



2019 SUMMER CAMP TOPICS

KINDERFARI

For campers going into K-1st grade

ANIMAL SENSES Can you hear it, see it or taste it? Animals have so many senses that are so unique, and they use them in a lot of interesting ways! Let's explore how well red pandas smell and how far a lion can see! We will meet some animals that exhibit these incredible senses and use a few of our own senses along the way!

Offered Week 3 (June 24-28) and Week 8 (July 29-August 2)

ANIMAL COMMUNICATION Chatter, smells, and waves: animals "talk;" in lots of ways! Unfortunately we can't speak the same language as an orangutan or a prairie dog but we can see how they communicate. We will learn how zookeepers communicate with the animals they take care of, and how animals communicate with one another.

Offered Week 6 (July 15-19) and Week 10 (August 12-16)

CREATURE POWERS Creatures sure do have some incredible powers, lets learn about them and pretend to have some of those incredible creature powers! We will work on how we can save animals around the world and do some creature adventuring! Join us for this animal adaptation exploration.

Offered Week 2 (June 17-21), Week 7 (July 22-26) and Week 11 (August 19-23)

WHEN I GROW UP There are endless possibilities what we can do when we grow up! Let's learn about some animal loving jobs and pretend to do the important things that those people do. What is it like to give medicine to a seal, and how can we help protect animals from all around the world? We will problem solve and do a lot of pretend play to figure out what we can be when we grow up.

Offered Week 5 (July 8-12) and Week 9 (August 5-9)

EXPLORERS

For campers going into 2nd-3rd grade

ANIMALS HAVE CLASS We are going to get classy with some taxonomy and learn how things are connected. Did you know we house the elephant's closest living relative, and it's about the size of a house cat! How can these things be? We'll find out with some classy biological discovery. We will take a look at some of our incredible bio-facts and discover how things may connect to one another.

Offered Week 1 (June 10-14) and Week 12 (August 26-30)*

**Camp Week 1 is offered as an optional full week or single day registration*

ANIMAL ARCHITECTS People aren't the only creatures around that can make some incredible structures. Animals have been modifying their habitats for millions of years! Let's learn about a few of these animal architects and get inspired build a few things of our own.

Offered Week 2 (June 17-21) and Week 9 (August 5-9)

CRAFTY CRITTERS It's a D.I.Y. crafting bonanza! We will build, craft, make, and create some animal inspired art and learn about animals who can also be crafty. Animals have inspired art for centuries, and some our animals even create their own art! Let's paint, draw, invent, sketch, and color along with our animal friends.

Offered Week 5 (July 8-12) and Week 11 (August 19-23)

ANIMAL AGENTS Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to learn all about undercover animals. We will see the sneaky ways that animals can spy on one another without detection and evade capture. As agents we need to keep careful observations of all the animals we see and report back to HQ promptly. This message will self destruct in 3...2...1...

Offered Week 6 (June 15-19) and Week 8 (July 29-August 2)

(MINI CAMP) CREATURE PLAYHOUSE It isn't all just fun and games. Animals learn through play and so can we. We'll visit some zoo animals and learn how they play and interact in the wild. Then, we'll spend some imagination time being different animals and even create our own animal play!

Single Day Camp Offered July 1

(MINI CAMP) TOY STORY Animals love to play just like you and I do! We will build and create special enrichment for our animals to interact with and observe their playful behaviors. We will also play a few fun games of our own and learn all about animals along the way.

Single Day Camp Offered July 2

SCOUTS

For campers going into 4th-5th grade

BON APPETIT AND THE THINGS WE LEAVE BEHIND In one end and out the other, the clues that animals leave behind can tell us a lot about the roles they play in their ecosystem and even serve as a message center for other animals. Here at the zoo we do some incredible science working with leftovers. From pollinating to moving seeds, animals can have a large impact on their habitat. Lets learn all about it!

Offered Week 1 (June 10-14)*

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WORKING FOR ANIMALS From animal behaviorists to conservationists to zookeepers, there are people in many professions working to improve animal lives. We will try our hand at different careers, and learn from professionals in their field.

Offered Week 3 (June 24-28) and Week 10 (August 12-16)

FANTASTIC BEASTS AND HOW TO CARE FOR THEM As Newt Scamander believes, nothing in nature can be unnatural. Join us this week to learn about some fantastic and unusual beasts who live here at our zoo and around the world. We will delve into the magical biodiversity that can be found both in the wizarding world, and the muggle one too!

Offered Week 6 (July 15-19) and Week 8 (July 29-August 2)

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS You can be a scientist! Let's engage in some citizen science here in our neighborhoods and around the world, and learn how we can help scientists make observations and gather important data to conduct studies. We will carefully observe the animals here at the zoo, and do some scientific studies of nearby habitats.

Offered Week 7 (June 22-26) and Week 12 (August 26-30)

(MINI CAMP) ANIMAL ATHLETES Who can swim faster than Michael Phelps? Why a playful river otter of course! Animals are some of the best athletes and are built for speed, endurance and strength. Let's learn how they move and play some games to see if we can be as fast as a giraffe or jump as high as a lion.

Single Day Camp Offered July 1

(MINI CAMP) X-TREME ADAPTATIONS Let's learn about the fastest, largest, longest living and most extreme animals on earth, and even observe a few that live here at our zoo! Animals are full of amazing and mind blowing adaptations that help them survive in some of the harshest environments on earth. Let's learn all about these extreme creatures.

Single Day Camp Offered July 2

JR. ZOOKEEPERS

For campers going into 6th-8th grade

ANIMAL TRAINERS Open...Sit...paw! We train our animals to do all sorts of things that help us take better care of them. Join us as we learn what goes into training an animal and learn from a few of our trainers here at the zoo. We will get to train animals ourselves to learn more about the details of behavior science!

Offered Week 2 (June 17-21) and Week 9 (August 5-9)

CONSERVATION STORYTELLING All of our animals have an important story to tell us, but they need your help to share it. Let's learn about the conservation triumphs and battles behind the animals here at the zoo and use our voices to share their stories.

Offered Week 5 (July 8-12)

ENRICHMENT ENGINEERS Enrichment is a new concept in zoos, meaning something that is novel or unique for an animal to interact with. This keeps them active and allows them to display natural behaviors. We need your help to come up with new ideas to keep our animals enriched and using their incredible adaptations! Become an engineer and create some new enrichment with us.

Offered Week 3 (June 24-28) and Week 10 (August 12-16)

WILD CAREERS Do you want to make an impact and help save wild animals and the places they call home? Well then, take a walk on the wild side and learn all about careers in the field of wildlife! Get to learn from experts and get some experience practicing what these wildlife heroes do!

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