

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 on March 16, Non-member registration begins March 25 for all summer camp sessions.**
- Questions? Call 616-336-4302 or visit us online at jbzoo.org.

Summer Camp Overnights

Friday 5:30pm to Saturday 9:30am

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

For students entering grades 3-5 this fall.

For students entering grades 6-8 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 what it takes to survive as a creature of the night!

Biggest of the Big

Discover what life is like for some of the biggest carnivores at the Zoo! What do cats like to do at night out in the wild? Are bears really carnivores? Learn all this and make more discoveries on this overnight focusing on some of the Zoo's most lovable and amazing animals.

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.

Zoo Scene Investigation (ZSI)

Start your evening adventure on the Ropes Course! Whodunnit?!?! There's a wildlife mystery to be solved at the Zoo and we need your knowledge and skills to solve it. Put on your detective hat and follow the clues that animals and people leave behind to solve a wildlife mystery worthy of Sherlock Holmes.

June 12	June 19	June 26	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	August 7	August 14	August 21
Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls	Z.S.I.	Biggest of the Big	Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls	Z.S.I.	Biggest of the Big	Keeper Night Shift	Night Owls
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Summer Zoo Camp 2020

➤ **Members:** early registration begins March 16

➤ **Non-members:** registration begins March 25

JUNE 15 - 18	JUNE 15 - 18	JUNE 22 & 23	JUNE 24 & 25	JUNE 29 - JULY 2	JUNE 29 - JULY 2	JULY 6 & 7	JULY 8 & 9	JULY 13 - 16	JULY 13 - 16	JULY 20 & 21	JULY 22 & 23	JULY 27 - 30	JULY 27 - 30	AUGUST 3 & 4	AUGUST 5 & 6	AUGUST 10 & 11	AUGUST 12 & 13	AUGUST 17 & 18	AUGUST 19 & 20
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	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	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	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	Critter Coverings 4 yr. olds	Jungle Journeys Grades 1-2	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Fancy Feet 4 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Home Sweet Home 5 yrs.- K	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	On The Move 4 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Animal Survivor 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	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	On the Move 4 yr. olds	Un-huggables 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Animology Grades 1-2	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Animology Grades 1-2	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Walk on the Wild Side Grades 3-4
Now You See Me... 5 yrs.- K	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Tropical Treasures Grades 3-4	Nature's Got Talent Grades 3-4	Fancy Feet 4 yr. olds	Animology Grades 1-2	Nature's Got Talent Grades 3-4	Around the World Grades 3-4	Zoo Menu 5 yrs.- K	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Animology Grades 1-2	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	Fancy Feet 4 yr. olds	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	Nature's Got Talent Grades 3-4	Around the World Grades 3-4	Tropical Treasures Grades 3-4	Nature's Got Talent 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	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper A Grades 7-9	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Around the World Grades 3-4	Photo Safari Grades 5-6	Operation Zoo Grades 5-6	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Around the World Grades 3-4	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9	Zoo Vet Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper A Grades 7-9	Jr. Keeper B Grades 7-9		



3 YEAR OLDS*

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 YEAR OLDS*

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 a 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.

BRICK BUILDING CLASSES: July 8 - 16

In partnership with Bricks 4 Kidz, we're offering three camp sessions in July which include special Lego brick building sessions.



It's a great way to participate in the Bricks exhibit on display throughout the Zoo for all to enjoy.

5 YEAR OLDS - 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.

ANIMOMOLOGY

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

ANIMAL SURVIVOR

Camouflage, defenses, food, shelter...living in nature is challenging, even for animals. Play a thrilling game of camouflage, put your opossum skills to the test, and learn what it takes to be an animal survivor!

JUNGLE JOURNEYS

Travel with us as we take a special look at jungle animals from around the world. Some live in the treetops while others scurry along the forest floor. We'll find an array of colorful animal species and diverse habitats on our journey.

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.

TROPICAL TREASURES

Arr matey, stretching around the Earth's middle latitudes, the tropics are host to a treasure trove of animal species. We be head'n out on a scavenger hunt to discover tropical animals of both land and sea, it's a pirate's life for thee!

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 616-336-4302
Or visit us at jbzoo.org

Camp Fees

4 Day - am or pm	\$85/Member	\$90/Non-member
2 Day - 9am-4pm	\$110/Member	\$115/Non-member
Brick Classes: 4 Day	\$91/Member	\$96/Non-member
2 Day	\$116/Member	\$121/Non-member