

SUMMER CAMP 2026

Sensational Senses



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&K Summer Camp**, we will focus on the five senses and how they are used by different animals! Through interactive learning games and activities, animal encounters, and treks to various zoo habitats, we will learn all about the ways animals and people can use their senses to engage with 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: Taste

Today, we are going to focus on how animals taste and why their sense of taste is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Ball Python and Three Banded Armadillo

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Reptile House and Giraffe feeding

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- Which part of our bodies do we use to taste?
- Can you name an animal that uses its sense of taste to survive?





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Day Two: Touch

Today, we are going to focus on how animals touch and why their sense of touch is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Red-footed Tortoise and Grey Rat Snake

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Gorilla World and Cat Canyon

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- Can you name an animal that uses its sense of touch?
- How do people use their sense of touch?



Day Three: Sight

Today, we are going to focus on how animals see and why their sense of sight is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tawny Frogmouth and Box Turtle

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Night Hunters, Eagle Eyries, Galapagos Tortoise Walk-through

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- What are some animals that see really well? What about animals that don't see very well?
- Why is our sense of sight important?

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Day Four: Hearing

Today, we are going to focus on how animals hear and why their sense of hearing is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Tenrec, Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Africa and Goat Yard

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- How do different animals use their sense of hearing?
- Why is it important for animals and people to be able to hear?

Day Five: Smell

Today, we are going to focus on how animals smell and why their sense of smell is important.

Possible Animal Friends:

- Blue Tongued Skink and Rainbow Boa

Possible Zoo Hike Locations:

- Wolf Woods and Barnyard Bonanza

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite animal that you got to meet today? Why?
- Which animals use their sense of smell to help them?
- What do we use our sense of smell for?



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.

