

# Celebrate Summer

with the



## Zoo's Party Animals



*HALF DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 4-5*  
*FULL DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 5-12*  
*DISCOUNTS FOR MULTIPLE FULL DAY*  
*SESSIONS*



# Full Day Camp

## June 4-8 Mission Green Possible

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to explore real and simulated habitats around the Zoo and learn what makes a habitat a home for Zoo animals like cheetahs and tapirs. Delve into natural habitats around the Zoo by trapping and spying on native species. Transform your backyard into a great habitat by building ladybug houses, feeders, and growing "animal friendly" plants for the garden.

## June 11-15 Animal Play\*

Fun plays an important role in the growth of young animals. Have serious fun while learning how animals play to learn and learn to play. Learn how the Zoo trains animals and gain hands-on experience caring for animals. Our older campers will have the opportunity to train one of the Zoo's animals.

## June 18-22 Going, Going, Gone

Ever wanted to be a jaguar? A jaguar's life is tougher than you think. Many jaguars are on the verge of extinction. Get a behind-the-scenes look at what zoos do to help jaguars and other endangered species. Learn about animals that have already gone extinct from dinosaurs to dodos and help local animals at risk by building bat houses & butterfly feeders.

## June 25-29 Zoo Master\*

Do everything from caring for the animals to designing new exhibits. Zoo Master is the ultimate insider's look at how a zoo functions. Create a "model zoo" by selecting which animals to display, designing new exhibits, creating a menu, and much more. Join us Friday afternoon to tour the zoo campers have created. Gain behind the scenes access to Zoo staff in all departments.



## July 2-6 Party Animals!

Why do some animals like to hang out with their friends? Being social has its advantages. Explore the role of social behavior in finding food, keeping safe, and raising a family. Discover the secret social lives of the Zoo's animals. Experience the joys of summer including boating, hiking, racing, and on Friday, we'll even throw a water party!



## July 9-13 Adventure Amazonia

Explore the rainforest from top to bottom! Discover the wonderful relationships between plants, animals, and the environment that make the Amazon a biological treasure. Compare our home to the home of toucans and jaguars and uncover the connections between North and South America. Participate in conservation activities to protect the Amazon and get an insider's look at the zoo's newest exhibit - AMAZONIA!

\* These sessions are popular with older campers. Younger campers enjoy them too, however, the older peer groups tend to be larger and more closely matched in age during these sessions than the others.

# Eight Sessions From June 6th to July 29th



## July 16-20 Expedition: Zoo\*

Explore the living world in the most exciting laboratory of all... **the Zoo!** Trap wild animals, fool butterflies, and explore our lakes. Learn about animals' social and family life by stalking peacocks and primates! Friday afternoon the Zoo Explorers will present their findings & field journals. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.



## July 23-27 Creature Quest

From their nose to their toes, when it comes to animals their features can be pretty wild. Journey to the exotic world of animal senses where there's more than meets the eye. Create your own creature and its wild world. Explore the way animals use their unique senses to navigate and survive and join us in aiding their quest for survival.



# Full Day Camp Details



Summer campers will enjoy access to the AMAZONIA Forest of Riches that will be unmatched by any other camp. Eight week-long sessions are offered from June 4th to July 27th. You may sign up for one session or all of them. Additional discounts are available for city and county employees. Please call us for more details.

*Don't forget, there is a discount for enrolling in more than one camp session!*

We will do our best to accommodate requests for campers to be in the same group. Please make a note of your buddy request on the registration form. Campers are always on the go, so a complete breakfast before coming to the zoo will really help your camper get the most out of camp.

Campers will enter and exit from the Bement Avenue gate (the old gate). The gate is locked except for drop-off & pick-up times, if you need admittance at other times, please call the Zoo office at 812-435-6143 ext 414 or go to the front gate on Mesker Park Dr. To maximize your camper's fun - be on time! Camp starts at 9 am and camp teams quickly disperse throughout the zoo. Your camper may miss an activity if we need to catch up with their group.

