



General Camp Information

Classes are divided up by the grade level which children will be entering in the fall. Each class level is labeled with a color. Children entering 1st and 2nd grade have the choice of a full-day (green) or half-day (yellow) camp.

All grade levels, including preschool, will participate in the following experiences during Zoo Camp:

- Silly songs and fun crafts
- Interactive lessons and games
- Partial or full zoo tours
- Interaction with zookeepers
- Animal encounters with the zoo's Animal Ambassadors
- The making and/or watching of a special enrichment for a resident animal

All of the zoo's classes incorporate California Next Gen Science Standards

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Little Peeps: *Preschool*

Each Little Peeps class is two hours long, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and is designed for children 3 to 5 years old with a caregiver. Little Peeps class themes are the same for the whole week; simply register for one day per week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.



Fantastic Flyers: *June 5, 6, 7 or 8*

Have you ever seen a bird fly? What about a bat? What is special about these animals that gives them the ability to fly? Join us to learn all about our flighted friends here at the zoo!

Rapid Runners: *June 12, 13, 14 or 15*

What creatures run faster than any others in the world? What about here at the zoo? Come find out, and show us how fast you can run too!

Super Swimmers: *July 10, 11, 12 or 13*

Fish are fantastic swimmers, but they aren't the only ones. Lots of people don't know that some snakes, turtles and even tigers love to swim and splash in the water! Swim on over to the zoo to join us in learning all about these super swimming animals!

Jazzy Jumpers: *July 31, 1, 2 or 3*

Leap like a lemur or hop like a frog all the way to the zoo. Come learn all about nature's jumpers!

Playful Prowlers: *August 7, 8, 9 or 10*

Lions prowl as they hunt for their dinner. Can you walk as quietly as a lion? Sneak on over to the zoo to learn all about which animals prowl and sneak!

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Red: Kindergarten

Each red camp is Monday – Friday, three hours per day from 9 a.m. to noon and is designed for students entering Kindergarten in the fall.

Mad about Mammals: June 11-15

We are mad about mammals here at the zoo! From lions to tigers to hedgehogs, oh my! Join us to learn what makes a mammal a mammal, and why they are so great!

Artistic Animals: June 25-29

Young artists will go wild at this art-based camp! Let your animal instincts free with crafts and art projects all week. Campers will use zoo animals and the natural world around them for inspiration.

Storybook Safari: July 16-20

Some of our favorite stories center around animals. This camp will take a safari around the zoo, reading a new story each day at camp, and learning about the story's animal characters!

Animals A-Z: July 23-27

A is for anteater, B is for bat, C is for.... Come find out which animals start with C through Z at zoo camp! Combine your love for animals with a lesson on letters during this fun week.

Wild Wardrobe: August 6-10

Why does a snow leopard wear a beautiful spotted coat, and why is a tiger's fur striped? Why does a hedgehog wear spikes when a snake has smooth scales? Come find out the answers to these questions and more this week as we learn all about animal coverings.



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Yellow: *First and Second Grade (Half Day)*

Each yellow camp is Monday – Friday, three hours a day, from 9 a.m. to noon and is designed for students entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall.

Snakes Alive!: *June 18-22*

Make our Reptile House your home this week as you discover the fascinating world of amphibians and reptiles.

Sense-ational Safari: *June 25-29*

As humans, we have five senses with which to experience the world. This week we will explore the zoo with our hearing, sight, smell and touch. Learn how animals use these same senses and more to explore their world.

Flippers, Fins, and Feathers: *July 9-13*

Why do ducks have webbed feet and fish have fins? Join us in learning all about animals who live in or around the water, or who just go to visit. We will focus on the adaptations that these animals have to help them survive in their wet and watery habitats!

Superman-imals: *July 16-20*

With colorful coats, super strength, disguises and binocular vision, animals have some amazing powers. Learn all about the superheroes of the animal world!

Colorful Critters: *July 23-27*

From pink flamingos to blue and gold macaws, the zoo is filled with colorful critters. This week of camp will be art-focused, with campers drawing inspiration from the natural colors around us.

Paws, Claws, and Jaws: *July 30-August 3*

Take a special look at the strong and sharp tools animals carry on their bodies every day. Tigers don't have forks and knives for eating and hawks don't have cell phones for communication. Learn about the fierce adaptations these animals use every day to stay alive.

Catch Me if You Can: *August 6-10*

Some animals are fast and some are sneaky. This week of camp will focus on animals that are good at evading their predators, whether it's with speed or with trickery!



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Green: *First and Second Grade (Full Day)*

Each green camp is Monday – Friday, seven hours a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is designed for students entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall.

Colors of the Wild: *June 11-15*

This art-based camp will focus on the colors all around us in the natural world. We often say that leaves are green, but what about the yellow veins and brown tips? A red-tailed hawk isn't just red, it is also brown, white, tan and more. There are so many colors around to inspire us here in the zoo.

The Dark Side: *June 18-22*

Do you choose the dark side or the light side...of when to be awake that is! Do you like to be awake and active at night or during the day? Come find out which category you fall into and which side the animals prefer.

Mythbusters: *June 25-29*

There are many myths in the animal world. People say owls can turn their heads all the way around and that bats are blind. Do you think these are true? Join us to investigate these myths and more!

Unhuggables: *July 9-13*

Bats, snakes, anteaters and sloths: they may not be the cutest creatures, but these animals have unique characteristics that make them some of our favorites here at the zoo. Join us this week to learn all about these strange creatures!

