ZooCamp
Summer 2018
Where amazing lives. Every day.
GREETINGS FROM
YOUR MINNESOTA ZOO!

Thank you for choosing the Minnesota Zoo as a trusted summer camp destination. We are proud to provide you and your child these memorable and life-changing experiences. As the state’s largest wildlife conservation education resource for discovery and learning we take the responsibility seriously of connecting you and your child to the natural world.

Your camper will participate in animal encounters, special zoo experiences, active games, and tours. To ensure everyone has a good time during camp, campers are grouped by grade or age, instructors are professional educators and naturalists, and instructor to camper ratios are intentionally kept low.

Throughout this catalog, you’ll find camp programs for all grade levels and ages focused on our key learning areas of Animals and Ecosystems, Animal Care and Conservation, and Minnesota’s Natural Heritage. Connecting to Nature camps that focus on the human-nature connection, camps co-taught by partner organizations, and STEM camps that explore science, technology, engineering, and math are indicated by special icons and logos.
**REGISTRATION**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS:**
- **February 1 at 10 am:** Members of the Minnesota Zoo
- **February 8 at 10 am:** General Public

Current members must use their existing web login email to receive the membership discount.

Registration only takes place online and full payment is due immediately. Please visit mnzoo.org/zoocamp to register. In order to receive the member rate, your Zoo membership must be current (not lapsed) at the time of registration.

Registration requires signing legal waivers for each camper. Members may only register and sign for campers covered by their membership.

For those registering on February 1, an online waiting room will be available starting at 9:45 am. If you sign on before 10 am, once registration opens at 10 am, your spot in line will be randomly generated. If you sign on after 10 am, registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. Due to the high volume of users you may experience a long wait in our waiting room.

Many camps sell out quickly. Please be prepared with a couple of camp or date options. A wait-list may be available for classes that are full. The scheduler will contact the first person on the list and continue until the spot is filled.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

You will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of registration. If you do not receive a confirmation, check your spam folder periodically to see if it was accidentally sent there or email educate@mnzoo.org for assistance.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

As funds allow, 50% and 75% need-based scholarships are available. Complete an online application at mnzoo.org/scholarships.

**CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

Cancellations made more than two weeks prior to the program will receive a refund of 75% of the program fee. No refunds will be made less than two weeks prior to the program. A transfer to a similar program may be possible if requested at least one week prior to the program. No transfers are allowed within one week of the program start date. Refunds will not be issued for no-shows for any camp program regardless of cause. To cancel or request a transfer, please contact educate@mnzoo.org or call 952.431.9390.

**DROP-OFF & PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

Please visit our website at mnzoo.org/zoocamp for information about what to bring and where to drop off and pick up your child from camp. Please read this information carefully as there are multiple drop-off locations for the Zoo Camp program. This information will also be included in the email confirmation you receive.

**ZOO CAMP INFORMATION**

**OPTIONS & FEES**

**LUNCH SUPERVISION**

Lunch supervision is only provided for week-long campers registered for both a morning and an afternoon camp of the same week, and for all-day camps. A $10 per week fee will automatically be charged to those who register for two half-day camps in the same week. This fee is already included in all-day camp prices. Campers must provide their own nut-free bag lunch.

**BEFORE CARE SUPERVISION**

Available for week-long camps at the Main Entrance
8 am to camp start time .......... $35 per week

**AFTER CARE SUPERVISION**

Available for week-long camps at the Main Entrance
Camp end time to 6 pm ........... $45 per week

NOTE: Traffic and construction are part of Minnesota summers; please plan accordingly. For campers not picked up within 15 minutes of camp ending, the weekly applicable supervision fee will be assessed. Late pick-ups from After Care will result in additional fees of $5 for every 5 minutes past 6 pm.

**ZOO CAMP T-SHIRTS**

All week-long Zoo Camp participants receive one t-shirt free with their registration. T-shirt sizes must be specified during registration. Extra t-shirts may be pre-ordered at a cost of $12 per shirt. No exchanges are available.

NOTE: For the safety of all campers, Zoo Camp t-shirts MUST be worn each day of camp. T-shirts serve as camper name tags and enable instructors to keep campers together while walking throughout the Zoo. Shirts will be distributed on the first day of camp. On subsequent days, campers who arrive without their shirt will be given one to wear for the day, and may be charged the extra t-shirt fee.

**FOOD ALLERGIES**

For camps that include snacks, we provide nut-free food items and snacks that are safe for kids with other known food allergies. However, we cannot guarantee a nut-free environment. Zoo guests often bring their own food items containing nuts, and nuts are a regular part of our animal diets. Nuts may also be used during animal demonstrations in the classrooms as positive reinforcement. If you prefer to bring your own snack, you are welcome to do so. Please disclose all participant food allergies during registration. To discuss concerns or potential accommodations, please contact educate@mnzoo.org or call 952.431.9390.

**FAQ**

Please visit mnzoo.org/zoocamp for frequently asked questions. For additional assistance, please email educate@mnzoo.org or call 952.431.9390.

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SINGLE-DAY

TODDLER TIME:

18 months to three years of age, with an adult. Maximum of two children per one adult.
First session: 9:40–10:30 am
Second session: 11–11:50 am

$25 per child with an adult ($20 per child with an adult for Zoo members)
$27 per child with an adult (MacPhail partnership camps)
Package Discount: Register for four or more Toddler Time classes for the same child in a single order and receive $1.25 off each class.

SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR TODDLER AT THE MINNESOTA ZOO!
Child-directed exploratory play is followed by movement and art activities, an interactive story, and a hands-on animal encounter.

