



Spring Break Camp 2024

Mini Maynard Training Camp, 7th and 8th grade



Dear Guardians,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's Spring Break Camp. We are so excited your child can join us! For Mini Maynard Training Camp, we will focus on an introduction to the many facets of the Zoo and explore how our Zoo Director, Thane, reaches many people with conservation messages. Through learning games, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about what it takes to be a Zoo Director! This Spring Break Camp will also place an emphasis on inquiry-based learning to build student's confidence in exploring questions and discovering answers.

Below, you will find more information on daily camp themes and activities. Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, all camp staff will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued support of your Cincinnati Zoo!

Day and Topic	Possible Hikes	Possible Animal Friends
1: Becoming A Naturalist	Discovery Rainforest, Wings of The World, Africa	Milk Snake, Corn Snake, Opossum, Tenrec
2: Husbandry Duties	Manatee Springs, Red Panda	Red Footed Tortoise, Striped Skunk, Screaming Hairy Armadillo
3: Animal Handling and Interpreting	Roo Valley, Goat Yard, Giraffe Feed	Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, Hornbill, Pancake Tortoise
4: Zoo Messaging	Night Hunters, Cat Canyon, Reptile House	Tawny Frogmouth, Blue Tongue Skink, Cheetah Companion Dog
5: Career Prep	Cheetah Chat, Barnyard Bonanza	Porcupine

Conversation Starters:

- What is a 90-second naturalist podcast?
- How do educators keep their zoo chats engaging?
- What is one thing you learned about zoo careers today?
- What did you learn about animal handling today?

