SCHOOL COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2023

Social Media Competition To Win a Wee Critter's Interactive Animal Education Session For a Class in 2023

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About Wee Critters

Wee Critters is a fully mobile and professional interactive animal education service which operates throughout Northern Ireland.

We unfortunately live in a world where many species of both animals and plants are on the brink of extinction. Developing an appreciation of wildlife in our community is a fundamental element in safeguarding the future of our wildlife and environment. Key to this is teaching 'little explorers' the value of wildlife conservation.

Our mission is to bring the wonder of wildlife straight to your class / school with the aim of providing a unique, fun, memorable and educational experience which will inspire a lifelong appreciation for wildlife and a commitment to playing an active role in the protection and conservation of animals and the natural environment.

A wild time awaits our winning class as
Allan the explorer and his family of 'Wee critters' will provide a
FREE INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SESSION

The Prize Includes:

- an hour-long interactive animal education session at your school!
- an experience for up to 30 people from one class.
- the chance to meet and learn about our wee critters.
- the chance to select one of our curriculum-based topics which can be customised to suit the relevant age group or we can even provide a customised session on a subject of your choice.
- Wee Critters stickers for all of the pupils in the class.
- The chance to ask Allan the explorer your questions.

About You

- Entrants must be a member of staff at a Northern Ireland school to enter the competition.
- The competition is open to pre-school, nursery, primary, post primary and further education classes.
- You cannot enter the competition if you (or anyone associated with the prize) has a conviction relating to animals.
- You cannot enter the competition if you or members of the class have relevant phobias or allergies which would prevent them from participating.
- If the winning class already has a booking with Wee Critters for this time period, the session will be completed free of charge*

**This will apply for the first hour, if more than one session is currently booked.*

Terms of Entry

- Entrants must complete the required tasks stated on the social media post on NI Teachers Collaborate Facebook page to be entered into the competition.
- The competition will close at 4pm on Sunday 30 April 2023.
- All entries received after this date/time will not be accepted.
- Entry into the competition is considered to be an acceptance of all terms and conditions.
- The winner will be announced on NI Teachers Collaborate Facebook page and Wee Critter's social media channels on Tuesday 02 May 2023.
- Wee Critters will award one prize.
- A winner will be selected by Wee Critter's director.
- The decision is final and NO discussions will be entered into.
- Anyone entering the competition must have the permission of the school / teacher that they are nominating for the prize visit.
- .The teacher of the selected winning class will be required to complete a booking form for the prize session. The booking form must be submitted to Wee Critters within 48 hours of notification of the prize.
- If the winner does not redeem the prize within this time scale, by completing the booking form, a new winner will be selected from the original competition entries.
- The booking for the prize is only confirmed when you have completed a booking from and have received a confirmation email from the Wee Critter's team.
- The prize is only valid for one hour-long interactive animal education session for the winning class (of up to 30 people).
- If additional classes within the school would like to avail of an interactive animal education session on the same day, normal prices will apply.
- The prize cannot be used in conjunction with other Wee Critters services.
- The prize can be used for a visit in May 2023, June 2023 or September 2023. Wee Critters will also consider providing the prize as part of school summer programmes. However, dates will be subject to availability.
- If the winning session has to be rescheduled by Wee Critters for any unseen operational reason (e.g. illness, weather, etc) an alternative date will be offered dependent on availability.
- We reserve the right to alter or cancel the experience for unforeseen circumstances. We will give as much notice as possible.
- Wee Critters reserve the right to amend or add any further terms and conditions necessary.
- All normal 'Wee Critters' terms and conditions apply and these are shown later in this document.

Health and Safety

- In advance of the Wee Critters visit, the school will be provided with relevant documentation including:
    - Wee Critter's comprehensive risk assessment for school visits
    - Wee Critter's public liability insurance
    - Wee Critter's child safeguarding policy
    - Explorer Allan's Access NI
    - Explorer Allan's Covid-19 awareness training certificate

- The school will be expected to support Wee Critters in ensuring the safe delivery of the session in line with risk assessments provided.
- The school will be required to ensure adequate hand washing facilities are available.

