



# zoo

## Education Programs

Winter 2023

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<http://cincinnatizoo.org/education/>



# Winter Camp

**DATES:** Join us either December 18–20 **or** December 27–29

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$195 non-members | \$180 members | \$40 Aftercare

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

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 (3rd-8th Grade)

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.*



# Holiday Camp

**DATES:** Join us either Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15th) **or**

Presidents' Day (February 19th) for this single-day camp!

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$80 non-members | \$65 members

## Zoo Play Date (4 Year Olds-8th Grade)

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 enrichment items for a few of our Zoo residents to enjoy.

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# Toddlers

## Sensational Senses

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.

*Choose to come every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday for 4 weeks.\**

### DATES:

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23 & 30

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24 & 31

Fridays: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

Saturdays: January 13, 20, 27 & February 3

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. **or** 11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

**PRICING:** \$100 non-members | \$85 members

## Hoot and Holler

“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.

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### DATES:

Tuesdays: February 13, 20, 27 & March 5

Wednesdays: February 14, 21, 28 & March 6

Fridays: February 16 & 23, March 1 & 8

Saturdays: February 17 & 24, March 2 & 9

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. **or** 11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

**PRICING:** \$100 non-members | \$85 members

*\*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 the senses and how we can use them to investigate our own world!

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**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**PRICING:** \$100 non-members | \$85 members

*\*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Pre-K series. Pre-K series is for children ages 3–4 years old and 5 year olds who are not in Kindergarten.*

## 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!

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# Kindergarten

# 1st and 2nd Grade

## 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.

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**PRICING:** \$105 non-members | \$90 members

## 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.

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**PRICING:** \$105 non-members | \$90 members

*\*Note: Kindergarten Zoo Troopers and older attend without an adult. This is a drop-off style program.*

## 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.

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Saturday 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$105 non-members | \$90 members

## 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.

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# 3rd and 4th Grade

## 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.

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Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23 & 30

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24 & 31

Saturdays: January 13, 20, 27 & February 3

**TIME:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,

Saturday 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members

## A Tail's Tale

A rudder, a signal, a balancer, a braking 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.

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Saturday 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members

# 5th and 6th Grade

## 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. 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 voices.

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**TIME:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,

Saturday 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members

## 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.

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**TIME:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,

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**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members





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# 7th and 8th Grade

## Animal Instincts

Finding food, shelter, and safety is 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.

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Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24 & 31

Saturdays: January 13, 20, 27 & February 3

**TIME:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,

Saturday 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members

## Be Mine

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.

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**TIME:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,

Saturday 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$110 non-members | \$95 members

# Horticulture

## Landscaping for the Homeowner Series

**DATE:** *Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 6*

**TIMES:** 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$75 non-members | \$60 members

Join us for our 5-week virtual series of lectures regarding all aspects of landscaping for the homeowner by one of the region's top horticulturists and the Zoo's Director of Horticulture, Steve Foltz. If you are planning on garden renovation or a new installation in your landscape, these classes provide great insight on design, preparation, and plant selection with emphasis on plants that do best in the Tri-state area. A different aspect of landscaping is covered each week such as perennial design and tree care, but one way or another everything is covered!

**Note:** *This is a virtual program taking place via Zoom.*





# Family Programs

## Zoo Gourmet

**DATE:** December 9th

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **or** 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$25 non-members | \$20 members

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 games, a hike around the Zoo, and with the help of animal ambassadors, we'll learn about why different animals eat different foods, and how the Zoo manages its many menus.

**Note:** Register each person attending, except for children under 2 years of age.



## Maple Tapping & Tasting

**DATE:** February 10th

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**PRICING:** \$25 non-members | \$20 members

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 precursor to maple syrup, fresh from the tree! This program is sure to be fun for the whole family.

**Note:** Register each person attending, except for children under 2 years of age. This program takes place at our Bowyer Farm in Mason, located at 2210 Mason Montgomery Road. This is an outdoor program—dress warmly and with comfortable walking shoes to walk approximately 1/2 mile over uneven terrain.





# After Hours Programs

## Overnight Adventures & Sunset Safaris

Book now for 2024! Ever wondered what the Zoo is like after hours? Overnight Adventures & Sunset Safaris put you in the middle of the Zoo after it has been 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, Birthday Parties, and more! Find out more information on how to register for a program here!

## NEW! Adventures in Adaptations

New for 2024, adaptations are the key to life! Join us as we explore how animals find food, escape predators, find a mate, and overall SURVIVE in all their unique habitats. Throughout the night we'll explore a few places in the Zoo, participate in fun, educational activities, get a behind-the-scenes sneak peek, and meet some of our animal ambassadors up-close and personal! Then, after the fun, curl up in our private education classrooms overlooking our rainforest.



