

SUMMER CAMP 2026

Where in the World?



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 and 2nd Grade Summer Camp**, we will explore animal habitats and adaptations from every continent in the world! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about animals and conservation organizations working hard around the globe.

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: North America

Today, we will learn about habitats in North America and what adaptations animals have there to survive.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

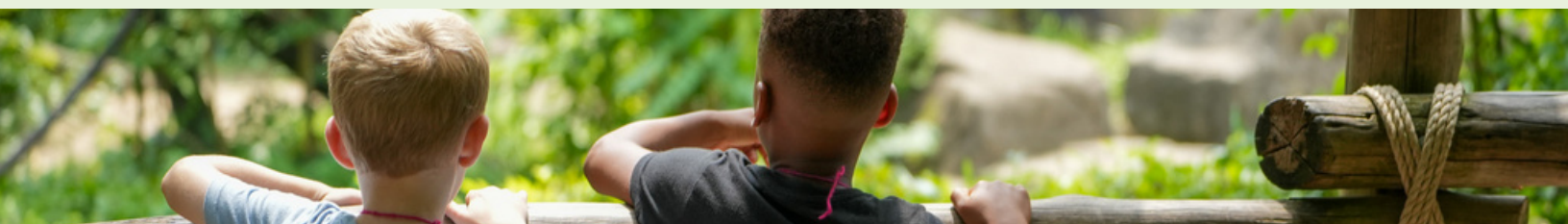
- Corn Snake, Western Hognose Snake, Spotted Turtle, Striped Skunk, or Grey Rat Snake

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wolf Woods, Swan Lake, Bear Ridge, Sea Otter Coast, & Manatee Springs

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What types of habitats can be found in North America?
- What are some adaptations that North American animals have?





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Day Two: Africa

Today, we will learn about habitats in Africa and what adaptations animals have there to survive.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Kenyan sand boa, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, Lady Ross's turaco, Dumeril's ground boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Africa!, Cheetah Run Encounter, Giraffe Ridge, Gorilla World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What types of habitats can be found in Africa?
- What are some adaptations that African animals have?



Day Three: South America

Today, we will learn about habitats in South America and what adaptations animals have there to survive.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Chinchilla, red-footed tortoise, 3-banded armadillo, Brazilian rainbow boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Reptile House, World of the Insect, Wings of Wonder Bird Experience

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What types of habitats can be found in South America?
- What are some adaptations that South American animals have?



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Day Four: Australia (and Antarctica!)

Today, we will learn about habitats in Australia (and Antarctica) and what adaptations animals have there to survive.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Tawny frogmouth, bearded dragon, White's tree frog, blue-tongued skink

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Goat contact yard, Animal Ambassador Center, Wings of the World, & Roo Valley

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What types of habitats can be found in Australia and Antarctica?
- What are some adaptations that animals in South America & Antarctica have?

Day Five: Asia (and Europe!)

Today, we will learn about habitats in Asia (and Europe) and what adaptations animals have there to survive.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Darkling beetle, box turtle, chicken, ball python

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Elephant Trek, Dragons!, Cat Canyon, Red Panda

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What types of habitats can be found in Asia and Europe?
- What are some adaptations that Asian and European animals have?



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.

