**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!

### 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.

### 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.

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### 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.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

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**SENSORY ZOO**
- Have a sense-sational time at the Zoo as we go beyond the surface to find out why these animals deserve our respect and admiration—even if from a distance.

**CRITTER COVERINGS**
- Fuzzy fur, fluffy feathers, stardy 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 for children ages 4-6 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.

**FAVORITE FEET**
- Move on the Wild Side Grades 3-4
- Zoo Vet Grades 7-9

**3rd and 4th GRADE**
- For students entering 3rd or 4th grade this fall.

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

**ANIMAL SURVIVAL**
- Camouflage, defense, 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 survivalist.

**JUNGLE JOURNEYS**
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