

SUMMER CAMP 2025

Choose Your Own Adventure: Animal Rescue



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 **3rd and 4th Grade Summer Camp**, we will focus on biodiversity and its management! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about biodiversity and what humans/organizations can do to help.

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: Biodiversity basics

Today, we will learn about what biodiversity is and why it is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Sand Boa and Tawny Frogmouth

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Reptile House and Barnyard Bonanza

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What is biodiversity?
- Why is biodiversity important to animals and ecosystems?





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Day Two: Threats by Land

Today, we will learn about what issues land animals face and what we can do.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Radiated Tortoise and Screaming Hairy Armadillo

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Africa and World of the Insect

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some land threats animals are facing?
- How can we do to help land animals?



Day Three: Threats at Sea

Today, we will learn about what issues aquatic animals are facing and what we could do to help.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Penguins and Spotted Turtle

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Manatee Springs and Wings of the World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some sea threats animals are facing?
- What can we do to help aquatic animals?



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Day Four: Impacts of Zoos

Today, we will learn about how zoos are helping animals all across the world.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Darkling Beetle and Virginia Opossum

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Elephant Trek and Cat Canyon

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How do zoos help endangered animals?
- How do zoos help native animals?

Day Five: Helping from Home

Today, we will learn about what we can do to help the animals we have here.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Box Turtle and Apalachicola Kingsnake

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wolf Woods and Cheetah Encounter

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How can we help native animals?
- What animals need the most help?
- 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.

