

2019 Summer Camp Week Descriptions

Full Day

ZooTopia (Session 1) June 3-7

Why do some animals hang out with their friends, while others are “lone rangers”? Discover the advantages of social behavior in finding food, staying safe, and raising a family. “Chalk the Zoo” or design a mural with your friends while learning how bees dance and why prairie dogs dig. On Friday, help your team to victory in the ZooTopia Olympics!

Animal Play (Session 2) June 10-14

FUN is important to young animals. Learn how animals play to learn and learn to play, and explore why we have developed close relationships with certain plants and animals. Younger campers will gain hands on animal care experience, while older campers will have the opportunity to train a Zoo animal. Parents are welcome to attend Friday’s Animal Extravaganza.

Mission Green Possible (Session 3) June 17-21

Embrace a variety of green practices! We’ll create art through recycling and upcycling, conduct our own mini-composting, and experiment with wind, solar, & water power. Transform your backyard into a great habitat by building refuges for wildlife and growing native plants using our special recipe “biodiversity balls.”

Dr. Zoo (Session 4) June 24-28

What do scientists study, and how do they do it? During our STEM week, use the tools and concepts of science to explore the natural world in the most exciting laboratory of all... the Zoo! Learn the science behind a variety of materials from slime to bubbles. Communicate with secret messages, navigate through the Zoo with a compass, and follow “scat” clues to solve the riddles of animal behavior.

Adventure Amazonia (Session 5) July 1-5

What’s happening to the rainforest? Can we save it? Make your hat, satchel and journal... then set off an insider’s look at AMAZONIA to explore the importance of this disappearing ecosystem to our planet. On Friday Campers will enjoy a feast of rainforest foods while learning about indigenous people of the Amazon.

The ZooKeeper’s Apprentice (Session 6) July 8-12

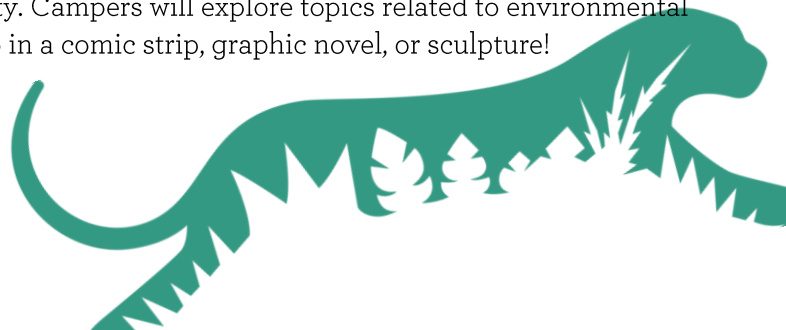
Join us for the ultimate insider’s look at how a zoo functions. Campers will create a “model zoo,” each designing their own animal exhibit, creating menus and signs, and making “toys” for the enrichment of their favorite Zoo animals! Parents are welcome to attend Friday afternoon’s open house.

Mesker School of Mythical Zoology (Session 7) July 15-19

Wands at the ready as you join us for a journey through unnatural history and discover the mythical beasts of Mesker Park Zoo. Apprentice Mythical Zoologists of MSMZ will be sorted into one of our 4 renowned houses within the school and spend the week discovering the mythical beasts that live within our hallowed hills and how they came to be. AMZ’s will end the week by uncovering their very own mythical beasts and compete for the MSMZ House Cup!

Conservation Heroes (Session 8) July 22-26

BAM! Stop extinction in its tracks! **ZAP** pollution! You have the **POWER** to make a difference! Discover how kids like **YOU** make an impact in our environment and community. Campers will explore topics related to environmental conservation, social justice, and develop their very own Hero in a comic strip, graphic novel, or sculpture!



Half Day

Roots & Wings (Session A) June 3-7

Gain an appreciation for the many forms of plants and animals in the world and how they all depend on each other. You'll enjoy a behind the scenes look at our rainforest exhibit, AMAZONIA, and a mini-feast of rainforest foods!

Zoo Party (Session B) June 10-14

Why do some animals hang out with their friends? Are animal families like human families? Learn how living in a group helps animals find food, keep safe and raise a family. On Friday, we'll throw an Animal Pinata Party!

Zoo Play (Session C) June 17-21

Taking care of animals is serious business... but fun and play are an important part of zoo life, too! Campers will gain hands-on experience with all aspects of animal care, from feeding to providing toys.

Junior ZooKeeper (Session D) July 1-5

Join us for the ultimate insider's look at how a zoo works. Create a "model zoo," lend a hand at landscaping, and make toys for your favorite zoo animals to enjoy. Parents are invited to an open house on Friday to view the zoo their campers have created!

Go Green! (Session E) July 15-19

What does it mean to "go green"? Experiment with compost, create recycled art, and harness wind and solar energy. Learn ways to save local plants and animals by transforming backyards into great habitats!

Expedition Zoo (Session F) July 22-26

Spend a week examining our "living laboratory" here at the Zoo. Learn to use some of the tools scientists need for an up close and personal view of plants and animals. As a "junior scientist," you'll perform an arctic animal rescue, blow snake bubbles, create clouds... and even conjure slime!

