



Welcome, Nature Explorers!

We are so excited to have you join us 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 1/1. 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!
- Get extra hungry? Bring an extra snack with you!
(must be nut-free and carried separately from your lunchbox)

What to Bring

- Camp shirt.
- Camp hat.
- Camp water bottle with lanyard.
- Packed lunch (full-day only).
- **Two nut-free snacks.***
- Recommended: a small backpack to carry snacks and water while in the Zoo.
- Fully enclosed shoes (no holes).
- **For middle school campers, please bring long, sturdy pants and wear sturdy shoes that cover the whole foot!**

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!**

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Helpful Links

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

Kindergarten Camp-HOWL Helpers!

Kindergarten Camp now features a FULL DAY extension! [Log into your account to add the extension today!](#)

This week, your camper will learn all about animals and what makes them unique! Explore animal diets, behavior patterns, habitats and life cycles to better understand how to care for and respect animals in the wild! By the end of the week, you'll be ready to HOWL (help out wildlife)!

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Camp Zoo Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

✓ I can say goodbye!

Talk with your camper about check in the days leading up to camp! Check out our website to build excitement for camp!

✓ I am sun safe!

Please be sure your campers arrive at camp with a hat, water and sunscreen already applied. **Campers may bring additional sunscreen, but they must be able to apply it independently.**

✓ I can use the restroom!

Campers are expected to be able to use the restroom independently. Please practice restroom use, as well as fastening and unfastening clothes.

✓ I can use my listening ears!

Zookeepers, animal handlers and Camp Zoo staff provide instructions to ensure safety. Practice following basic directions at home to help your camper prepare! Practice responding when their name is called!

✓ I can ask for help!

Communication is key to a successful week of camp! Help empower your camper by practicing how to ask for help!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Theme	All animals eat	All animals rest	All animals have homes	All animals have life cycles
Nature Play	Each day, we will connect with the outdoors during Nature Play at our Enchanted Forest! Campers eat a snack before they play!			
Morning Exploration Stations	Animal diets: carnivore, herbivore, omnivore and insectivore.	Animal behavior patterns: nocturnal, diurnal and crepuscular.	Animal home identification and building in Papago Park!	Animal life cycles: from butterflies to turtles, and everything in between!
Animal Interaction*	Stingray Bay encounter!	Meet and feed: Chilean flamingos.	Plant discovery walk in Papago Park!	Meet and feed: Aldabra tortoise.
Animal Discovery*	Marvelous mammals.	Rockin’ reptiles.	Interesting inverts.	All things amphibian.
Full-day campers have lunchtime next to our sand cat exhibit!				
Arts and Crafts	Build-a-plate.	Forests at night.	Desert sunset tear art.	Caterpillar to butterfly.
Snack and Storytime				
Extended Learning Lab	Predator or prey? Skull exploration.	Basics of food webs.	Habitats around the world.	Tadpole to frog.

*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!

1/2 Camp - Plant Protectors!

When looking around the zoo, you'll find many diverse plants! This week, 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!

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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	Welcome to Camp Zoo: Camp Orientation! Plants 101: Learn how plants survive and thrive and begin building the parts of our final project for the week!	Camp Zoo Garden: Help us plant some seasonal crops and meet an animal who works below the surface to help plants grow!	Papago Park Adventure! Scavenger Hunt: Learn all about the plants, animals and geographic features of Papago Park! Game Time: Connect to the great outdoors and learn how to work as a team!	Plant Promises: Learn how we can take care of plants and assemble your craft to take home! Camp Rally!
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: Group A*	Giraffe encounter!	Meet and feed: Giant tortoises.	Camper’s Choice: Interesting inverts.	Stingray Bay encounter!
Animal Interaction: Group B*	Stingray Bay encounter!			Giraffe encounter!
Afternoon Nature Play	We will end each day with a snack and Nature Play at the Enchanted Forest!			

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<div> <h1>3/4/5 Camp - Bioinspired Inventors!</h1> <p>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!</p> <p><u>Please note there will be NO CAMP on Thursday, January 1.</u></p> </div>				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
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.	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!	Giraffe encounter!	Camper’s Choice: Interesting inverts.	Ascend the buttes and meet the Zoo’s Bighorn Sheep!
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6/7/8 Horse Hands Camp Zoo!

Welcome to Camp Zoo’s Horse Hands Camp, designed exclusively for middle school campers. Learn all about horse care and discover how we can connect with and care for the natural world. We are thrilled you are joining us!

This week is equivalent to a Level 1 Horse Hands class! Join us for Level 2 Horse Hands Camp in the summer!

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Camp Tips:

- Wear sturdy, fully closed shoes!
 - Wear long, sturdy pants!
 - Eat a big breakfast!
- Get a good night's sleep!
 - Leave electronics at home!
 - We will be outside for a longer time—be prepared for the elements!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Barn Care	Work closely with keepers to help maintain the barn and take daily care of the horses. We will clean stalls and autowaters, as well as support any morning care that is required for the wintertime.			
Learning Activity	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will explore the basics of horsemanship, horse anatomy and practice basic knot-tying.			Horses in the Wild: Learn how to help protect local wild horses.
Snack and Lunch	Please pack two nut-free snacks in a small backpack for your camper to snack on-the-go! Middle school campers will have a private lunch at 11:30 in either one of our rooms or at a scenic location in the Zoo!			
Animal Discovery*	Marvelous mammals.	Rockin’ reptiles.	Interesting inverts.	All things amphibian.
Equine Arena!	Practice time: Haltering, knots and grooming your horse.	Practice time: Leading, grooming, saddling, mounting and dismounting your horse.	Leading, grooming, saddling and our first ride!	Leading, grooming, saddling and riding!

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