

SPRING BREAK CAMP 2025

Groups, Troops & Herds



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's Spring Break Camp. We are so excited that your child can join us! For this **1st and 2nd grade Spring Camp**, we will focus on specific animals and how they interact with other animals of the same species! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about how animals use different strategies to help them survive.

Below, you will find more information on daily camp themes and activities. Feel free to use these to facilitate discussions with your child after each day of camp. 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 One: Safety in Numbers

Today, we will learn about animals who live in large groups, such as herds, or flocks, and how belonging to a large group helps them to survive.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Angolan Python and Chinchilla

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Africa and Children's Zoo

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some of the benefits to living in a herd?
- What are some examples of animals that live in herds?





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Day Two: Follow the Leader

Today, we will learn about how animals touch and why their sense of touch is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Blue and Gold Macaw and Spotted Turtle

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Elephant Trek and Jungle Trails

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are the benefits of living in a group with a leader?
- How do animals communicate with each other?



Day Three: Cooperation

Today, we will learn about hierarchies in animal groups and how the group cooperates toward a functional living system.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Cockroaches and Darkling Beetles

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wolf Woods and World of Insects

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some examples of animals that live in a colony?
- What are some advantages to living in a colony??

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Day Four: Pairs

Today, we will learn about how animal pair bonds cooperate to find food, seek shelter and protect their young.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tawny Frogmouth and Rainbow Boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Gibbon Island and Wings of the World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some animals that live in pairs?
- Why is it beneficial to live in a pair?

Day Five: Surviving Solo

Today, we will learn about how animals who live alone are equipped to handle the rough conditions of the environment they live in.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Blue Tongued Skink and Apalachicola Kingsnake

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Dragons! and Night Hunters

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some examples of animals that survive solo?
- What was your favorite part of camp this week?