***Full day camp hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.***

If you need to bring your camper before 9 am or pick them up after 3:30 pm it's **OK** with us! There are optional drop-off and pick-up times as early as 7:00 am and as late as 5:30 pm. Campers in extended care receive a small snack and a drink.

We frequently take pictures of our campers having a great time at the zoo. Enrolling your child in camp grants the zoo your permission to use your child's photograph in zoo-related publications.

**Class sizes are designed to ensure one counselor for every 8 -10 campers.**





# Half Day Zoo Camp

## June 4-8 Zoo Scientists

Explore the living world in the most exciting laboratory of all... **the Zoo!** Learn about animals' friendships and families by stalking peacocks and eavesdropping on bats! Discover the secret life of plants under ground and watch them grow!

## June 11-15 Zoo Party

Why do some animals like to hang out with their friends? Are animal families like human families? Explore how living in a group helps animals find food, keep safe, and raise a family. Discover the secret social lives of animals and draw your family tree. Experience the joys of summer including hiking and racing. We'll even throw a water party on Friday!

## June 18-22 Zoo Fun

Have a blast at the zoo this summer. Experience the joys of summer from hiking and water play to bubbles bigger than your head. Environmental education in a fun setting? No extra charge.

**July 2-6 Zoo Play** Taking care of animals is serious business. Find out what it takes to care for a variety of animals. Get hands on experience with animal care. Make special treats for zoo animals.

## July 9-13 Zoo Master

Do everything from caring for animals to designing new exhibits. Zoo Master is the ultimate insider's look at how a zoo works. Create a "model zoo," lend a hand landscaping, and much more. You might even get to meet the director!

## July 23-27 Zoo Adventure

Explore the rainforest from top to bottom! Discover the wonderful relationships that make the Amazon special. Take an active role in protecting the Amazon and get an insider's look at AMAZONIA!



# Half Day Camp Details

Six weeklong sessions are offered during select weeks between June 4th and July 27th. You may sign up for one session or all of them. Additional discounts are available for city and county employees. Please call us for more details.

*The multiple camp discount does **not** apply for half day camps.*

Campers are always on the go, so a complete breakfast before coming to the zoo will really help your camper get the most out of camp. Campers will enter and exit from the Bement Avenue gate (the old gate). To maximize your camper's fun — be on time! Camp starts at 9 am and the half-day team sets off promptly for the day's adventures throughout the zoo. Your camper may miss an activity if they need to catch up with their group.

***Half Day Camp hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.***

Extended care is not available for half-day campers, so please be on time to pick them up! We frequently take pictures of our campers having a great time at the zoo. Enrolling your child in camp grants the zoo your permission to use your child's photograph in zoo-related publications.

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**Camper's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the weeks your child or children will attend. Note that full payment at time of registration is required to reserve a space for your child.

Dates	Full Day Theme	Session	# of Campers
Jun 4-8	Mission Green Possible	1	_____
Jun 11-15	Animal Play	2	_____
Jun 18-22	Going, Going, Gone	3	_____
Jun 25-29	Zoo Master	4	_____
July 2-6	Party Animals	5	_____
July 9-13	Adventure Amazonia	6	_____
July 16-20	Expedition: Zoo	7	_____
July 23-27	Creature Quest	8	_____
<b>Total # of Full Day Sessions</b>			_____

Dates	Half Day Theme	Session	# of Campers
Jun 4-8	Zoo Scientists	A	_____
Jun 11-15	Zoo Party	B	_____
Jun 18-22	Zoo Fun	C	_____
July 2-6	Zoo Play	D	_____
July 9-13	Zoo Master	E	_____
July 23-27	Zoo Adventure	F	_____
<b>Total # of Half Day Sessions</b>			_____

