

SUMMER CAMP 2026

Zooper Heros!



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 adaptations, why they are important, and how animals can be real life super heros! 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: Magnificent Movers and Super Senses

Today, we will learn about what adaptations are and how they compare to super heros.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Mexican Fireleg Tarantula and Angolan Python

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Jungle Trails and World of the Insect

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What adaptations did you learn about today?
- What animals have super senses like Spider-Man?





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Day Two: Super Speeders

Today, we will learn about animals that have adaptations that compare to Superman and Supergirl.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Black Rat Snake and 3 Banded Armadillo

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Africa! and Wings of the World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How does being a super speeder help animals?
- What animals have super speed like Superman?



Day Three: Cryptic Creatures

Today, we will learn about cryptic creatures and how their adaptations compare to Batman

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Tawny Frogmouth and Dumerils Ground Boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Manatee Springs and Night Hunters

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How does having camouflage help animals?
- What animals are cryptic and stealthy like Batman?

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Day Four: Strong and Sturdy

Today, we will learn about what adaptations make an animal strong and sturdy and how they compare to Wonder Woman.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Ball Python and Red Footed Tortoise

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Elephant Trek and Gorilla World

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What adaptations can make an animal sturdy?
- What animals are strong like Wonder Woman?

Day Five: Armored Adventurers

Today, we will learn about animals that have armor and how they compare to Iron Man and Black Panther.

Possible Animal Ambassadors:

- Tenrec and Giant African Millipede

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wolf Woods and Reptile House

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are different types of armor an animal can have?
- What animals have armor like Iron Man or Black Panther?



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.

