SPRING 2021

ZOO

Education Programs

REGISTER FOR SPRING PROGRAMS!

cincinnatizoo.org

photo by DJJAM
SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 29th - April 9th

4 Year Olds + Kindergarteners
ALL IN THE FAMILY
There’s nothing secret about it! Organizing the diversity of life is complex. Become an animal super sleuth and uncover clues about what makes reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, and insects so different. With animal encounters, hikes, games, and other activities you’ll help us close this case as we investigate the living world.

1st-2nd Grades
TROOPS, GROUPS & HERDS
Who is in your “pack”? Is it just your family or are friends allowed too? Do you eat together, play together, and take care of each other? Did you know some animals live, eat, and hang out in groups together too? Bring your gaggle, flock, or pride to the Zoo and discover which animals stick together, how they form and maintain their bonds, and how group life helps them to survive.

3rd-4th Grades
I WONDER...
Does looking at animals fill you with wonder? Does walking around the Zoo spark a million questions? During this camp, WE will be the scientists investigating what the Zoo animals are up to. With our inquiring minds and untamed eyes, we will explore animal behavior.

5th-6th Grades
Dr. Zoolittle’s Animal Training Camp
Discover how to “talk” to animals! Campers will be training more NEW behaviors with some of our Zoo animal ambassadors. Learn about animal behavior and motivation while applying training techniques taught by Zoo professionals. By the end of camp, animals will be eating out of your hands, literally!
7th–8th Grades
Mini-Maynard Training Camp
Our Zoo Director, Thane Maynard, is known as a wildlife expert, naturalist, author, and regular on T.V. shows promoting wildlife conservation. Join us for a week long adventure where campers will learn about animal handling, get up-close with Zoo animals, and create a “90-second naturalist” video of their own, all in the name of discovering what it takes to become a future Zoo Director.
WHERE IN THE WORLD?
All aboard! Summer campers will take a journey from the North to South Pole and every habitat in between! Along the way they’ll experience live classroom animal encounters, Zoo hikes to animals from every continent, and even get to feed some long-necked neighbors. It’s sure to be an adventure they won’t forget!

EXTREME ANIMALS
Are you extreme enough? Animals are out of this world, equipped with outrageous abilities such as being able to dive a MILE deep into the ocean! Join us as we meet these extreme animals and discover why they must act the way they do. Your camper will explore the animal and plant kingdoms by meeting our ambassadors face to face! You will identify their features and decide who is the fastest, strongest, or largest of them all?

FULL DAY SUMMER CAMP
May 31st - August 13th

4 Year Olds + Kindergartners

1st-2nd Grades

3rd-4th Grades

5th-6th Grades

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: ANIMAL RESCUE
We have an action-packed week planned for your camper. Campers will choose adventures that require teamwork to understand animal populations and what information should be collected to help rescue these animals. Every day, campers will rescue a different animal, make measurements, take weight, and estimate population sizes using field techniques.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR 101
Studying an animal’s behavior in the wild or a zoo can help us get to know them better as individuals AND give scientists valuable insight into the nature and habits of their species. This knowledge can lead to improvements to their care and conservation in the wild and in human care. During this week-long camp, we’ll utilize Zoo hikes and special animal visits to focus on learning the basics of animal observation and investigate the questions that come up.
**7th-8th Graders**

**ZOO CAREERS**

Running a zoo involves a lot more than meets the eye. Join us for a week of exploring the many jobs involved in taking care of the Zoo’s animals and creating a great experience for Zoo visitors. You’ll get a chance to get down, dirty and creative with hands-on activities, animal encounters, & behind the scenes tours. We’ll also round out the experience with some guest speakers who will give you a better understanding of the variety of zoo careers that we have here at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

**ECO-EXPLORER**

Become a backyard biologist exploring fields, forests, and wetlands at our 700-acre Bowyer property! Participants will learn to protect wild spaces through activities such as bird watching, pond dipping, and animal tracking. Our camp will encourage your child to get back in touch with their wild side and build confidence as they hone their naturalist skills. On Friday, your camper will lead you on a nature hike to show off their new skills.

*Note: this camp takes place at a satellite location, the Zoo’s Bowyer Property in Lebanon, OH*
HALF-DAY SUMMER CAMP

4 Year Olds + Kindergartners

FUR, FEATHERS, & SCALES
Are all animals covered in skin like ours? No way! Animals have different coverings that help them slither, hide, hover, and so much more! Campers will fly, flutter, slither and scurry through the week as they experience up-close animal encounters, Zoo hikes, songs, games, and crafts!

SHAKE, RATTLE, & ROLL
Does your child like to jump, hop, swing, or climb? Bring your little mover or shaker to meet some of our Zoo’s movers and shakers! We’ll take a look at feet, fins, flippers, and wings and see how animals move around their world. Each day, we’ll explore animal locomotion with hikes in the Zoo, crafts, games, and close encounters with some live animal “movers.” Whether it’s by land, sea, or air, your little one will enjoy this action-filled summer Zoo adventure.

1st-2nd Grades

FEAST FOR THE BEASTS
Termites, durian fruit, and dung are just a few of the unusual, tasty “treats” that the animals like to eat. In the Zoo’s unique learning environment, your child will enjoy discovering the world of herbivores, carnivores, omnivores, and scavengers as well as where they all fit into the food chain.

