

CAMP OVERVIEW

What is Zoo Camp?

A unique, fun, hands-on learning experience for children 3 years old to those entering 9th grade.

Classes may include hands-on animal demonstrations, behind the scenes tours, keeper talks, games, stories, educational crafts, songs, and role-playing. All classes spend time in both the zoo and the park.

Class sizes are limited to provide a high quality experience. Student to teacher ratios are 5:1 for 3-year olds, 7:1 for 4 year olds, and 8:1 for 5 years and older. Expect your child to have a safe and fun learning experience!

Zoo Member Benefits

Enjoy discounted rates and early registration for Summer Camp as a Zoo Member. Memberships must be current and apply only to the children covered at the membership level, not those listed as "Plus" level guests.

To renew your membership or join: 616-336-4312 or jbzoo.org.

Registration Information

- Register online at jbzoo.org.
- We cannot accommodate phone registrations.
- Refunds for changes or cancellations (less a \$20 processing fee) are ONLY granted if written notification is received two weeks prior to the start of class.
- Please register your child for no more than 3 day camp classes.
- Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with special learning, medical, or dietary needs if we are notified in advance.
- Students must be self-sufficient in the bathroom; diapers and pull-ups are NOT permitted.
- Member registration begins March 18, Non-member registration begins March 27 for all summer camp sessions.
- Questions? Call 616-336-4300 or visit us online at jbzoo.org.

Summer Camp Overnights

Friday 5:30pm to Saturday 9:30am

\$55/Member/class \$60/Non-member/class

For students entering grades 3-5 this fall.

Night Owls

What goes bump in the night? Come discover which animals are awake at night right here in Michigan and visit the zoo creatures that are usually sleeping during daytime visits. Find out just what it takes to survive as a creature of the night!

A Night In The Rainforest

Do you ever wonder what a rainforest is like at night? Is it noisy or quiet, still or busy? We'll visit rainforest animals here at the zoo to learn what goes on after dark from the forest floor up to the canopy. No umbrella needed for this rainforest adventure!

For students entering grades 6-8 this fall.

Keeper Night Shift

Start your evening adventure on the Zipline! So you want to be a zookeeper? Help the staff close the zoo at night and open it the next morning. Get your hands dirty in between with some daily keeper duties. It will be an educational and fun taste of zookeeper life.

Just Zoo It!

Start your evening adventure with a ride on the Ropes Course! Explore some of the nooks and crannies of John Ball Zoo. We'll see where the keepers make all the food, where some of the animals sleep at night and explore some of the zoo's wild park spaces. This is your VIP ticket to the zoo!

June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23
Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls	Just Zoo It!	A Night in the Rainforest	Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls	Just Zoo It!	A Night in the Rainforest	Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls
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SUMMER ZOO CAMP 2019

➤ Members: Early registration begins March 18 ➤ Non-members: Registration begins March 27

JUNE 17 - 20	JUNE 17 - 20	JUNE 24 & 25	JUNE 26 & 27	JULY 1 & 2	JULY 3	JULY 8 - 11	JULY 8 - 11	JULY 15 & 16	JULY 17 & 18	JULY 22 - 25	JULY 22 - 25	JULY 29 & 30	JULY 31 & AUG 1	AUGUST 5 - 8	AUGUST 5 - 8	AUGUST 12 & 13	AUGUST 14 & 15	AUGUST 19 & 20	AUGUST 21 & 22	
4 day 9-11:30am	4 day 1-3:30pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	1 day 9am-4pm	4 day 9-11:30am	4 day 1-3:30pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	4 day 9-11:30am	4 day 1-3:30pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	4 day 9-11:30am	4 day 1-3:30pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	2 day 9am-4pm	
Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	On the Move 4 yr. olds	Home Sweet Home 5 yrs.- K	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Creative Connections For students age 5 yrs. - 6th grade Sign up is by individual age/grade level	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	Critter Coverings 4 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Home Sweet Home 5 yrs.- K	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Fancy Feet 4 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	On The Move 4 yr. olds	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Superman-imals Grades 1-2	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	
Critter Coverings 4 yr. olds	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Animology Grades 1-2	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Hooray for Habitats Grades 1-2		Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	On The Move 4 yr. olds	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Animology Grades 1-2	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Animology Grades 1-2	Walk on the Wild Side Grades 3-4	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	
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Walk on the Wild Side Grades 3-4	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Zoo Vet Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper A Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9		Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Photo Safari Grades 5-6	Operation Zoo Grades 5-6	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Around the World Grades 3-4	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9	Zoo Vet Grades 7-9	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Around the World Grades 3-4	Jr. Keeper A Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9			



3 YEARS OLD*

For children 3 years of age by the first day of class.

SENSORY ZOO

Have a sense-sational time at the zoo as we explore using our senses. We'll smell, see, hear, and touch our way through the zoo, discovering lots of different animals along the way.

CRITTER TALES

Come discover the animals in the zoo that have helped inspire some of our favorite stories! Each day will introduce a new story and a zoo adventure to meet the real critter from our animal tale.

4 YEARS OLD*

For children 4 years of age by the first day of class.

FANCY FEET

Webbed, padded, feet with claws, sticky toes, two feet, four feet, and many feet...feet are neat! Why do different animals have different feet and move in different ways? You'll be head over heels about this class.

ON the MOVE

Can you swing like a monkey? Hop like a wallaby? Slither like snake? Animals can get around and you will too as we jump into this fun-filled and moving exploration of locomotion.