- We reserve the right to suspend or terminate the prize session if we feel that there is a breach of our safety procedures or inappropriate behaviour.

- WEE CRITTERS IS FULLY LICENSED BY DAERA.

Photography and Filming

- This competition is being run to celebrate the launch of Wee Critters new information and promotional video.
- By entering the competition the class / school agree to participate in photography and filming, which is part of the terms of this competition.
- The teacher of the winning class will be required to get parents and guardians of participants to complete Wee Critter's photographic consent form.
- Photographs and videos will be used by Wee Critters for promotional purposes including (but not limited to) the website, leaflets, social media, newsletters, etc.
- Wee Critters can share photo and video content with the school for their own use.

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By taking part in a Wee Critters interactive animal education session you agree to the following terms and conditions.

Bookings

- Your booking only applies to the date selected and agreed with Wee Critters. Your booking cannot be transferred to other dates unless in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Wee Critters team.
- Your booking is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Final numbers must be confirmed as part of the booking process. If there are any changes in advance of the visit, you must contact the Wee Critters team.
- Sessions are for a maximum of 30 people (one class).

Venues

- Booking agents must ensure that the venue is suitable for Wee Critters to deliver their experience.
- Booking agents must complete the necessary booking forms / processes with the relevant venue information.
- If the booking agent is holding the event at a venue that is not their own, they must seek the necessary permissions from the venue owner to ensure that Wee Critters and our animals are permitted to be onsite.
- We require an area which provides enough space for our small set and your audience.

Animal Care

- Not all of our animals will take part in a session. We select appropriate animals based on a number of factors including age, venue, breeding season, shedding / eating patterns, animal health, distance of visit, etc. We can therefore not guarantee that any specific animal will be available. We will also take weather and temperatures into account for outdoor sessions.
- Due to unforeseen operational and animal care circumstances we cannot guarantee that all species will be available for your session.
- Due to animal behaviour, experiences will vary.
- Our animals have the freedom to choose whether to participate or not. Our animals' happiness and welfare is our top priority.

Supervision and Rules

- All children must be supervised at all times throughout the session.
- The teacher, leader, parent or adult responsible for children must supervise at all times.
- Wee Critters are not responsible for any form of child care.
- A health and safety briefing will be delivered at the start of each session. This will include all relevant information, housekeeping and rules. Our 'ranger' rules must be abided by at all times. Supervising adults will be expected to ensure that children in their care respect these rules.

- We reserve the right to ask any participant(s) to leave the experience area, should they behave in an inappropriate or unsafe manner that poses a danger to themselves, other participants, staff or animals.
- We reserve the right to suspend or terminate any session if we feel that there are circumstances that pose a danger to participants, staff or our animals.
- Food and drink items are not permitted in the experience area.
- No participant is permitted to enter the Wee Critter's experience area without permission and should remain in the area advised by staff.

Medical Information

- It is the booking agent's responsibility to inform us of medical conditions of any participants that we should be aware of to ensure the safety of everyone involved.
- Wee Critters should be informed of any relevant allergies, e.g. fur, hair, food items, bedding materials, etc.
- For any relevant allergies, the experience may be altered or elements may not be possible for those who are affected.
- We aim to make our experiences as accessible as possible. The booking agent should inform Wee Critters of any disabilities or accessibility requirements in advance to allow us to adapt the experience and provide the best experience possible.
- Wee Critters should be informed of any pregnancies within the group of participants. Slight alterations to the animal selection may need to be made.

Hygiene

- For animal care and health and safety reasons, all participants must use disinfectant hand wash before and after the session.
- All participants must wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water using the school's facilities, following the session.

Cancellation

- We reserve the right to alter or cancel the experiences for unforeseen circumstances. We will give as much notice as possible. However, this cannot always be guaranteed. Wee Critters will not cover travel or any other associated costs if the date is cancelled.
- In cases of extreme weather where Wee Critters cannot safely reach you, we will attempt to provide as much notice as possible.

General

- Wee Critters accept no liability for any loss, injury or property damage from any action during the session.