

SUMMER CAMP 2025

Extreme Animals



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's Summer Camp. We are so excited that your child can join us! For this **1st & 2nd Grade Summer Camp**, we will focus on the extreme adaptations of different animals. Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about how animals use these extreme adaptations to help them survive in their environment.

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: Dinosaurs and Living Giants

Today, we will learn about the extreme adaptations of dinosaurs and living giants!

Possible Animal Friends:

- Bearded Dragon, Dumeril's Ground Boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Manatee Springs and Dragons!

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What is an adaptation?
- What are some adaptations that living giants have that help them survive?





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Day Two: Cats

Today, we will learn about the most extreme cats, and their special adaptations

Possible Animal Friends:

- Rainbow Boa and Box Turtle

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Cat Canyon and Africa

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What is the difference between a big cat and a small cat?
- What are some extreme adaptations of cats?



Day Three: Primates

Today, we will learn about the most extreme primate adaptations

Possible Animal Friends:

- Ground Squirrel, Tamandua

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Jungle Trails and Gorilla World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What makes a primate a primate?
- What are some of the most extreme primate adaptations?

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Day Four: Insects, Arachnids, and Amphibians

Today, we will learn about the most extreme adaptations of insects, arachnids, and amphibians!

Possible Animal Friends:

- Giant African Millipede, White's Tree Frog

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- World of the Insect and Reptile House

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some really cool insect adaptations?
- How do these animals use their adaptations to help them survive?

Day Five:

Today, we will be learning about the most extreme bird adaptations!

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tawny Frogmouth, Turaco

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wings of the World and Eyries

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some of the most extreme bird adaptations?
- What was your favorite part of camp this week?



Gadgets for Gorillas is our summer camp conservation challenge! We are collecting e-waste to recycle, helping to protect gorilla habitat in the Congo. The bin will be located in our lobby. [Click here for a video with more details!](#)

