



SOCIAL MEDIA COMPETITION TO WIN A WEE CRITTER'S INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SESSION FOR A CLASS OR GROUP 2022

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ABOUT THE PRIZE

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

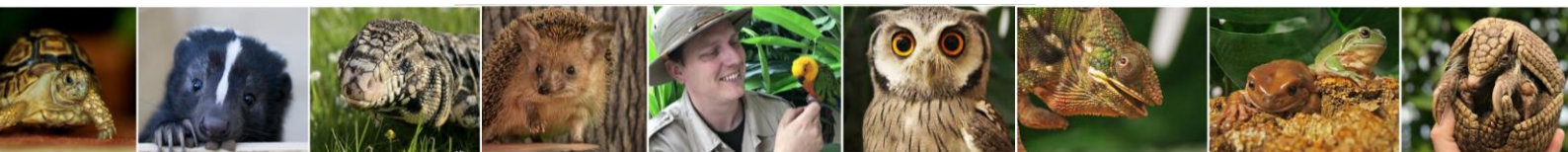
We unfortunately live in a world where many species of both animals and plants are on the brink of extinction. Developing an appreciation of wildlife in our community is a fundamental element in safeguarding the future of our wildlife and environment. Key to this is teaching them the value of wildlife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

Our mission is to bring the wonder of wildlife straight to your class, group, charity, party or event 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.

The winning class/group and their teacher/leader can select one of our curriculum-based topics which can be customised to suit the relevant age group or we can provide a customised session on a subject of your choice.

A WILD TIME AWAITS OUR WINNING CLASS AND GROUP AS ALLAN THE EXPLORER AND HIS FAMILY OF 'WEE CRITTERS' WILL PROVIDE A FREE INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SESSION WHICH INCLUDES:

- an hour-long socially distanced session at your school / group.
- an experience for one class / group with up to 35 people (from one bubble).
- the chance to meet and learn about some of 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.
- The chance to ask Allan the explorer your questions.



ABOUT YOU

- You must be aged 18 or over at the competition closing date to enter this competition.
- You cannot enter the competition if you (or anyone associated with the prize) have a conviction relating to animals.
- You cannot enter the competition if you (or members of the class/group) have relevant phobias or allergies which would prevent them from participating.
- If the winning class or group 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 to be entered into the competition.
- The competition will close at 4pm on Friday 25 February 2022.
- All entries received after this date 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 the Wee Critter's facebook page on Monday 28 February 2022.
- Wee Critters will award only one prize to one class and one prize to one group for this competition.
- The prize is non-transferable and non-refundable.
- A winner will be selected by Wee Critter's director.
- The decision is final and NO discussions will be entered into.
- The individual entering the competition must have the permission of the school/teacher/group/leader that they are nominating.
- The selected winner(s) 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.
- Your booking is only confirmed when you have completed a booking form 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 one class / group bubble only (up to 35 people).
- If additional classes / groups at the same venue would like to avail of an interactive animal education session, normal prices will apply.
- The prize cannot be used in conjunction with other Wee Critters services.
- The session is only valid for dates up to 31 March 2022. However, dates will be subject to availability.
- If the winning school / group is not accepting visitors at the time of the visit, due to Covid-19 (based on their own procedures) an online interactive animal education session may be offered instead.
- The hour-long session will be delivered in an outdoor setting at the school / group (paved / tarmac space, grass area, outdoor classroom, etc) or in large assembly / sports / community / charge halls with windows and doors open for ventilation throughout.
- 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.
- If further government restrictions are introduced which prevent the winner's session from going ahead, the date may be extended. This will be at the discretion of Wee Critters and will be 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.

THE PRIZE AND COVID-19

- The hour-long session will be delivered in an outdoor setting or in a large assembly / sports / community centre / church hall with external windows and doors open throughout for ventilation.
- The space used for the session must allow for adequate social distancing for Allan the explorer and participants.
- In advance of Wee Critters visit, the school / group will be provided with relevant documentation including:
 - Wee Critter's comprehensive risk assessment
 - Wee Critter's public liability insurance
 - Wee Critter's Covid-19 procedures
 - Explorer Allan's Access NI
 - Explorer Allan's Covid-19 awareness training certificate
- We have extensive Covid-19 procedures including PPE, hand washing, social distancing, cleaning routines, signage, number limits, etc.
- The school / group will be expected to support Wee Critters in ensuring the safe delivery of the session in line with Covid-19 procedures.
- In the instance where government/public health information is updated, Wee Critters will follow all requirements. This may mean amendments to the prize delivery or it may have to be postponed. In this instance we will work directly with the winning class / group to reorganise for the future.
- 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

- This competition is being run to celebrate the launch of Wee Critter's new website.
- By entering the competition the class / group agree to participate in official photography and filming which is part of the terms of this competition.
- The teacher / leader of the winning class / group will be required to get parents and guardians of participants to complete Wee Critter's photographic consent form.
- An official photographer/videographer may also be in attendance at the winning session. This individual will be confirmed in advance and will have all relevant checks, Covid-19 compliance, etc.
- 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/group for their own use.





TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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. 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.
- 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 35 people (within one class bubble).

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 opportunities for Allan the Explorer to adequately socially distance from the class.

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 certain 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

- Participants will be required to fully wash their hands (with soap and hot water) before the session begins.
- For animal care and health and safety reasons, all participants will be required to use disinfectant hand wash throughout the session.
- All participants must wash their hands thoroughly following the session and in line with current public health guidelines.
- The school / venue must have hand washing facilities for participants to use.

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.