CRITTER COVERINGS

Fuzzy fur, fluffy feathers, sturdy scales, or slippery slime...which would you choose? Animals are protected by their unique body coverings. This is a hands-on approach to learning about our favorite animal groups: fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles, and mammals.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS - July 3

For students age 5 yrs. - 6th grade
Sign up is by individual age/grade level.

Nurture your creative side as we explore the connections between animals and the many forms of art. Students will be inspired by the animals to discover their favorite creative way of connecting with nature by painting, singing, dancing, and reading their way through the zoo.

5 YEARS OLD - KINDERGARTEN*

For children 5 years of age by the first day of class or those entering kindergarten this fall.

NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T

Animals play the ultimate game of hide and seek and so will we! Explore the different ways animals hide. Discover who's using camouflage, mimicry, and warning colors to survive.

UNHUGGABLES

You know the ones...they might be prickly, stinky, slimy, or have a face only a mother could love. Let's change that "eww!" to a "wow!" and go beyond the surface to find out why these animals deserve our respect and admiration... even if from a distance.

ZOO MENU

What does a lion eat? What will a monkey munch? We'll learn how animals are adapted to getting and eating specific foods in the wild and see special foods zoo animals eat to stay healthy.

HOME SWEET HOME

Do barn owls really live in barns? Do tree frogs like trees? Animals can live in some unusual places. Discover what makes a good home for wildlife in nature, and in your backyard.

1st and 2nd GRADE

For students entering 1st or 2nd grade this fall.

ANIMOLGY

Animals abound as we discover mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. What makes each of them unique? How do they fit in the animal kingdom? This is a class with class...classification.

SUPERMAN-IMALS

Faster than a peregrine falcon, more powerful than an alligator, and able to leap tall trees! Come learn all about animals and their super adaptations. Whether it's leaping, chomping, or soaring, we'll discover why animals are the real superheroes.

HOORAY for HABITATS

Let's hear it for habitats! We will swing into the rainforest, stalk through savannahs and touch at a tide pool while discovering the creatures that call these habitats home.

MASTER TRACKER

Have you ever walked in a lion's footsteps or tried to find an owl in the treetops? We'll learn to read the tracks and signs that animals leave behind as we follow them around the globe to learn what they eat and where they live.

FANTASTIC FELINES

Join us as we jump into the amazing world of felines. Are all cats alike? Why do lions roar and house cats meow? Are all spots the same? If you are curious about these questions we've got the purrrfect class for you.

*Proof of age is required with registration for children 3, 4 and 5 years old.

3rd and 4th GRADE

For students entering 3rd or 4th grade this fall.

EXTREME ANIMALS

They are the biggest, fastest, smartest, ugliest, and sometimes they break the rules. Nature's champions are built to survive, even in the harshest environments. Join us as we meet some of these extreme animals up close.

AROUND THE WORLD

We're going global! It's nonstop fun as we explore the wilds, animals and cultures of the world while learning how the zoo reaches out to help wildlife around the world. No passport required!

ANIMALS in ACTION

Help keep our animals at the top of their game. Discover how zookeepers use enrichment to keep them thinking and moving. We'll design our own tools to use and create new ones for the animals. This class will keep everyone's mind moving!

WALK on the WILD SIDE

Embark on a journey through the wilds of John Ball Zoo. Explore the park as we track turtles, find frogs, and inspect insects. Head into the zoo to ogle at otters, spy on sloths and track tigers. This class is sure to be a wild time!

NATURE'S GOT TALENT

From the runway to extreme makeover: home edition, animals have got talent! Discover who has the most amazing voice and which animals have great dance moves in the best reality show of all....nature!

5th and 6th GRADE

For students entering 5th or 6th grade this fall.

PHOTO SAFARI

See the zoo through a different lens. Learn the basics of wildlife photography and go "on assignment." Frame and take home your favorite photo. Personal cameras are recommended but not required.

OPERATION ZOO

So you want to run a zoo? Take the role of zoo director as you pick a species, create a plan, and design a new exhibit! We'll investigate different animal diets, size, habitats, social groups, and physical features to understand what it takes to create the best new home for your animal.

GROSSOLOGY

Prepare to be grossed out as we explore the gross and disgusting science of the animal world! Why do some animals shoot out their guts, eat their poop, or have slime on their bodies? This class is oozing with interaction.

WILDLIFE EXPLORER

Come explore the world of wildlife biologists in a hands on class. Discover how biologists catch, tag, and follow animals in the wild. We will get the chance to use our new skills and try out our GPS, radio telemetry, and motion sensor equipment as we track animals in the park.

7th, 8th and 9th GRADE

For students entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade this fall.

JUNIOR KEEPER A

Get ready to get dirty! Find out what it takes to care for some of the Earth's most amazing creatures. Students will get a chance to make diets, monitor animals, and clean exhibits just like a zookeeper!

JUNIOR KEEPER B

A keeper's job doesn't end with cleaning and feeding. Go beyond the broom as we learn how keepers train the animals here at the zoo and how they keep them physically and mentally engaged with enrichment!

*Campers do not have to take Jr. Keeper A to sign up for Jr. Keeper B.

ZOO VET

It's time for a check-up and you get to be the vet! Using the tools of the trade, learn what our veterinary staff does to keep our animals healthy through hands-on experiences with animals at the zoo.

QUESTIONS:

Call 616-336-4300

Or visit jbzoo.org

CAMP FEES: 4 Day - am or pm \$80/Member \$85/Non-member
2 Day - 9am-4pm \$105/Member \$110/Non-member
1 Day - 9am-4pm \$55/Member \$60/Non-member