**John Ball Zoo Summer Camps**

**Member registration begins March 16**

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**3 Year Old**

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

**Sensory Zoo**

Have a sensorially-rich time at the Zoo as we explore the Zoo using our senses. We’ll smell, see, hear, and touch our way through the Zoo, discovering lots of different animal senses to stay. Games, songs, up-close animal encounters, and more awesomeness! 

**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. Up-close animal encounters, games, and crafts await your little critter in this class!

**Questions?**

Call (616) 336-4302 or visit us at jbzoo.org

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*Proof of age is required with registration

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**4 Year Old**

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

**Fancy Feet**

Walk, paddle, feet with class, sticky toes, two feet, four feet, and many feet. Just be ready! Why do different animals have different feet and move in different ways? You’ll be hosed over by all about clas.

**Critter Coverings**

Fuzzy fur, fluffy feathers, stationary scales, or slippery slimy... 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!

**On the Move**

Can you smell a monkey? Hop like a wallaby? Slither like a snake? Animals can get around, Hop like a wallaby? Slither like a snake? Can you swing like a monkey? On the Move introduces kids to the different body parts of animals and the ways animals use them to move.

**Home Sweet Home**

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

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**5 Year 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 what’s using our current memory, and warning colors to survive.

**Unhuggables**

They might be prickly, stinky, slimy, or have a face only a mother could love. Change that "sew" to a "hug" as we find why these areas of our bodies earn our respect and admiration even if from a distance.

**Zoo Menu**

What does a lion eat? What will a monkey do? We’ll learn how animals are adapted to getting and eating specific foods, and see special foods Zoo animals eat to stay healthy.

**Home Sweet Home**

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**Grades 1–2**

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

**Animaly**

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 the class...classicoation!

**Outlook Odyssey**

The ultimate course found under in Australia have all kinds of unique adaptations. We’ll learn about a variety of animals as we marvel at mantisprids, buddy up with bugs, and leap with lizards.

**Fantastic Felines**

Join us as we jump into the amazing world of felines. Are all cats alike? Why do lions roar and tigers purr? It’s time for a check-up and you get the purrfect class for you!

**Zoo Careers**

Would you like to make a career in wildlife? From keeping track of animal knowledge on animal diets. How keepers use enrichment to keep the Zoo running smoothly. It takes more than just animal staff to keep the Zoo running smoothly. This class will highlight popular jobs like zokeepers and vet staff while also introducing some of the less known positions found at the Zoo. From keeping track of animal records to creating a fun social media post with marketing, this camp will be a fun exploration for a variety of careers.

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**Grades 3–4**

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

**Aquatic Adventures**

Dive deep into Earth’s aquatic habitats. We’ll explore everything from shallow marshlands to the depths of the ocean. Join us for a fascinating exploration of watery worlds.

**Walk on the Wild Side**

Embark on a journey through the wilds of JBJ. Explore the park as we track lizards, first frogs, and inspect insects. Head into the Zoo to ogle at otters, spy on snakes, and track tigers. This class is sure to be a wildlife party!

**Around the World**

We will get the chance to use our animal survivor! Prepare to be grossed out as we explore the wilds, animals, and cultures of the world while learning how the Zoo reaches out to help wildlife. No passport required!

**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 oozing with interaction?

**Nature’s Got Talent**

Come explore the world of wildlife biologist in a hands-on class discovering how biologists catch, tag, and follow animals in the wild. We’ll get the chance to use our new skills and some telemetry equipment as we follow tracks animals in the park.

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**Grades 5–6**

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

**Operation Zoo**

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

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**Grades 7–9**

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

**Junior Keeper**

Find out just what it takes to be a keeper. You’ll get a chance to try your hand at training, learning how keepers use enrichment to engage the animals, and test your knowledge on animal diets.

**Zoo Vet**

It’s time for a check-up and you’re going to be the vet! Using the tools of the trade, learn what our veterinary staff does to keep the animals healthy.

**Zoo Careers**

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