JUNGLE JOURNEY
Come on a tropical safari with us! This camp will explore the tropical rainforest where we will meet every animal under the canopy! From singing gibbons to hooting gorillas, campers will take a trip around this awesome biome and discover some hidden jewels of the tropical rainforest and why these habitats are so very special.
Do you want to bring something wild to your next event? Book a Wild Chat! These 45-minute, virtual programs are hosted by a Zoo Educator and include a guided, in-depth look at the chosen topic using live audience Q&A and pre-recorded interviews with staff from around the Zoo. These programs are available to commercial preschools, after-school programs, scout meetings, nursing homes, libraries, community events, and more!

**CART TOURS**

Imagine spending an evening at the Zoo on your own private tour! These 2 hour, choose-your-own-adventure-styled programs begin with drinks at Hops Beer Garden overlooking our new Roo Valley habitat. Then we will continue the adventure and head out with a Zoo Educator for your own, guided, after-hours tour! Finally we will end with a private animal encounter in our Twiga Tented Camp. Guests are transported between destinations of their choosing in a golf cart that can accommodate groups of up to 6 participants.

This program is great for either adults or for groups with ages 12+. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**FAMILY SUNSET SAFARIS**

**Goodnight Zoo**

The day is ending and it is time for many Zoo animals to start getting ready for bed and others to start waking up! Join us as we encounter and say, “Goodnight,” to some daytime animals and greet others starting the night shift in their habitats, in private encounters, and roaming the Zoo (even some wild, native animals choose to make the Zoo their home!)!

This program is open to children ages 5+ and their families. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a registered, paying adult.

**Virtual Wild Chats for Community Groups**

Do you want to bring something wild to your next event? Book a Wild Chat! These 45-minute, virtual programs are hosted by a Zoo Educator and include a guided, in-depth look at the chosen topic using live audience Q&A and pre-recorded interviews with staff from around the Zoo. These programs are available to commercial preschools, after-school programs, scout meetings, nursing homes, libraries, community events, and more!

**ADULT SUNSET SAFARIS**

**African Sundowner**

Join us for a traditional part of an African safari, the sundowner or, post-safari happy hour. Instead of signaling the end of your adventure, however, the drinks and dinner are just the beginning! After the Zoo closes, we will have a private adventure filled with up-close animal ambassador encounters, exclusive, small group tours throughout the Zoo, and special animal experiences. Spaces are limited, so sign up today!

This program is open to adults ages 21+.
Oh Baby!
Do you look like your mommy and daddy? Animal babies look like their mommy and daddy too! Join us for a 4-week adventure where we will match up mom and baby, using our voices and bodies to act like animals in the classroom and around the Zoo. Grownups will learn with us, as we watch animals in action, and learn about baby animals with our friends.

Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May

I Spy...
Our world is full of places to discover and explore, and our toddlers are doing just that! Join us for a four-week series as we explore our world by getting out into the Zoo, and looking up, down, and all around! You and your child will explore the outdoors, meeting animals who live in the water, underground, in the soil, and way up in the sky! Each week we will discover these animals through live encounters, Zoo hikes and dramatic and exploratory play, in our own Education backyard!

Art of Nature
It’s time to use our creativity to explore the great outdoors! Come outside with us to create our own art projects and discover the fascinating art palette nature has to offer! Each week of our series we will meet animals face-to-face inside and around the Zoo, as we get hands-on with nature in our own backyard.

Reading and Romping
Can you hoot for mom like the Owl Babies? Are you as colorful as The Mixed-Up Chameleon? Can you move your body like an animal From Head to Toe? Through animal encounters, hands-on activities, and exploring the Zoo, your Zoo Trooper will begin to understand how the animals in these books are connected to the animals in the world around us!

Born Wild
What is it like to be an animal baby? Some need more tender love and care than others, but they all need food, water and protection to survive! Join us as we learn about the most precious time of an animal’s life, where a baby will learn the most essential lessons from mom and dad! We will meet some beautiful babies face to face, out in the Zoo, and in the classroom.

Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May
Kindergarten

Ready, Set, Play!
What is your favorite game to play on the playground? Have you ever played hide-and-seek or hopscotch? You may be surprised to discover that some animals are born knowing what to do while others play games in order to learn important lessons for survival! During this four-week series, we’ll take a closer look at the role of play in how baby animals learn the skills they need to survive as adults.
Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May

1st-2nd

Are You My Mother?
How are the lives of baby reptiles, mammals, birds and insects different? When you’re an animal baby, everything from what you eat to where you live all depends on who raises you! This spring is a great time to check out the diversity of the Zoo’s growing family. Join us as we meet animal friends, hike around the zoo, and play games to see who raises our favorite animal babies.
Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May

3rd-4th

My Wild Family Tree
What do tigers and ocelots have in common? How about painted dogs and wolves? Their wild family trees of course! With hikes, games, and classroom animal visitors, this four-week series will help us explore the parenting and family lifestyles of these wild animals and see if they have more in common than shared ancestry.
Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May

5th-6th

Raising Wild Ones
From baby parking to baby wearing, animals employ MANY different parenting styles. During this four-week series, participants will go on Zoo hikes, meet animals in the classroom, and engage in other fun activities that will help them explore the way that wild animal babies are raised and compare them to their own families.
Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May
Growing Up Wild

Imagine going from newborn to adult in a year, a few months, or less than a month! Imagine being independent from birth or staying a baby until conditions are right to become an adult! Imagine having 200 brothers and sisters! In this 4-week series, we will learn all about the crazy variety that can be found among baby animals and why growing up in the animal kingdom is a wild and wonderful thing!

Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in April-May

Visit cincinnatizoo.org/education/ for more information & to register!