### Camp Fee Summary

<i>Great value! \$20 discount for multiple kids or camps in the same family.</i>	<b>Full Day:</b> 1st session \$130/150; (members/nonmembers)	_____ \$
	___ Additional sessions (\$110/130)	_____ \$
	___ Extended Care: \$30 for am/pm or \$50 for both	_____ \$
	<b>Half Day:</b> ___ Sessions x \$80/90; (members/nonmembers) - <i>Sorry, no discounts.</i>	_____ \$
	___ <b>Extra Shirt(s):</b> \$12 per shirt	_____ \$
	___ <b>Group Photo(s):</b> \$5 per photo	_____ \$
	<b>Total Enclosed</b>	_____ \$

Enclose a check payable to "Mesker Park Zoo" or use MC/VISA or the Zoo Gift Card

MC/Visa#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Card # (under barcode): G \_\_\_\_\_

*In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden and its staff to obtain medical care for my child.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## How do I register?

Complete the registration form. Then submit full payment with the form at least 3 weeks prior to the camp session. You may register by fax, mail, or in person at the Zoo's Education Office, located inside the Discovery Center. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. *Sorry, registration by phone is not allowed.*

Priority will be given to zoo members who register by 4 pm, February 29th.

## What should I expect?

You will receive confirmation by mail at least one week prior to start of camp. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Phone:** 812-435-6143 ext. 414

**Fax:** 812-435-6140

**Email:** [tcox@meskerparkzoo.com](mailto:tcox@meskerparkzoo.com)

**Mail:** 1545 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN 47720-8203

## Cancellations

If you need to cancel your camper's reservation, a \$30 processing fee will be charged. No refunds for cancellations less than 3 weeks prior to the start of the camp session.

## LUNCH RESERVATIONS

Meals are \$4.50 daily or \$18.00 for the week  
**Make checks payable to: RainForest Grill**  
 (bottle of water or extra bag of chips can be added to any meal for \$1.00)



- Monday** turkey lettuce sandwich on whole grain white bread, baked Cheetos®, fruit cocktail cup, grape Capri Sun®, & a chocolate chip cookie
- Tuesday** corndog poppers, veggie stix and cream cheese, dirt pudding cup, lemonade cup, & a snickerdoodle cookie
- Wednesday** hotdog, baked chips, berry yogurt, bottled water & a chocolate chip cookie
- Thursday** ham and cheese sandwich on whole grain bun, veggie stix and cream cheese, fresh grapes, grape Capri Sun®, & a snickerdoodle cookie
- Friday** hamburger, french fries, fruit cocktail cup, bottled water & a chocolate chip cookie

**Camper's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

(indicate day(s) camper will purchase lunch from the RainForest Grill)

Total for Lunches \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total for \_\_\_ Extra Waters \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total for \_\_\_ Extra Chips \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, Camper will  
brown bag

What is Zoo Camp like?

Our full-day camps are for children ages 5-12 who enjoy learning in a fun and safe environment. Your child will be in a group of their peers (their team) and enjoy a unique theme every week that is tailored to their age and maturity level.

Activities vary, but always include games, crafts, animal presentations, and opportunities to get up close and personal with some of the Zoo's animals. On any given week a camper may enjoy animal-themed races, boating, scavenger hunts, hiking, animal care, an insider's view of the Zoo, and much more. Older campers may also prepare photo diaries of their experiences, use modern techniques to study animals, or learn to train animals like Zoo professionals.

What if my child isn't

ready for a full day camp?

Half Day Zoo Camps are scaled down versions of our most popular full-day sessions and are designed for children ages 4-5 who may not be ready for the full-day camp experience.

Like our full day campers, your child will enjoy various age-appropriate activities including games, crafts, and contact with animals. Midway through each day, we'll take a rest break and enjoy a small snack. Every week will end with presentations and camp awards in the Half Day Camp room in the Discovery Center at 11:30, which parents and family members are welcome to attend.

**Zoo Education—What could be more natural?**

**Education Department  
Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden  
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Evansville, IN 47720**



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REGISTER EARLY -  
SPACE IS LIMITED!**