



ZOO

Education Programs

Summer 2024

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Summer Camp Full Day

DATES: May 27–31 June 24–28 July 22–26
June 3–7 July 1–5 July 29–Aug. 2
June 10–14 July 8–12 Aug. 5–9
June 17–21 July 15–19 Aug. 12–16

TIMES: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday

PRICING: 4yr–6th grade: \$300 Members | \$315 Non-members
7th–8th grade: \$310 Members | \$325 Non-members

Explore the Zoo, experience nature, and discover the excitement and wonder of animals! Hikes in the Zoo, visits from animal ambassadors, crafts, train rides, and so much more make Summer Camp a jam-packed week to remember! Every camper receives a Summer Camp t-shirt.

4 Year Olds-Kindergarteners Catch Me If You Can?

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 to outwit, outrun, and hide from each other! Explore their wild worlds and uncover their sneaky, stealthy secrets through interactive games, hikes through the Zoo, and up-close encounters with animal ambassadors.

1st-2nd Grade Zoooper Heroes

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 super-powers. Each day, we will look at a superhero with amazing super powers, 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.

3rd-4th Grade Expedition Naturalist

Campers will become naturalists as they choose their own adventure with 5 daily expeditions. Each expedition will traverse through the world's different biomes. As campers complete each adventure, they will become equipped with the knowledge and tools it takes to become a real naturalist.

5th-6th Grade Exploring Enrichment

What do boomer balls, spices, braided butcher paper, and fish-sicles all have in common? They are different forms of animal enrichment! Enrichment provides stimulation to our Zoo animals keeping 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 through animal encounters, keeper interactions, games, and other activities. We will even create animal enrichment items and brainstorm some new ideas.

7th-8th Grade Working with Wildlife

Animal keepers, field researchers, forensic zoologists, animal trainers...the list goes on and on when it comes to jobs that work with wildlife. We will have hands-on animal encounters, meet a variety of speakers, and go on instructor-led hikes to explore habitats around the Zoo. This is a hands-on class, so be prepared to get knee or elbow-deep in exploration of some of the jobs and tools that come with a wildlife-related career! Participants will get the opportunity to write and record an animal-related video.

Before Care

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Pricing: \$55/week

After Care

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Pricing: \$65/week



Bowyer Farm Camp

DATES: June 3–7; June 10–14; June 17–21; June 24–28

TIMES: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday

PRICING: \$310 Members | \$325 Non-members

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

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, butterfly tagging, 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 Mason, OH. Before and After Care is not available for camps hosted at Bowyer Farm.



Summer Camp Half Day

TIMES: 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **or** 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

PRICING: \$175 Members | \$190 Non-members

4 Year Olds-Kindergarteners Bringing Up Baby

Do other animals live in families like humans? Are all babies raised by their moms? During this camp, we'll experience up-close animal encounters, make crafts, and, of course, hike around the Zoo to learn about why it can take a mom, dad, pack, or no one at all to raise a baby animal.

DATES: June 3–7 July 1–5 July 29–Aug. 2
June 17–21 July 15–19 Aug. 12–16

Sensational Senses

Can you talk like an elephant or taste with your feet like a butterfly? Explore what sensory adaptations animals have and how these adaptations help them survive. We'll spend the week looking at our five senses and seeing how they compare to other animals through close encounters with animal friends, interactive games, crafts, and hikes in the Zoo.

DATES: June 10–14 July 8–12 Aug. 5–9
June 24–28 July 22–26

1st-2nd Grade Growing Up

What do polliwogs, cubs, and owlets have in common? They're all babies! Spend a week learning how animals change and grow from the time they're born until they reach adulthood. Each day is packed with activities to help discover how insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals grow.

DATES: June 3–7 July 1–5 July 29–Aug. 2
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Animal Chatter

Have you ever wondered what a lion was roaring about or a bird chirping about? This camp will explore animals and how they "talk" to each other. Join us for a fun-filled week, where campers will discover what animals are communicating, through smell, facial expressions, and sound.

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Toddlers

Bookworms

Can you crawl like a *Very Hungry Caterpillar*? Do you want to join in on a *Barney Dance*? Have you ever asked, "*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*" This series will explore nature and movement through the eyes of authors such as Eric Carle and Sandra Boynton. Through hands-on activities and animal encounters, our Zoo Troopers move and explore our world like the animals in our featured books.

DATES:

Saturdays: June 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 9:30–10:15 a.m. or 11:00–11:45 a.m.

PRICING:

\$85 Members | \$100 Non-members

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, encouraging free play and fun, while creating nature art projects! Each week we will discover animals through live animal encounters, Zoo hikes, and dramatic play.

DATES:

Saturdays: July 13, 20, 27, & Aug. 3 | 9:30–10:15 a.m. or 11:00–11:45 a.m.

PRICING:

\$85 Members | \$100 Non-members

**Note: We ask that only one adult accompany each child attending Toddler series. Toddler series is for children 18–36 months old.*



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Pre-K

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:

Saturdays: June 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 10:00–11:00 a.m.

PRICING:

\$85 Members | \$100 Non-members

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. The smells of the elephant house, a prickle of a pinecone, the shiny smooth scales of a snake - let's get closer to the world around us 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:

Saturdays: July 13, 20, 27 & Aug. 3 | 10:00–11:00 a.m.

