Welcome to Tracy Aviary! Our grounds span nine acres and we house more than 100 species, so there is plenty to explore. This guide is here to help you, as a chaperone, provide the best experience for your group. There is no need to print a copy of this packet for each individual; instead, you can use the information provided to ask age-appropriate, guided questions about Tracy Aviary’s grounds and birds to make your visit educational and fun for all. To make sure both you and the birds have a fantastic time please go over the Exploration Expectations below before starting your journey. This visit is sure to be a hoot!

- Tracy Aviary’s Education Department

**Investigator’s Code**

__ I will respect the birds by giving them space and keeping my hands and any human food to myself.

__ I will stay with my group so no one gets lost.

__ I will keep my walking feet on instead of my running feet.

__ I will be curious and ask questions.
Intriguing Investigations

Use this section to guide your investigations at Tracy Aviary. Below are some suggestions for exhibits to visit and questions to ask your group at those exhibits. Have fun out there, investigators!

**Destination Argentina**
Visit Destination Argentina to see our amazing flock of flamingos! They all look similar but can you find some individual variations? Why do these exist? Would these differences affect the birds and their survival?

**South American Pavilion**
Many of the birds in this exhibit get overlooked because they are so small! Take some time to sit in front of an exhibit and observe the birds. What are they doing? Are they all doing the same thing? What behaviors are you observing?

**Owl Forest**
Visit Owl Forest to see some more birds with amazing adaptations! What adaptations do owls have? Are they physical adaptations (specialized structures)? Or behavioral adaptations? Take a look at the great horned owls - are they the same color? Why do you think they might be different?

**Kennecott Wetland Immersion Experience**
Birds in here have amazing adaptations to survive in their habitat! What habitat do you think these birds live in? What adaptations do you see? Make sure to look at all the birds – some of them have very different adaptations, including amazing camouflage!

**Turkey Vulture and Hawks**
Vultures and hawks are both incredibly important to our environment! Why do you think these birds are so important? Both birds eat similar things but there is a slight difference. Can you figure out what each bird likes to eat? Use the signs to aid your investigation!
Interesting Investigations Scavenger Hunt

Use your keen investigation skills to answer the questions below!

1. Andy is an Andean Condor and he has an amazing wingspan. How big is an Andean condor’s wingspan?

2. Tracy Aviary houses two species of eagles. One species eats mainly fish. Which species is it?

3. There is a family of birds whose wild relatives live in southern Africa. What bird is it? Hint: They are black with red on their face.

4. Sandhill cranes love to dance! Find the graphic of their display at their exhibit and try to copy it with a friend.

5. You can find solar panels in two places on our grounds. Where are they?

6. Visit South American Pavilion. Are any of the birds eating? If so count how many times the bird flies from their perch to the food pan.

7. While in South American Pavilion, can you figure out which bird builds its nest in a burrow underground?

8. There are three different types of toucans in South American Pavilion. What are their names? Hint: Aracaris are species of small toucans!

9. How many of the owls in Owl Forest can you find in Utah?

10. Visit Kennecott Wetland Immersion Experience. Find the birds that like to hang out up high. What type of bird are they? Use the ID cards to help you!

11. Turkey vultures eat some gross things! What is the science term for their food?

12. Visit Treasures of the Rainforest. Plant your feet and watch the birds around you. Then grab a partner and share what you saw! Write down two observations.