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. The orange group is a mixed-age camp, please read specific descriptions carefully.

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
- Week-long camps also include a ride on the Zoo Train or Conservation Carousel
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.

This summer is all about colors and patterns in the world around us!

**Colors of the Zoo: June 2, 3, 4, or 5**

There are so many colors in the world around us: red pandas, orange sunsets, yellow dart frogs, green leaves, blue tang fish, and purple flowers. This week Peeps will explore the rainbow of nature here at the zoo!

**Warning Coloration: June 16, 17, 18, or 19**

Bright colors in nature often mean, “watch out!” This week we will take a closer look at brightly colored animals and why their colors help them survive!

**Spots and Stripes: June 30, July 1, 2, or 3**

Why does the jaguar have a spotted coat? Do all zebras have the same pattern of stripes? Little Peeps will explore the zoo and observe the beautiful range of patterns in the animal kingdom and how they serve as adaptations for survival.

**Camouflage: July 14, 15, 16, or 17**

Who likes hide and seek? Animals do! Bring your strong observational skills this week to spot some camouflaged animals in the zoo and learn why they like to hide and seek with you!

**Animals in Disguises: July 28, 29, 30, or 31**

Humans are not the only creatures that like to play dress up. Animals use disguises to trick predators into thinking they are scarier than they really are. Little Peeps will explore the world of animal disguises and even see some examples here at the zoo.
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.

Artistic Animals: June 8-12
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: June 15-19
Animals have inspired some of our favorite stories over the years. Each day we will read a story together and then visit or meet the animals up close who inspired the story and characters! Our favorite books will come to life right before our eyes!

Nature Play!: June 22-26
Come with us outside to play! This week is all about exploring nature, getting dirty, and having fun! We will encourage campers to literally dig into the world around them, engage their sense of wonder and discovery and develop connections to animals and the natural world. Come play with us!

Things with Wings: June 29-July 3
Are birds the only animals with wings? Are all wings covered in feathers? Are all wings used to fly? Find the answers to these questions and more this week as we learn all about wild winged animals!

Mad About Mammals: July 20-24
We are mad about mammals here at the zoo! From lions to otters to hedgehogs, oh my! Join us to learn what makes a mammal a mammal, and why they are so great!

Roar Lion Roar!: July 27-31
Lions roar and parrots squawk; the zoo is filled with so many different sounds! This week campers will join the herd, learn about different animal sounds, and make some noise of their own!
Orange: 1st – 6th Grades
These specialty classes are designed for mixed grade level classes focusing on one specific theme all week! Classes are full-days (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) These classes are more in-depth in their curriculum, of either zoo enrichment or art. Read each description closely for the age groups included in each class. Grade levels listed are the grades campers would be entering in the fall. Some orange classes occur at the same time as other classes for the same ages, so please double check during registration that you are signing up for the correct class.

Enrichment Engineers for 1st-3rd graders: June 8-12
Here at the zoo enrichment is anything that enhances the lives and stimulates the minds of the animals and encourages natural behaviors. This week campers will learn the importance of enrichments of all different types. Once they have the knowledge they will be challenged to learn about specific animals, observe their behavior and create exciting enrichments for them!

Play, Clay and Collage! for 1st-3rd graders: June 29-July 3
Art should not be perfect and clean. This week is all about playing through art, letting our creativity run wild, and challenging ourselves to create something beautiful! Campers will explore different mediums using the animals and world around us as inspiration.

Drawing and Painting for 3rd-4th graders: July 6-10
This camp week is an introduction to drawing and painting with the zoo as our inspiration! Campers will learn some specific techniques and practice throughout the week, creating beautiful art together!

Enrichment Engineers for 4th-6th graders: August 3-7
Here at the zoo enrichment is anything that enhances the lives and stimulates the minds of the animals and encourages natural behaviors. This week campers will learn the importance of enrichments of all different types. Once they have the knowledge they will be challenged to learn about specific animals, observe their behavior and create exciting enrichments for them!
Yellow: 1st and 2nd 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.

Flippers, Fins, and Feathers: June 15-19
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!

Colorful Critters: June 22-26
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 6-10
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.

