

# Summer Zoo Camp

where it's fun to be wild!

## Campers ages 3-5

Exciting Pre-K camps are a wonderful way for your child to experience all Summer Zoo Camp has to offer in a shorter day! Each session is limited to just 10 campers per group. **All campers MUST be potty-trained to attend these camps!** Please note that supervision is not available between sessions from noon-1 p.m.

### Hide-n-Seek

Some animals are hard to see in the wild, while others stand out. From camouflage to mimicry to bright colors, come find out why blending in or standing out is so important to lots of animals in this easy to find camp.

**\$130 Members | \$150 Non-members**  
**Session A: June 26 - June 30 | 9 a.m. - noon**  
**Session B: June 26 - June 30 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Wild Wardrobe

Animals don't wear clothes, but they do still have clever coverings to protect them from the weather. Learn the connections between what works for them and what works for you! Classroom animal visits & zoo tours provide inspiration for creating an animal wardrobe of your own. The week will end with a special party for campers and their parents and a costumed parade.

**\$130 Members | \$150 Non-members**  
**Session C: August 7 - August 11 | 9 a.m. - noon**  
**Session D: August 7 - August 11 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

### One Fish, Zoo Fish

If I had just one wish, I'd wish for fish! Join us as we rhyme our way through the zoo day after day. We will create cool crafts, learn about & meet animals up close, read Dr. Seuss books & play!

**\$130 Members | \$150 Non-members**  
**Session E: August 14 - August 18 | 9 a.m. - noon**  
**Session F: August 14 - August 18 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Campers ages 6 & 7

### Red, White & Zoo

From red pandas to white lipped deer to blue tongued skinks, the zoo is one colorful place! Campers will explore all the animals that live at the zoo, including the patriotic ones such as bison, eagles, elephants and donkeys, and discuss why color is important to all animals!

**\$170 Members | \$190 Non-members**  
**Session G1: July 3 - 7 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**(No camp on Tuesday, July 4)**

HOLIDAY WEEK PRICING!

### Animal Antics

Have you ever wondered how the elephants are bathed or the tigers are fed? Campers will learn about the many different animal behaviors zookeepers work with every day. Help the keepers by making enrichment items for the animals to use in their exhibits to promote natural behaviors.

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session H: July 17 - 21 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Wild About Art 101

Use our colorful zoo animals as your inspiration to create in this imaginative camp! You may find yourself sketching a squirrel monkey, painting a penguin, or sculpting a skink as we explore the animal world with hands-on projects to explore your inner Picasso! The week will culminate with our very own art show for your family!

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session J: July 24 - 28 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Tropical Treasures

Ahoy Mateys! Did you know that tropical rainforests and coral reefs have the most variety of life on earth? Join us for a fantastic voyage around the zoo as we learn about warm places & search for buried treasure.

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**Session K: July 31 - August 4 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Frequently asked questions:

### What can my child expect at Zoo Camp?

Your child will participate in fun, hands-on learning that explores every aspect of our zoo. We provide every child with a camp t-shirt, water bottle and snacks each day. Each camper is expected to wear the camp t-shirt daily in order to identify them as a zoo camper to the public and zoo staff. If you would like to purchase additional t-shirts, please order online during the registration process.

### What are the qualifications of the Zoo Camp staff?

All staff members have experience working with children. Camp staff pass a criminal background check and receive extensive training before camp starts. The camp director and other zoo staff are trained in CPR and first aid.

### What if my camper has special needs?

Please contact the camp director at [kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org](mailto:kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org) prior to registration to discuss your child's needs.

### Animal-gination

Your possibilities for fun in this camp are as endless as your imagination! Let your creative side come to life while expressing your love of animals through stories, dramatic play and crafts. Camp culminates with a handcrafted costume parade for parents on Friday afternoon.

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session L: August 7 - August 11 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Campers ages 8 & 9

### Natural Wonders

From a blue pond to green trees, from wriggly worms to terrific tigers, nature is all around us! Come explore the wonderful world of nature at the zoo in this thrilling camp!

**\$170 Members | \$190 Non-members**  
**Session G2: July 3 - 7 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**(No camp on Tuesday, July 4)**

HOLIDAY WEEK PRICING!

### Most Extreme Animals

Do you know which bird is the fastest animal on Earth? Which insect is the best problem solver? Which mammal eats half its body weight in blood? Come explore the animal world's most extreme animals, from bodacious bugs to marvelous mammals in this extreme camp!

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session M: July 10 - July 14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Scaly, Slimy & Downright Disgusting

There are many adorable animals, but there are some pretty disgusting ones too! Dung beetles eat the poop of other animals. Striped polecats smell worse than skunks! Horned lizards shoot blood out of their eyes. Let's go on a journey to see some of the most stomach turning animals in the world!

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**Session N: July 24 - July 28 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Animal Actors

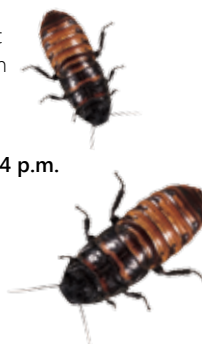
Animals have some amazing talents. What are yours? Explore your creative side in this camp while we learn all about animal actors and create our own animal costumes. Camp culminates with a skit and costumed parade for parents on Friday afternoon.

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session O: August 7 - August 11 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Wild About Art 201

Kids and animals alike are crafty creatures! We will take a trek throughout the zoo to gather items to turn into art. From drawing to painting to sculpting, we'll try our hands at some different projects throughout the week. Parents are treated to an art exhibit on Friday afternoon at pickup.

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**Session P: August 14 - August 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



## Campers ages 10 & 11

### Animal Engineers

Did you know that garden eels dig burrows and Andean bears build nests? Animals build some very elaborate homes. We will learn about them, compare them to ours, and try our hands at creating some of our own!