Eco-Explorers: *July 16-20*

Learn to explore the world through an ecologist's point of view this week. Come explore the zoo, fall in love with the animals and find out how we can help them and their habitats.

We are Family: *July 30-August 3*

As humans we live in groups for most or all of our lives, and when we are young we need help from parents or other family members. Some animals also do this, but others live on their own right away! This week we will learn why some animals live with family groups, while others do not, and what different animal families look like!

Fly Away Home: *August 6-10*

Which animals can fly, how do they fly, and why? Those will be our questions this week as we take a closer look at birds, what allows (most of) them to fly, and why some fly only short distances while others migrate great distances. We will also learn about other flighted creatures!



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Blue: *Third and Fourth Grade*

Each blue camp is Monday – Friday, seven hours a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is designed for students entering 3rd or 4th grade in the fall.

For Pet's Sake!: *June 11-15*

If you have a pet at home, or are hoping to get one, this is the class for you! We will learn all about being a responsible pet parent as well as which animals do and do not make good pets. During the week you will be able to take home some ideas about enrichment, training, and treats for your own pet!



Animal Olympics: *June 18-22*

If you enjoyed the Olympics in South Korea this winter, we hope you will join us for our own Olympics here at the zoo! This exciting week will be filled with animal competitions as well as human ones, and activities to learn more about awesome athletic animals here at the zoo.

Otters at Play: *June 25-29*

Otters, hawks and many other animals receive special training from their keepers. Take a seat in the animals' "classroom" and have some fun with animal training and enrichment while learning why play time at the zoo is strongly encouraged!

Crafty Critters: *July 9-13*

This camp is for all kids who love to create! We will create animal-themed crafts and other art based on what we see around us in the zoo.

Turtle-Mania: *July 16-20*

Learn to be a keeper of turtles and tortoises in this animal husbandry class. You will learn all you can about these cool creatures in this in-depth class. From feeding and bathing to training these animals alongside zookeepers, this will be a week to remember!

Animal Instinct: *July 23-27*

Have you ever wondered how lions know to hunt zebras or how geese know to fly south for winter? In this class we will explore the instincts that animals have and learn whether they are really born with them or if they learn from those around them.

Radical Raptors: *July 30-August 3*

Have you ever seen a hawk's talons or the beak of an owl up close? Fly into camp this week to discover the amazing raptors here at the zoo, while studying and comparing them to some famous prehistoric raptors!

Home Sweet Habitat: *August 6-10*

From deserts to rainforests and everything in between, there are so many different habitats all over the world. This class will explore different habitats and learn why certain animals thrive in each!

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Purple: *Fifth and Sixth Grade*

Each purple camp is Monday – Friday, seven hours a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is designed for students entering 5th or 6th grade in the fall.

It's Showtime: *June 18-22*

Take center stage! Campers work with our Interpretive Center zookeepers every day and learn how to handle the zoo's animal ambassadors. During the week, the campers will create and practice a live animal show that will be performed at 3 p.m. on Friday. What will they think up this year?

Critter Twitter: *June 25-29*

We can talk to anyone, anywhere, at any time using cell phones, texting, Facebook, email and Twitter. Without these human tools, how do animals get the word out? Join the adventure as we explore the art of communication — animal style — and improve our own interpretation skills. Don't miss the buzz about this exciting camp!

Survivor: Zoo Edition: *July 9-13*

To survive in the wild, animals must outwit their predators and outlast others of their species. Explore the world of animal survival this week while outplaying fellow campers in physical and mental challenges!

From Myth to Reality: *July 16-20*

Humans often tell stories of amazing creatures like dragons, centaurs and merpeople. Although these creatures are mythical, their origins are based in reality. Campers this week will learn about the animals at the root of some of these mythical creatures and will also get creative in inventing their own mythical creature!

ZSI: Zoo Scene Investigator: *July 23-27*

Grab your crime scene tape and become a Zoo Scene Investigator! Use your knowledge of zoo animals and observational skills to find the hidden clues and crack the code of an unsolved zoo mystery!

Sketch & Sculpt Safari: *July 30-August 3*

The oldest of our zoo camp artists always come up with amazing projects! This year you will have opportunities to sketch a favorite animal, as well as a chance to try your hand at 3-D art!



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Silver: *Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grade*

These in-depth classes are designed for 7th through 9th graders who are ready for the next level of camp experience at the zoo! We offer single day Veterinarian career classes (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) with hands-on experiences as well as traditional five-day camps (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.).

Zoology 101: *June 18-22*

Take your zoo camp learning to the next level with this week of camp. Learn some basics of animal science, taxonomy, field biology and anatomy.

Enrichment 101: *July 9-13*

Enrichment is anything that provides environmental stimuli to our animals here at the zoo to enrich their lives or mirror wild behaviors. Zookeepers work hard to make sure each animal has enrichment every day. Learn what it takes to prepare these enrichments, why they are important and even get a chance to design your own!

Leaders of the Pack: *July 23-27*

Find out what it takes to be a part of the zoo as a staff member or volunteer. Create a master plan, brainstorm viral marketing ideas and even try your hand in the Education Department to teach the public!

Vet Tag-Along: *July 12 and August 9 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)*

Imagine what it takes to care for a toothy tiger or slimy salamander. How do you X-ray a duck's foot or give a shot to a turtle hiding in his shell? Zoo veterinarians have one of the toughest jobs around. Visit the zoo's veterinary hospital and meet the vets that care for many animal species.

