

Summer Zoo Camp Sessions



Campers ages 3&4

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.

Animal ABC's

A is for armadillo, B is for bearded dragon, C is for colobus monkey...come explore zoo animals letter by letter through tours, crafts, games, and much more in this exciting session!

\$130 Members | \$150 Non-members

Session A: August 10 - 14 | 9 a.m. - noon

Session B: August 10 - 14 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Campers age 5

Zoo Tales

Campers getting ready to enter Kindergarten can have a practice run with this camp as they learn about the zoo counterpart to the animals of some of their favorite books. Campers will tour the zoo, make crafts and meet animals up close in this literary wonder of a camp.

\$180 Members | \$200 Non-members

Session C: August 17 - 21 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Campers ages 6&7

Animal Antics

Do penguins play? Have you ever seen a frog wave at you? Why do the patas monkeys yawn? Animals have many different behaviors, and we'll explore them all in this wild all-day camp!

\$215 Members | \$235 Non-members

Session D: June 29 - July 3 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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! To help unleash your inner artist, we'll tour the zoo, attend animal demos and meet animals up close, and finish the week with our very own art show for your family!

\$215 Members | \$235 Non-members

Session E: July 6 - 10 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Storybook Safari

Campers will learn about the zoo counterpart to the animals of some of their favorite books as we tour the zoo, make crafts and meet animals up close in this literary wonder of a camp.

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Session F: July 20 - 24 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Zoo-lympics!

Can you leap farther than a snow leopard? Do you have the perfect aim of an archer fish? We'll find out which animals rival our human Olympians and compete in some Olympic games of our own in this medal-worthy camp!

\$215 Members | \$235 Non-members

Session G: July 27 - 31 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Natural Wonders

From a deep blue pond to brilliant 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 all day session!

\$215 Members | \$235 Non-members

Session H: August 10 - 14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Campers ages 8&9

The Stuff of Legends

Do you like dragons and unicorns? Do you believe in Bigfoot? How about the Loch Ness monster? Campers will explore how and where such stories began while making connections between legends and the animals that inspired them.

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Session I: June 29 - July 3 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Art 201

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Session J: July 6 - 10 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If I Ran the Zoo

Do you know what it takes to run a zoo? From deciding what animals to house, to building the exhibits, to making sure the animals are well taken care of, maintaining a zoo is hard work! During this camp you will design your own zoo model. On the last day you will hold the "Grand Opening" of your zoo!

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Session L: July 27 - 31 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Zoo Sleuths

Investigate the lives of animals by learning about their behaviors, footprint patterns, different types of scat and other strategies that zookeepers use every day to keep tabs on their animals!

Please note: Due to the Brew at the Zoo event there is no class on Friday.

\$175 Members | \$195 Non-members

Session M: August 3 - 6 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Campers ages 10&11

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Session N: July 13 - 17 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Art 301

Some of the greatest works of art are nature inspired. In this camp, beginners and experts alike can get inspired by our zoo animals to create mixed media art projects, sketches, sculptures, and more! Campers will be learning about nature photography on Friday, so feel free to bring a camera or mobile/electronic device to take pictures if you'd like. Camp culminates with an art exhibit on Friday for parents. Watch for your invitation to the gallery premiere!

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Session O: July 20 - 24 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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EcoExplorers

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, in this all-natural camp!

\$215 Members | \$235 Non-members

Session Q: August 10 - 14 | 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 interacting with the public daily, 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.

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

\$380 Members | \$400 Non-members

Session BC1: July 6 - 10 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session BC2: July 13 - 17 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session BC3: July 20 - 24 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session BC4: July 27 - 31 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Due to a hands-on format, this camp is limited to 10 campers per week. Please sign up for one week only, activities repeat every week!



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, Kim Coons, at kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org prior to registration to discuss your child's needs.

Will my child be able to go into exhibits with the animals?

We have a variety of outreach animals that your child may encounter such as snakes, insects and small mammals, and older campers may have the opportunity to go behind the scenes with keepers. For the safety of your children and our animals, contact with most animals is prohibited.

Can I stay with my child during camp hours?

Zoo Camp is about making new friends and memories, and parents at camp can inhibit a child's experience. Therefore, we ask that parents refrain from staying with their children during camp.

What if my child needs medication?

Zoo Camp instructors are prohibited by law from administering any medication to children at Zoo Camp except for Epi-pens in an emergency. Campers capable of self-medication must submit the provided form signed by both their doctor and a parent.

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.

Summer Zoo Camp

AGES 3–14

June 29–August 21, 2020

Choose from eight fun-filled weeks of hands-on activities, games, crafts and animal encounters.

SPACES FILL QUICKLY – ACT FAST!



Registration Information

Register online at syracusezooevents.org/summer-camp
Online registration begins at

9 a.m. March 18 for members
9 a.m. April 1 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.**

Members: Please make sure your membership is up to date and you are able to access your reservation account prior to March 18. Call membership at (315) 435-8511 x8537.

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: syracusezooevents.org/summer-camp and print a registration form. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no earlier than March 18 for members and April 1 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 for 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 zoocamp@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 in the order received.

New to Zoo Camp?

Please visit our reservation website before **March 18** to make sure your account is valid and you are able to log in. Please contact (315) 435-8511 x8537 for help or questions about your account.

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

Play Care may include games 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 \$50 per week per camper for either session; \$75 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.

For questions, please contact the Education Department at (315) 435-8511 x8559 or email zoocamp@rosamondgiffordzoo.org.



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BEGINS AT 9 A.M.
March 18: Members
April 1: Non-Members**