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session Q: July 10 - July 14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Are You Smarter than a Zoologist?

What does it take for animals to outwit, outplay and outlast? Surviving is harder than you think when animals compete with each other, the elements and people for their homes and food! Compete in challenges during the week to determine which animal team will be the sole survivor of this tricky camp!

**\$210 Members | \$230 Non-members**  
**Session R: July 17 - July 21 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Eco Explorers (now with nature-based field trips!)

Our planet is amazing, from the soil that grows our food to the elephants we see at the zoo! We'll explore the wonders of our earth and learn how to protect it, both locally and globally. During field trips, campers will have the opportunity to work directly in the field with science professionals on ongoing projects.

Field trips to Chittenango Falls State Park & Labrador Hollow Unique Area/Tinker Falls included.

**\$270 Members | \$290 Non-members**  
**Session S: July 31 - August 4 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Wild About Art 301

Are you an accomplished artist? Beginners and experts alike will get inspired by zoo animals to make mixed media art projects, sketches, sculptures, and more! We will also have a photography day on Friday so please bring a camera (or electronic device with one). Camp culminates with an art exhibit on Friday for parents, so watch for your invitation to the gallery premiere!

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**Session T: August 14 - August 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Campers ages 12-14

### Zookeeper Boot Camp

Did you know that most of the zookeepers who work here started their careers with domestic animals? Now you can too! The skills learned in the contact barn working with animals such as goats and chickens apply across all departments in the zoo, from eels to elephants! Campers will spend their week in the contact barn getting their hands dirty through general animal husbandry activities, trying out their training and enrichment skills, and interpreting to and interacting with the public on a daily basis, just like every zookeeper here does! This camp is a work experience and campers should expect to get dirty, hot, sweaty, and smelly as they face the challenges of being a zookeeper. This camp is specially designed for the camper with an animal-related career in mind.

**\$380 Members | \$400 Non-members**  
**Session BC1: July 10 - 14 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Session BC2: July 17 - 21 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Session BC3: July 24 - 28 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### Native Naturalists

(Includes nature-based field trips!)

Through habitat exploration, field observation, photography and experiments, campers will be inspired to create a lasting relationship with the natural world. Behind-the-scenes zoo tours and field trips will show the conservation connections between the zoo and our community. During field trips, campers will have the opportunity to work directly with science professionals on ongoing projects.

Field trips to Labrador Hollow Unique Area/Tinker Falls & Chittenango Falls State Park included.

**\$270 Members | \$290 Non-members**  
**Session U: July 31 - August 4 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



**Boot camp participants must have a negative tuberculosis (TB) test on file before their camp session begins. This test must be done yearly.**

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## Play Care is available for children who need to arrive early or be picked up late.

Play Care may include games, movies or quiet reading and is not part of the normal Zoo Camp curriculum. Morning Play Care runs 8 - 9 a.m. and evening Play Care runs 4 - 5 p.m. You may register your camper for one or both sessions. Cost is \$25 per week per camper for either session; \$50 per week per camper for both sessions. Play Care is not offered per diem; you must register and pay for the full week. Pre-registration is required - no drop-ins. If you are late picking up your camper from the regular camp day or Play Care, late fees will apply.

### Why do I need my driver's license to pick up my child?

For your child's safety, we require that every person picking your child up from Zoo Camp be registered with our instructors. Before your child can leave zoo grounds, the designated person picking him/her up must provide a photo ID and sign for your child.

### What if I need to cancel?

If your child is enrolled and you must cancel for any reason, your registration fee is non-refundable unless a child on the waiting list can fill your space. In the event the cancelled space is filled, a 25% processing fee will be deducted from your refund.

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June 26 - August 18, 2017

Choose from eight fun-filled weeks of hands-on activities, games, crafts and animal encounters for ages 3-14!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 A.M.**

**March 21: Members**

**April 4: Non-Members**

**SPACES FILL QUICKLY - ACT FAST!**



## Registration Information

Register online at [rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-camp](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-camp)  
Online registration begins at

**9 a.m. March 21 for members**

**9 a.m. April 4 for non-members**

Register online and find out instantly if your camper is placed into the camp he/she wants! **To make this process as fair as possible, we do not accept phone or in-person registrations.**

### What if I want to mail in my registration?

Registering online is your best chance to get your first choice. To mail in your registration, please visit our website: [rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-camp](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-camp) and print a registration form. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no earlier than March 21 for members and April 4 for non-members. All mailed registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received.

### Can I register more than one child?

Yes! Registering multiple children or sessions is easy online!

For mail-in registrations, please send separate registration forms (available online) for each child. If you would like your child to attend with a friend, please send separate registration forms together in the same envelope.

### My child is smart for his age; can I register him for an 'older' class?

We feel that campers can maximize their Zoo Camp experience by interacting with peers at their own age level and no exceptions will be made to the age requirements. All sessions offer hands-on learning that is age appropriate. Please register your child for the proper age group.

### What if the week I want is filled?

We maintain a waiting list for each session of Zoo Camp.

If you are unable to register for the session you want, please email [kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org](mailto:kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org) to be placed on the wait list.

If a space becomes available during the waiting period, we will notify all parties on the waiting list for that session, and the space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### New to Zoo Camp?

Please visit our reservation website before **March 21** to make sure your account is valid and you are able to log in. Please contact (315) 435-8511 x130 for help or questions about your account.

**Members:** Please make sure your membership is up to date and you are able to access your reservation account prior to March 21. Call membership at (315) 435-8511 x130.



For questions, please contact the Education Department at (315) 435-8511 x357 or email [kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org](mailto:kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org).



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