PRICING:

\$85 Members | \$100 Non-members

**Note: We ask that only one adult accompany each child attending Pre-K series.*

Day Programs

Hurray for Dad

DATE: June 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PRICING: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-members

From babysitters to breadwinners, the dads of many animal species take an active role in their families' lives. We'll take a hike around the Zoo, see an animal encounter, and play a game to learn more about these important and often overlooked family members as we celebrate them on their special weekend.

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



Evening Programs

Zoo Night Hike: Hot Weathered Wildlife

DATES: June 15, July 13, Aug. 3 & Aug. 31 from 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

PRICING: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-members

Different animals (including humans) have different strategies for staying cool in the summer. Pigs wallow, goats get rid of heat through their ears and horns, snakes and lizards seek the shade, and African penguins swim to keep cool! Join us as we learn about which animals enjoy the heat, and how they find ways to cool down. We will hike to see our warm-weather-loving animals and meet some of our hottest animal ambassadors up-close!

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

History and Hijinks

DATES: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7 & Aug. 21 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

PRICING: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-members

How well do YOU know your Cincinnati Zoo? The honor of “second oldest Zoo in the nation” comes with a lot of history and some epic tales! Step back in time with former zoo keeper and bird trainer, Gary Denzler, as he leads you on a fun and factual story-based historical tour. Gary’s 50 years of experience is perfect for sharing tales of the people and animals that have made this Zoo what it is today.

Note: This program is geared towards participants 16 years and older.



Group After Hours Programs

The gates are shut, the lights are down, and everyone has gone home for the day. It's time to discover the Zoo after dark! Go behind closed doors and get up-close with animal encounters, hikes, and games. After a night of adventure, tuck into your sleeping bag overlooking the animals and then wake up the next morning to breakfast and a special animal experience. The fun doesn't have to stop there as next day admission is included and you can explore the Zoo on your own!

Perfect for any group. **Pick your date:** Wednesday–Saturday, January–November (Twiga Tented Safari *April–October only*). All programs: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 a.m. Other days of the week are possibly available upon request. Check out our programs at cincinnatizoo.org/education/overnights/.



African Predator Prowl

On the African plains, it's survival of the fittest! Discover the adaptations predators have to hunt and how their prey has evolved to give them a fighting chance. We'll observe our incredible African predator and prey species, investigating what it takes for these animals to survive. You'll go behind the scenes to our African animal care staff areas to see how we bring expert care and attention to these extraordinary species. Then after the fun, curl up in our private education classrooms overlooking our rainforest.

Adventures in Adaptations

Adaptations are the key to life! Join us as we explore how animals find their 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.

Sleep with the Manatees

Florida is full of diverse habitats that are bursting with thousands of animal species, from walking-on-water basilisks to slow-and-steady manatees. We'll dive headfirst into the astonishing biodiversity of these southern habitats, centering around the lives of our resident manatees who are a part of our rehabilitation program with Florida conservation groups. We'll get behind the scenes to see how we care for them, and then learn more about the amazing world we live in. When the night ends, you'll doze off at our Manatee Springs building with manatees floating by your bed.

Twiga Tented Safari

A truly one-of-a-kind experience, our Twiga Tented Safari will take you across the African grasslands. We'll traverse through Africa, listening to tales of innovation for living harmoniously with wildlife, such as how a flashlight can shield you against lions, or why a puppy raised with goats can save cheetahs. On our safari, we will get behind the scenes at Hippo Cove and uncover secrets of our world-famous bloat. We'll finish up our night at our twiga tents, gathered round a roaring campfire roasting s'mores. Then, this unique adventure ends with a relaxing night in our safari tents on cozy cots and waking up to breakfast overlooking Giraffe Ridge.



Overnight Safari

Amazing Animal Adaptations!

DATES: June 8, July 12, July 25 & Aug. 10

TIME: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 a.m. the next day

PRICING: \$55 per person

Whether you're a lone wolf, family herd, or pack of friends, we have an overnight experience for you. Formerly Family Overnights, this late-night adventure is open to all. During this overnight, we will discover the adaptations animals have to survive in their unique habitats. Why do wolves hunt in packs? Why are penguins black and white? Why do snakes stick out their tongue? We will answer these and so much more! 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.

Note: *Children must be at least 5 years old at the time of the program. All attendees must register, including adults. At least one adult must be registered with any children.*



Zoo After Dark: Adult 21+ Overnight

DATES: May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 14 & Oct. 5

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. the next day

PRICING: \$190 Members | \$200 Non-members

A truly one-of-a-kind experience, these overnights make a great date night, friend group outing, or (adult) family adventure! An interactive social hour will start the night with two drink tickets, light bites, strange zoo games, and a visit from a unique animal. Then, we will break out into small tour groups led by Zoo Educators to traverse through Africa. On our Zoo safari, we will go behind the scenes at Hippo Cove and uncover the secrets of our world-famous bloat. We'll finish up our night at our Twiga Tents, gathered around a roaring campfire roasting s'mores. Then, this unique adventure ends with a relaxing night in our safari tents on cozy cots and waking up to breakfast overlooking Giraffe Ridge. And it doesn't end there! One last special animal guest will join us in the morning to say goodbye.



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.



