



Welcome, Nature Explorers!

We are so excited to welcome you for Camp Zoo! Join us, as we explore outside and learn how to connect with nature. We can't wait for the adventures that lie ahead!

There is NO CAMP on FRIDAY. Registration includes one-day admission for one adult and one child. Tickets will be available to pick up at check-out!

Camp Tips

- Wear clothes you can get messy in.
- Eat a big breakfast.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Leave toys & electronics at home.
- Label ALL items with your name.
- Apply sunscreen before you arrive.

What to Bring

- Camp shirt.
- Camp hat.
- Camp water bottle with lanyard.
- Packed lunch.
- **Two nut-free snacks.***
- Recommended: a small backpack to carry snacks and water while in the Zoo.
- Fully enclosed shoes (no holes).

Please label everything with your camper's name!

No laces? No problem! We recommend Velcro or slip-ons for campers learning to tie their shoes!

***Camp Zoo no longer provides snacks. Please bring two peanut-free snacks OUTSIDE of your camper's lunchbox for snacking on-the-go!**

Camp Zoo Leadership Team

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Helpful Links

[FAQ](#) | [Camp Policies and Procedures](#) | [Orientation Video](#)

1/2 Camp - Plant Protectors!

When looking around the Zoo, you'll find many diverse plants! This week, your camper will learn all about plants and their purpose in the natural world! Discover the parts of each plant, help our garden grow and meet some animals that provide extra special help to plants!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Theme	Plants have many parts	Plants help people	Plants in the wild	I can help plants
Morning Nature Play	Each morning, we will start the day outside with Nature Play at our Enchanted Forest, Red Barn Playground or Papago Park (Wednesday)! Campers eat a snack before they play!			
Morning Activities	<p>Welcome to Camp Zoo: Camp Orientation!</p> <p>Plants 101: Learn how plants survive and thrive and begin building the parts of our final project for the week!</p>	<p>Camp Zoo Garden: Help us plant some seasonal crops and meet an animal who works below the surface to help plants grow!</p>	<p>Papago Park Adventure!</p> <p>Scavenger Hunt: Learn all about the plants, animals and geographic features of Papago Park!</p> <p>Game Time: Connect to the great outdoors and learn how to work as a team!</p>	<p>Plant Promises: Learn how we can take care of plants and assemble your craft to take home!</p> <p>Camp Rally!</p>
Animal Discovery*	Marvelous mammals.	Rockin' reptiles.	Interesting inverts.	All things amphibian.
Learning Lab	Plant exploration stations.	Habitats around the world.		
Daily Hike	Tropics Trail.	Predator Passage (A) / AZ Aviary (B).	Hole in the Rock.	AZ Aviary (A) / Predator Passage (B).
Animal Interaction*	Petting Zoo encounter.	Meet and feed: Giant tortoises.	Camper's choice: Interesting inverts.	Stingray Bay encounter!
Afternoon Nature Play	We will end each day with a snack and Nature Play at the Enchanted Forest!			

*We do our best to stick to the planned Animal Discovery and Interaction for each day, but we can never guarantee a specific animal. It always depends on several factors the day of, including that all animals at the Phoenix Zoo are free to decide what they do in a day!

3/4/5 Camp - Bioinspired Inventors!

The natural world has inspired humankind for centuries! Many forms of technology that we still use today were originally inspired by the behaviors of animals. This week, learn about bioinspiration and design an invention based on the behavior of an animal at the Zoo!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Theme	How to be bioinspired	Turn your inspirations into inventions	Inspiration is everywhere	Share your inspiration with others
Morning Nature Play	Each morning, we will start the day outside with Nature Play at our Enchanted Forest or Red Barn Playground! Campers eat a snack before they play!			
Morning Activities	<p>Welcome to Camp Zoo: Camp Orientation!</p> <p>Intro to Bioinspiration: Meet an aviation engineer and civil air patrol cadets to teach us how birds inspired flight!</p>	<p>Exploration Stations: Explore how behavioral enrichment is created at the Zoo!</p> <p>Team-Building Games: Work with your team to solve puzzles!</p>	<p>Papago Park Adventure!</p> <p>Trash Timeline: Learn ways to Leave No Trace when exploring nature!</p> <p>Scavenger Hunt: Learn all about the plants, animals and geographic features of Papago Park!</p>	<p>Where I Stand: Explore Nature Advocacy and learn ways you can bring Camp Zoo home!</p> <p>Camp Rally!</p>
Animal Discovery*	Marvelous mammals.	Rockin' reptiles.	Interesting inverts.	All things amphibian.
Learning Lab	Animal adaptations.	Habitats around the world.		
Daily Hike	Africa Trail.	Camper's choice: Bioinspiration hike.	Hole in the Rock.	Desert Discovery Trail and Predator Passage.
Animal Interaction*	Backstage Tour: Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Conservation Center!	Stingray Bay encounter!	Camper's choice: Interesting inverts.	Ascend the buttes and meet the Zoo's Bighorn Sheep!
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