Backyard Biologist: July 13-17
We are so lucky in Sacramento to be surrounded by so many different natural habitats to explore. This week campers will become backyard biologists by learning how to safely observe and even help animals in our own backyard!

Sense-ational Safari: July 20-24
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.

Herp, Herp, Hooray: July 27-31
What is a “herp,” you say? It is a reptile or amphibian, hooray! If you would like to become a junior herpetologist (or a reptile scientist) then this is the week of camp for you!

Super-animals: August 3-7
With colorful coats, super strength, disguises and binocular vision, animals have some amazing powers. Learn all about the superheroes of the animal world!
**Green: 1st and 2nd 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.

**Eco-Explorers: June 8-12**
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.

**Colors of the Wild: June 15-19**
This art-based camp will focus on the colors all around us in the natural world. We often think of green leaves, but what about the yellow veins or purple and red leaves in fall? A red-tailed hawk is also brown, white, tan and more. There are so many colors around to inspire us here in the zoo!

**Mythbusters: June 22-26**
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!

**Critter Camouflage: June 29-July 3**
Come discover which animals use camouflage and learn what types of camouflage they are using. Not all animals camouflage by blending in with their surroundings; some try to trick their predators by wearing a disguise! Come blend into the zoo with us!

**We are Family: July 6-10**
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!

**The Dark Side: July 13-17**
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.

**Primate Pals: July 27-31**
Come monkey around the zoo with us! This week we will learn all about primates and find out the differences between monkeys, apes, and lemurs once and for all.

**Radical Reptiles! August 3-7**
This week is all about reptiles and their awesome amphibian friends! Join us to learn why an alligator doesn’t need to eat each day; if a snake can swim or climb a tree; and how toads survive long, dry summers. You will become a herpetologist this week by getting up-close and personal with some of the zoo’s coolest reptiles and amphibians and learning what makes them so great!
Blue: 3rd and 4th 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.

Home Sweet Habitat: June 8-12
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!

Raptor Power: June 15-19
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!

Otters at Play: June 22-26
Animals of all kinds receive special training and enrichment from their keepers here at the zoo. Take a seat in the animals' "classroom" and have some fun with animal training and enrichment while learning why playtime at the zoo is strongly encouraged!

For Pet’s Sake: June 29-July 3
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!

Turtle-Mania: July 6-10
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 to bathing them, to even training these animals alongside zookeepers. The week will end with a camper-led animal encounter for friends and family!

Animal Olympics: July 13-17
If you are excited for the Summer Olympics in Tokyo this year, 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!

Gator-ific: July 20-24
Join us this week to learn all things alligator! We will celebrate the zoo’s newest residents by learning all we can about American alligators and their relatives, making enrichments, and even meeting their keepers to get more inside info!

In Living Color: August 3-7
Blue, green, black and white – animals come in a wide variety of colors and patterns. Campers will observe the animals at the zoo and some work by artists like Matisse as they look for inspiration for their own unique works of art.
**Purple: 5th and 6th 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 15-19**
Take center stage! Campers will 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?

**Zoo Tube: June 22-26**
A big part of what we do here at the zoo is interpreting, or teaching, about animals to the general public, both in person and online! Campers will step in front of the camera this week to create fun and creative videos here at the zoo! We will write scripts, practice public speaking, and film videos to share what we love about the zoo, and animals, with others!

**Survivor: Zoo Edition: July 6-10**
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!

**3D Art Safari: July 13-17**
This camp week is an introduction to 3-D art here at the zoo. Try your hand at clay, sculpture, textured art, and more this week and maybe find a new favorite medium!

**ZSI: Zoo Scene Investigator: July 20-24**
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!

**From Myth to Reality: July 27-31**
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!
Silver: 7th, 8th and 9th 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. to noon.) with hands-on experiences as well as traditional five-day camps (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.).

Zoology 101: June 22-26
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 13-17
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 20-24
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: June 30 and July 2 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
Imagine what it takes to give medication to a lion or train a chimp to be x-rayed! How do you check out a slithering snake 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, meet one of our vets that care for animals here at the zoo, and learn from them all that goes into the job!

Vet Tag-Along will be close to identical each day. You may only register for one day.

Vet Tag-Along do not include crafts, songs, and games. The entirety of the program is tours, observations and time with zookeepers and vet staff.