For more information or to register for programs
http://cincinnatizoo.org/education/
Winter Camp

Cold Weather Critters
(4 Year Olds-2nd Grade)

**Dates:** December 20–22 or 29–31, 2021 from 9am–4pm

Br-rr-rrrr, get out the gloves, jackets and hats: winter is coming! Good thing many animals have built-in cold weather gear! Join us for this adventure as we meet cold weather animals face-to-face, hike to animal habitats, and discover the local wildlife that can tough out the harsh cold, just like we can!

Winter Warriors & Fair-Weather Friends
(3rd-8th Grade)

**Dates:** December 20–22 or 29–31, 2021 from 9am–4pm

Some animals are equipped to tough out the cold and snow while others migrate or hibernate to avoid the winter weather altogether. During this fun, hands-on program, we will investigate our own cold-weather adaptations with Zoo hikes, compare our adaptations to those of other animals with animal visits, and use games and other activities to have fun exploring and playing together.

*Note: Grades will be further sub-divided based on registration numbers.*
Zoo Play-Date
(4 Year Olds-8th Grade)

Dates: January 17 (MLK Day) or February 21 (President’s Day)
9am–4pm

Is play an important part of your day? It is to animals here at the Zoo! In this one-day camp, we will explore how both human and non-human animals use play to stay healthy and learn how to get along with others. With interactive activities and observations of animals both in the Zoo and in the classroom, we will learn about how play is useful in keeping our animals happy and healthy. We will even create some special enrichment toys for some special Zoo residents to enjoy.

*Note: Grades will be further sub-divided based on registration numbers.
Spring Break Camp

Dates: March 28–April 1, 2021 or April 4–8, 2021 from 9am–4pm

**Beauty and the Beast**
*(4 Year Olds-Kindergarten)*

Some animals are more than meets the eye. From beautiful butterflies and peacocks to beastly bearded dragons and bats, we'll see why looks can be deceiving and learn why there are just as many reasons (if not more) to love the beasts as the beauties. By the end, we will learn that there is beauty in every beast.

**Blend, Bolt or Bite!**
*(1st-2nd Grade)*

Animals can behave in different ways when faced with danger! They can blend in, bolt out of sight or turn and bite! Discover the tricky ways animals keep safe in this week-long camp that features up-close animal encounters and opportunities for excitement around every corner!

**Animagination**
*(3rd-4th Grade)*

From Fantastic Beasts and Pokemon Go to Angry Birds and Pete's Dragon, there sure are a lot of magical, mythical creatures in movies and media! Come to this camp and we'll learn about some of the real-life inspirations for these fantastical beasts, uncover some amazing adaptations of actual wildlife and then use what we learn plus our imaginations to “discover” and present a new species of our own creation.
Dr. Zoolittle’s Animal Training Camp (5th-6th Grade)

Discover how to “talk” to animals! Campers will be training 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!

Mini-Maynard Training Camp (7th-8th Grade)

Join us for a week-long adventure and discover what it takes to become a future Zoo director! Our Zoo director Thane Maynard is known as a wildlife expert, a naturalist, author and is a regular on T.V. shows promoting wildlife conservation. Campers will experience the many different jobs Thane has done on the way to becoming our zoo director. Campers will learn about animal handling, go behind the scenes with Zoo animals and create a “90-second naturalist” podcast of their own on their way to becoming the next Zoo director. So watch out Thane!!
Can you smell as well as an aardvark or hear as well as a bat eared fox? Animals have the best senses in the world! Come to this four-week series where you and your child will explore the world like our Zoo animals do. We will use our senses to experience our world through discovery activities like dramatic play, Zoo hikes, live animal encounters, and crafts.

**Sensational Senses**

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January*

“Grr,” says the tiger, “Quack,” says the duck, “Hiss,” says the... cockroach? Animals sure do have a lot to say! Come to the Zoo and learn to “talk” to the animals in their language! We’ll tweet, growl and moo our way through this four-week series as we learn to listen to and mimic the sounds around us.

**Hoot and Holler**

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March*

*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Toddler series. Toddler series is for children 18–36 months old.*
Pre-K

Exploring Your World

Every day, animals use their super-senses to help them find food, water, shelter and space. Throughout this Zoo Troop journey, we will meet Animal Ambassadors up-close, create crafts and explore the Zoo with our new friends. Join us in this four-week series as we learn about senses and how we can use them to investigate our own world!

**Dates:** *Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January*

Finding Friends

Join us for this four-week series as we investigate how animals communicate and live with one another! We will meet animals face-to-face in the classroom and out in the Zoo. Each week, we will communicate and share with our classmates, working together to find out just how animals communicate like you and me!

**Dates:** *Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March*

*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Pre-K series.*
Say What?! What do colorful feathers, fancy foot work, squawking and poop all have in common?! Most animals may not be able to “talk” in the same way that we do, but they sure do know how to communicate with each other in diverse ways! During this four-week series, we’ll meet these unconventional “talkers” up-close and use our senses to figure out what kind of messages they are trying to share.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January

Bio-Buddies Can a moth and a sloth be buddies? Can a tree and a bee be friends? Why not? Many animals have unusual friends. This four-week series will focus on discovering how animals help each other out and how these friendships fit into the balance of nature.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March
Extreme Senses

What if you could see and hear a mouse squeaking from hundreds of feet away? Some of the world’s coolest critters have the most incredible senses. This four-week series will explore out of this world senses through discovery activities, Zoo hikes and live animal encounters.

