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

Full Day Camps include a summer camp T-shirt, snacks (campers pack lunch), games, hikes, animal encounters, crafts, group projects, animal feedings, animal shows, train rides, keeper talks, and so much more!

**Catch Me If You Can (4 Year Olds–Kindergarteners)**
Do you think you can catch these critters? Discover what it means to be a predator or prey animal and how they use their adaptations to try and outwit, outrun, and hide from each other! Come and explore their wild worlds and help uncover their sneaky, stealthy secrets through interactive games, hikes through the zoo, and close encounters with animal ambassadors.

**Zooper Heroes (1st-2nd Grade)**
A bird that can fly at speeds of 200mph? A cat that can leap 12 feet into the air? Animals can be out of this world when it comes to their super adaptations. Come to summer camp and discover these animals and their incredible superpowers. Each day, we will look at a superhero with amazing superpowers and then see if our Zoo animals can measure up to their spectacular abilities. The camp will include zoo hikes, games, and up-close live animal encounters.

**Choose Your Own Adventure: Expedition Naturalist (3rd–4th Grade)**
Campers will get a chance to become Naturalists as they choose their destiny through different expeditions. These expeditions will traverse them through the world’s different biomes. As they complete each expedition, they will become equipped with the knowledge and the tools it takes to become a real naturalist.

**Exploring Enrichment (5th–6th Grade)**
What do boomer balls, spices, braided butcher paper, and fish-sicles have in common? They are all different forms of animal enrichment! Animal enrichment provides stimulation to our Zoo animals and serves as an important tool that keeps their minds and bodies healthy. In this camp, we will learn about the different forms of animal enrichment, who and what they are good for, and the role of the Zoo’s enrichment committee in all of this through animal encounters, keeper interactions, games, and other activities. We will even get a chance to participate in the creation of some animal enrichment and brainstorm new enrichment ideas to present to the enrichment committee.

**Working with Wildlife (7th–8th Grade)**
Animal keepers, field researchers, forensic zoologists, animal trainers... the list goes on and on when it comes to jobs that work with wildlife. We’ll meet some people who work with wildlife and some of the critters they work with. This is a hands-on class, so be prepared to get knee or elbow-deep in exploration of some of the jobs and tools of the trade that come with a wildlife-related career!

All sessions meet 9am–4pm, Monday–Friday

**Before Care**
8–9am

**After Care**
4–5:30pm
Become a backyard biologist while exploring our fields, forests, and wetlands out at our 600 acre Bowyer Farm! Campers will spend time learning what it takes to protect our wild spaces through hands-on activities such as bird watching, plant identification, and animal tracking. Our adventure filled camp will encourage campers to get back in touch with their wild side, while building 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 the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden’s Bowyer Farm, 2210 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040.

This full day camp is for children entering 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall. Groups will be subdivided based on grade.

Eco-Explorers at Bowyer Farm
(5th–8th Grade)

All sessions meet 9am–4pm, Monday–Friday
Can you crawl like a Very Hungry Caterpillar? Do you want to join a Barnyard Dance? Have you ever asked, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” This series will explore nature and movement through eyes of authors such as Eric Carle and Sandra Boynton and, through hands-on activities and animal encounters, get our Zoo Troopers moving and exploring our world like the animals in our featured books.

**Dates:** Come every Saturday for four weeks in June*  
*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Toddler series.  
Toddler series is for children 18–36 months old.

**Senses in Nature**
Do you smell the flowers? Can you feel the moss on the tree? Our world is full of sights, sounds, smells, and textures. We will explore our senses in nature, encourage free play and fun...all while creating nature art projects! Each week we will discover animals through live animal encounters, Zoo hikes, and dramatic play.

**Dates:** Come every Saturday for four weeks in July*  
*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Toddler series.  
Toddler series is for children 18–36 months old.

**Stories in Motion**
Have you heard that Giraffes Can’t Dance? Could YOU have a tea party while a Bear Snores On? How many animals do you think can fit in The Mitten lost by a little boy? Dramatic play, meeting animals in the classroom, and an exploratory hike through the Zoo will help bring these and other books to life and encourage observation, imagination, and exploration in nature.

**Dates:** Come every Saturday for four weeks in June*  
*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Pre-K series.

**Discovering Our Senses**
Have you ever created a self-portrait using items from nature? We will be creating nature themed works of art and exploring the world around us through our senses. From the smells of the elephant house, the prickles on a pinecone, to the smooth scales of a snake—let’s look closely and explore! Each week we will meet animals face-to-face in the classroom and out in the Zoo as we learn how to sense the world around us.

**Dates:** Come every Saturday for four weeks in July*  
*Note: One adult must accompany children attending Pre-K series.
Imagine spending an evening at the Zoo, zipping around to your favorite destinations. This two-hour private tour will take you and five of your friends all around the Zoo choose-your own adventure style. Led by an experienced Zoo Educator, your group will learn all about the Zoo, its amazing animals, conservation projects, and more! Come ready to ask questions and get the inside scoop.

You and your group will book out an entire cart. The carts can accommodate groups of up to 6 attendees. Attendees must be at least 12 years old at the time of a program. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

School and Group Sunset Safaris & Overnight Adventures

Experience the Zoo after the public has gone home for the evening! We offer a variety of experiences for various audiences: Sunset Safaris, Overnight adventures, and Private Cart Tours.

Private Cart Tours

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You and your group will book out an entire cart. The carts can accommodate groups of up to 6 attendees. Attendees must be at least 12 years old at the time of a program. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dates: Offered Wednesday–Saturday nights, March–November

Make your booking request online!

Family Sunset Safari: Goodnight Zoo

Join us as we say “goodnight” to some daytime animals and “good morning” to some of our nighttime friends. You and your family will experience live animal encounters, an evening hike, and even a behind-the-scenes sneak peek into what it’s like caring for some of our magnificent animals.

Note: All participants, including adults, must register. Children must be at least 5 years old at time of the program.

Dates: Select Friday and Saturday evenings

Adult Sunset Safari: The African Sundowner

Join us for a two-part adventure! An interactive social hour with drinks, light bites, and a visit from a unique animal is just the beginning. Then, small tour groups led by Zoo Educators will explore the Zoo after hours. Discover our amazing African wildlife and conservation stories through a night hike and get up-close with live animal encounters. This experience also includes behind-the-scenes sneak peeks into what it’s like to care for these African animals.

Note: All attendees must be 21+ at time of program. Spots are limited.

Dates: Select Friday and Saturday evenings
How well do YOU know your Cincinnati Zoo? The moniker of "second oldest Zoo in the nation" comes with a lot of history and some pretty epic tales! Step back in time with Zoo animal care and trainer veteran of 50 years, Gary Denzler, as he leads you on a fun and factual story-based historical tour of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, sharing tales of the people and animals that have made this Zoo what it is today. This program is geared towards participants 16 years and older.

**Dates:** Select Wednesdays in June, July, and August, 6–8pm

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**Wild Chats for Community Groups**

Do you want to bring something wild to your next event? Wild Chat virtual programs are hosted live by a Zoo Educator and include pre-recorded interviews with staff around the Zoo. We provide programs to schools, birthday parties, scout meetings, nursing homes, libraries, community events, festivals, and more!
For more information or to register for programs
http://cincinnatizoo.org/education/