# ZooTeens

## Save the Date! ZooTeen Applications Open Dec. 1 on the Zoo website!

The ZooTeen program is perfect for teenagers who love nature, animals, and people! ZooTeens build knowledge, gain leadership experience, and develop professional skills while having a lot of FUN working with our Education, Visitor Experience, and Horticulture Departments. ZooTeens have a genuine passion for nature & conservation, a positive attitude, an inquisitive mind, and a willingness to learn and challenge themselves to do new things.

**Note:** The summer volunteering season runs from May 27, 2024 through Mid-August 2024! Applications accepted December 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024, at [cincinnatizoo.org/volunteers](https://cincinnatizoo.org/volunteers).





# Advanced Inquiry Program

## Ignite Ecological & Social Change While Earning Your Master's Degree

The Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP) is an online master's degree from Miami University that combines web-based coursework with unique experiences at the Zoo. Created for working professionals in various career stages, the AIP immerses students in collaborative inquiry and action as they champion change for the environment and their local community. AIP students join a network of local and national leaders, working together to improve their professions, institutions, neighborhoods, and environments.

Applications for the next cohort are open with a deadline of February 28, 2024 with courses beginning that summer. For more information or to apply, check out [cincinnatizoo.org/AIP](https://cincinnatizoo.org/AIP).



# Virtual Programs

## Wild Chats

Bring the Zoo to you! Our Virtual Wild Chats give you an insider's view of the Zoo. Two great topics to choose from, where the learning is brought to life through live Q&A with a program host and pre-recorded videos from around the Zoo.

**DATE:** You choose, Monday–Saturday

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

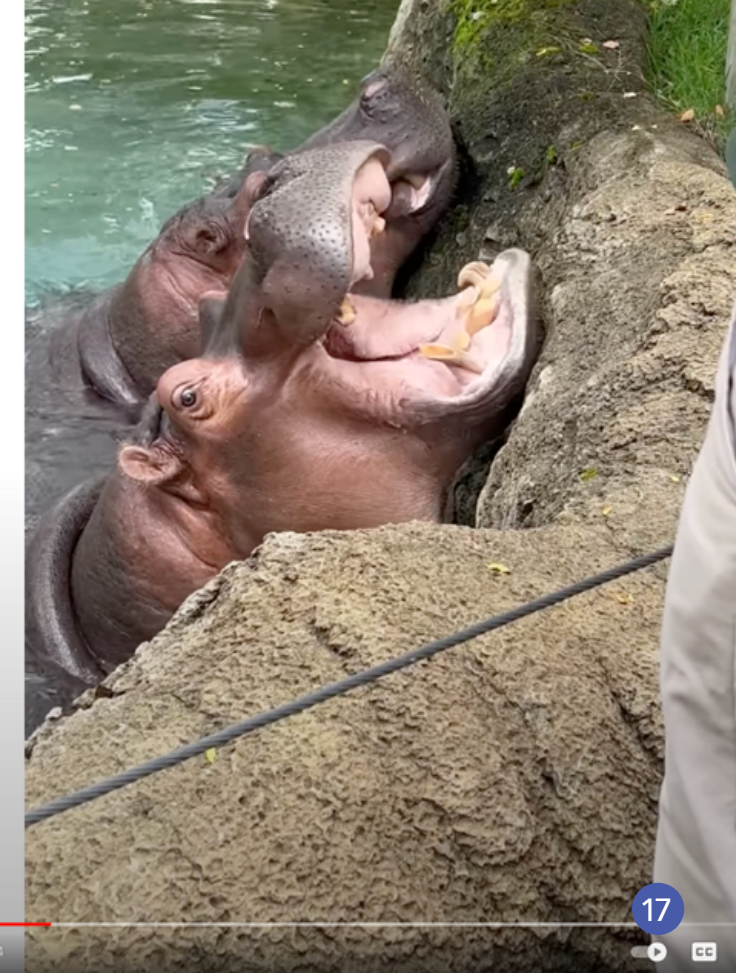
**PRICING:** \$100–\$150 per program

**WHO:** Schools, libraries, scouts, birthday parties, nursing homes, corporate meetings, and more!

## Topics:

**My BFF(iona):** Get an inside look into the wild and wonderful journey of everyone's favorite hippo, Fiona. Starting life as a 28 lbs premature hippo, Fiona stole hearts around the globe. We'll look at the journey she took with her dedicated animal care staff, learn more about the natural history of wild hippos, and see how Fiona and her bloat are doing today.

**Zoo Careers:** Who does it take to run a Zoo? Zoos are more than just animals and their care staff. Discover the careers it takes to run a Zoo, as we deep dive into 3 careers of your choosing with recorded interviews with the actual staff who make it happen.







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