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January

Secret Messages

Shhhh! Some of the biggest animals make the quietest sounds. These careful creatures still work together to survive without making a peep! Join us as we investigate the plethora of other ways silent communicators send secret messages to each other.

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March
Eye Saw That!

Do you see eye-to-eye with wildlife? Maybe, maybe not! Animal eyes are adapted to perceive their world and tell them important information to help them survive. Not all visual cues are important to all species and not all things look the same to all animals. In this series, we will learn about how different species use their uniquely adapted eyes and their sense of sight to see their world and how this sense helps them to meet their needs and survive in their world.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January

A Tail’s Tale

A rudder, a signal, a balancer, a breaking system—tails serve all sorts of interesting functions. In this four-week series, we will look at the science and the structure of tails and who uses them for what, the clues a tail can tell about an animal’s lifestyle, and the tools that we use to help make up for not having a tail ourselves.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March
Call Me, Maybe

Can you tell the difference between an alarm call and a friendly vocalization just by hearing it? How does an animal’s color send a silent message? What does it really mean when your cat rubs its head on you? Scent, color, sound—animals use many methods to share information with their friends, foes, and neighbors. In this four-week series, we will explore the important role that animal communication plays both within and between species. We will even learn how to look for and recognize the meaning of some common animal communications, and uncover the power of our own words and voices by sharing what we learn with our friends and family.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January

Habitat Heroes

What do an alligator, a panda, and a frog have in common? They all play uniquely important roles in their habitats and the lives of the species with which they share it. During this series, we will learn about what terms such as “indicator species,” “keystone species” and “umbrella species” mean as well as which special animals in our world (and Zoo) fill these roles.

Dates: Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March
Finding food, shelter, and safety are essential for an animal’s survival. What about things like play and vocalizations, though? How much of what animals do is learned, and how much is instinct? During this series, we will explore the roots and causes of some of the different behaviors that animals display every day as well as how these behaviors might differ between wild and captive animals.

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in January

Love is in the air this month. From stinky pheromones to musical duets and gifts of food to elaborate dance routines, animals have interesting ways of finding and winning over a mate. During this series, we’ll learn about the role that sounds, sights, and smells play in animals finding each other and some of the funny and strange things that animals do to win over a prospective partner. We will also learn a little about the role that conservation science sometimes needs to play in the whole process, both in the wild and right here at our Zoo.

**Dates:** Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday for 4 weeks in February/March
Earn Your Master’s Degree in Biology!

The Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) is a biology master’s degree through Miami University (OH) that combines web-based courses with unique experiences at the Zoo. This one-of-a-kind graduate program is designed for environmental and education professionals, as well as anyone who has a vested interest in our natural world. Connected to a broad network of peers across the country, our students develop their inquiry-driven investigative skills while creating positive change in conservation efforts and local communities.

Applications for the next cohort of the AIP are open now, with a deadline of February 28, 2022 and courses beginning in summer. For more information or to apply, check out cincinnatizoo.org/AIP.
Family Programs

The Zoo Gourmet

**Dates:** December 11, 2021 from 10–11:30am or 1–2:30pm

Food is a huge part of celebrating holidays! At the Zoo, our animals feast year-round on carefully planned diets. Join us for a holiday food frenzy and learn how we feed thousands of animals every day. Through a game, a hike around the Zoo, and with the help of our Education animal ambassadors, we’ll learn about why different animals eat different foods, and how the Zoo manages its many menus. One adult must register per family group.

Maple Tapping and Tasting

Come join us at the Zoo’s Bowyer Farm for a fun afternoon full of history, hands-on activities, and storytelling all about maple tapping! This program offers a sweet peek into the history of this age-old tradition and offers an opportunity to participate in the maple tapping process. At the end, participants will be able to taste the pre-cursor to maple syrup, fresh from the tree, as well as some of the finished product! This program is sure to be fun for the whole family. One adult must register per family group.

*This program takes place at our Bowyer Farm in Mason, Ohio.*
**Landscaping for Homeowners Series**

This five-part series is perfect for any gardener or new homeowner looking to turn their yard into outdoor green space that will enrich their life and the region’s ecosystem! Makes a great gift!

Design Your Landscape | February 2, 7–9pm

The Best Trees and Shrubs for Your Landscape
February 9, 7–9pm

Bringing in Color & Pollinators with Annuals and Perennials
February 16, 7–9pm

Now That I Have It, How Do I Take Care of It?
February 23, 7–9pm

Putting It All Together | March 2, 7–9pm
After Hours Programs

Overnight Adventures & Sunset Safaris

Coming March 2022!

Ever wondered what the Zoo is like after hours? Overnight Adventures & Sunset Safaris put you in the middle of the Zoo after it has closed to the public. Take night hikes, participate in fun, educational activities, get behind-the-scenes sneak peeks, and meet some of our animal ambassadors up close and personal! These programs are perfect for Schools, Scouts, Youth groups, Clubs, and more!

Find out more information on how to register for a program here!
Virtual Outreach

Zoo on the Move

Virtual Zoo on the Move

Select from various standards-based topics for students from preschool to 12th grade. Virtual Zoo on the Move programs are live, classroom-based programs hosted by a Cincinnati Zoo Educator and featuring interactive encounters with our Education animal ambassadors.

Wild Chats

Want to learn more about world-famous Fiona the Hippo? Interested in a Zoo career? Our new Wild Chats virtual programs are designed to give learners of all ages a personalized, insider’s view into the Zoo through a combination of live conversations and Q&A with a program host and pre-recorded videos with Zoo experts.
For more information or to register for programs
http://cincinnatizoo.org/education/