check out our website - <https://www.almabonitaanimalrescue.org>
2. Select your preferred date and time on the calendar at the bottom of the registration page, fill in your information, and we will be in touch shortly!



REGISTRATION FAQs

What times are available?

Programs are generally available every hour from 9 am to 5 pm Pacific Time. Times may vary depending on the season and staff availability.

How far in advance should I register?

Slots do fill up, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible if you have a specific day in mind.

What are the technology requirements for virtual visits?

We will set you up on a Zoom meeting unless you have another preferred method of video conferencing.

Can I register for multiple programs?

We're sure one program won't be enough, so you can book an entire program series! Read more about our program series **All About Animals** or our **Social Emotional Learning Series**. We are always happy to work with you and customize a series of programs that will best fit your needs.



REGISTRATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION & FEES

- The base program fee is **\$250 per program**.
 - Grant assistance may be available for schools that need it. If you'd like to explore this option, please contact us directly at info@almabonitaanimalrescue.com
- Discounts are available for booking multiple programs:

Number of programs	Fee per program
1 - 3	\$250
4 - 5	\$225
6+	\$200

- We can accommodate up to 50 students per program.
- Programs run 30 - 60 minutes.
 - We can accommodate shorter or longer times by request, though longer programs may incur additional costs.
- For more in-depth rescue experience, book a program series!

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to reschedule or cancel your program, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can open up your slot for another group! If you cancel with less than 24 hours notice we may not be able to refund your program, but we can reschedule at no cost.



We know that technology can be finicky sometimes! ABAR is in a rural location and we have occasional interruptions of internet service, and other unforeseen issues can arise. Generally, these interruptions only last a few seconds - and they rarely happen at all! If there are significant connection issues or other issues such as a platform-wide outage beyond our control, we will reschedule your program.



ADD ONS

CLASSROOM ADOPT-AN-ANIMAL

\$150 or more per class

Students can make a difference! Looking for a new class outreach/community service project? Consider symbolically adopting an animal at Alma Bonita Animal Rescue by making a class donation of \$150.00 or more, students can support the health and well-being of one of ABAR's rescue animals of their choice!

Package includes:

- Group adoption certificate
- 8-1/2 x 11" color photo of the "adopted" animal
- One fact sheet per student on the adopted species
- Class recognition on the ABAR website for one year

VISIT US IN PERSON

We welcome students and families to visit and meet the animals in person! Individuals and small groups can plan an in-person visit at our animal rescue, have their Boy/Girl Scout meetings on our property, or even have their birthday party in our garden. More information can be found on our website!



TESTIMONIALS

WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING

"The kids got to see how well animals can thrive when they have a safe home. From Norman, the calf, who has so much personality, to Gomez, the donkey who is such a love, we had a blast getting to see the grounds and hear how she cares for over 50 rescue animals. Thank you Dr. Murphy for sharing your home and farm with the sixth graders at Pomeroy Elementary!" - EH, Elementary Teacher

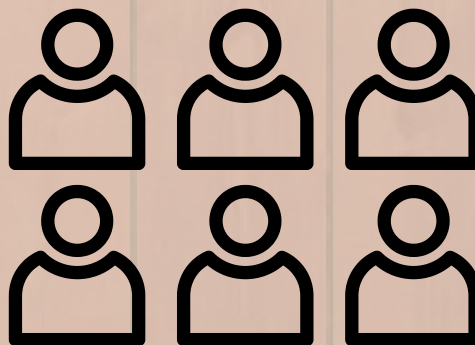
"Seeing and learning about each of the animals' stories of resilience helped my students in contemplating their own resilience and perseverance through life's challenges. Hearing how the animals came in either physically hurt, or emotionally or mentally broken and learning how patience, love, time and care went into helping them get turned around was uplifting and inspiring. Lessons about life can often happen in the connections we make and Alma Bonita has a special way of connecting deeper with the students because of the amazing and successful journeys of their animals." - LS, Middle School Teacher

WHAT KIDS ARE SAYING

"It was a very fun and interesting experience! It's wonderful seeing someone so passionate about helping and rescuing animals. Some of the animals were in bad conditions at first, but now I know they're in great care." -KC

"ABAR is an amazing place that can entertain, inform, and inspire. I enjoy volunteering every other Saturday and interacting with the animals. It's just so great to see these animals thriving after neglect situations, abuse, and more." -JMH

"I really liked taking a virtual field trip to Alma Bonita Animal Rescue. I liked meeting the animals there. I want to be a vet when I grow up to help the animals in need. It's really great to know that there are people who care." -SZ



Find more reviews and testimonials on our website and YELP!

