

SPRING BREAK CAMP 2025

All in the Family



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 **4-year-old and Kindergarten Spring Camp**, we will focus on the animal characteristics that help scientists group animals as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn how to identify two characteristics of each animal group and classify animals ourselves! 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: Reptiles and Amphibians

Today, campers will become detectives and classify animals into the groups of reptiles and amphibians.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Ball Python, White's Tree Frog, and Bearded Dragon

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Reptile House and Manatees

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What characteristics do Reptiles have?
- What is the difference between a Reptile and an Amphibian?





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Day Two: Insects

Today, campers will become detectives and classify animals into the group of insects.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches and Giant African Millipede

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- World of the Insect and Night Hunters

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What is an insect?
- How do insects survive in the wild?



Day Three: Birds

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

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tawny Frogmouth and Yellow-Billed Hornbill

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Eagle Eyries and Wings of Wonder

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What is a bird?
- How do birds fly? What adaptations do they have to help them survive?

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Day Four: Mammals

Today, campers will become detectives and classify animals into the group of mammals.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tenrec and Striped Skunk

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Jungle Trails and Veldt

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What characteristics do mammals have?
- Are humans mammals?

Day Five: Review

Today, campers will become detectives and classify animals into the groups we have focused on all week.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Barn Owl and Opposum

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Cat Canyon and Hippo Cove

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How do scientists classify animals?
- What is the difference between a reptile and a mammal?
- What was your favorite part of camp this week?

