

# SUMMER CAMP 2025

## Fur, Feather & Scales



### 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 4 year old and Kindergarten Summer Camp**, we will focus on how different animals use their five senses! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about how animals use their senses 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: Reptiles

Today we will learn about some scaly friends! Let's explore what characteristics make a reptile.

#### Possible Animal Friends:

- Blue-tongued Skink & Rainbow Boa

#### Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Dragons!, Cheetah Encounter for AM section

#### Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How do you use your sense of taste?
- How do different animals taste and how does their sense of taste help them?





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### Day Two: Arthropods

Today, we will learn about strong exoskeletons and what characteristics an arthropod might have.

#### Possible Animal Friends:

- Giant African Millipede & Darkling Beetle

#### Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- World of Insect

#### Conversation Starters:

- Who are some local bugs you may have found outside today?
- Why might an arthropod have an exoskeleton?
- What was the biggest and smallest insect you've seen today?



### Day Three: Birds

Today we will learn about some soaring and stunning bird friends and their unique feathers!

#### Possible Animal Friends:

- Tawny Frogmouth and Box Turtle

#### Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wings of the World

#### Conversation Starters:

- What is it called when birds travel to a milder climate for the winter season?
- What different color birds did you see today?
- What characteristic make birds different from most other animals?



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### Day Four: Mammals

Let's talk mammals! Today, we will learn about the different characteristics of our fellow mammals, including their amazing fur!

#### Possible Animal Friends:

- Tenrec and Ground Squirrel

#### Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Jungle Trails

#### Conversation Starters:

- What characteristics make a mammal a mammal?
- Where was your favorite place you visited in the zoo today?
- Who is the smallest & biggest mammal you learned about?

### Amphibians

Today, we will learn about what makes amphibians' skin moist and their other attributes.

#### Possible Animal Friends:

- White's Tree Frog & Angolan Python

#### Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Reptile & Wings of Wonder Show (PM section only)

#### Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How do different amphibians use their skin?
- 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.](#)