FEATHERY FRIENDS
(birds)
Tue, May 29 or Mon, Aug 20

BUTTERFLY & BUG BUDDIES
(insects)
Wed, May 30 or Tue, Aug 21

SCUTES & SCALES
(reptiles)
Thu, May 31 or Wed, Aug 22

ANIMAL MOMS
(mammals)
Fri, June 1 or Thu, Aug 23

ANIMAL DADS
(fish & frogs)
Fri, Aug 24

MacPhail: SKITTER, SLITHER, SING!
(fast & slow animals)
Mon, June 4

MacPhail: BIRDS SING HIGH, FROGS SING LOW!
(high and low animal sounds)
Tue, June 5

MacPhail: BUZZING, HUMMING, CREEPY CRAWLIES!
(vocal play with animals)
Wed, June 6

MacPhail: BUBBLE, BUBBLE, SPLASH!
(bumpy and smooth animals)
Thu, June 7

MacPhail: STARLIGHT, AWAKE AT NIGHT!
(nighttime animals and sounds)
Fri, June 8

BIG BEAKS & WIDE WINGSPANS
(flying animals)
Mon, June 18 or Mon, Aug 27

CLIMBING TREES WITH THE ABCS
(arboreal animals)
Tue, June 19 or Tue, Aug 28

EGG-STRORDINARY ANIMALS
(hatching animals)
Wed, June 20 or Wed, Aug 29

SPЛИSHИN’ & SPLASHИN’
(swimming animals)
Thu, June 21 or Thu, Aug 30

EYE SPY
(hiding animals)
Fri, June 22 or Fri, Aug 31

HIDE & SEEK
(colors and camouflage)
Mon, July 2 or Mon, July 30

HИSSИN’ & HOOTИN’
(sounds)
Tue, July 3 or Tue, July 31

MacPhail: CIRCLES, SQUARES & SEA STARS
(shapes)
Thu, July 5 or Wed, Aug 1

TINY & MIGHTY
(size)
Fri, July 6 or Thu, Aug 2

HARD & BUMPY, SOFT & LUMPY
(texture)
Fri, Aug 3

FISH, FROGS & POLLWOGS
(ocean and pond animals)
Mon, July 23 or Mon, Aug 6

FROLC WITH FOREST FRIENDS
(forest animals)
Tue, July 24 or Tue, Aug 7

ARCTIC ANIMAL ANTICS
(polar animals)
Wed, July 25 or Wed, Aug 8

RAINBOWS & RAIN FORESTS
(rain forest animals)
Thu, July 26 or Thu, Aug 9

SUN, SAND, SPIDERS & SNAKES
(desert animals)
Fri, July 27 or Fri, Aug 10
ALICE THE CAMEL  
Mon, June 4 (both)  
Tue, Aug 28 (pm)  
One hump or two? Discover the difference between Dromedary and Bactrian camels and find out what those humps are all about.

AWESOME OTTERS  
Tue, May 29 (both)  
Mon, Aug 20 (both)  
Fri, Aug 31 (both)  
You “otter” join us for some fun! Slip-slide through the Zoo visiting our otter friends from around the world.

BEAR NECESSITIES  
Thu, May 31 (both)  
Tue, June 5 (both)  
Mon, July 2 (pm)  
Wed, Aug 29 (both)  
Meet our Minnesota black bears and the brown bears of Russia’s Grizzly Coast as we discover their “bear” necessities.

CLUCK WITH THE CHICKENS  
Mon, July 2 (both)  
Hens, roosters, and chicks, oh my! Explore the many kinds of chickens at the Minnesota Zoo and learn why chickens are so important.

COUNTING SHEEP  
Thu, May 31 (am)  
Counting sheep may help you fall asleep, but we’ll be wide awake as we figure out how wool goes from sheep to sweater or a warm cozy blanket.

CRAZY FOR CROCODILES  
Tue, May 29 (both)  
Wed, June 6 (both)  
Sink your teeth into the amazing world of crocodiles. Meet our West African dwarf crocodiles and other cool creatures from West Africa.

FLUTTER BY  
Mon, July 2 (both)  
Mon, Aug 6 (am)  
Unwrap the mysteries of metamorphosis as we watch a wonderful winged insect grow from caterpillar to beautiful butterfly.

FROG AND TOAD GO HIP HOP  
Tue, May 29 (pm)  
Wed, Aug 8 (am)  
Meet “Hoppy” the frog and discover why frogs chirp and croak and how they can jump so far.

GOOFY GOATS  
Fri, June 1 (am)  
Tue, July 3 (both)  
They climb. They jump. They like to eat. Learn about our goofy goats while playing games and having fun!

HOPPIN’ DOWN UNDER  
Wed, May 30 (both)  
Mon, July 2 (both)  
Thu, Aug 9 (am)  
Wed, Aug 29 (both)  
G’day mate! Hop on in to Kangaroo Crossing and explore what makes animals of Australia unique.

HORSIN’ AROUND  
Wed, May 30 (am)  
Mon, July 3 (am)  
Yee-ha! Gallop into the wild world of horses and meet our big and beautiful draft horses.

LEAPING LIZARDS  
Fri, June 1 (pm)  
Fri, July 6 (pm)  
Are dragons real? Komodo and bearded dragons are, and you can meet them in this camp!

LITTLE STINKERS  
Thu, May 31 (pm)  
Thu, July 5 (pm)  
We’ll de-stink, or rather, debunk some widely held misconceptions about our not-so-fragrant stinky friends and their closest cousins.

Lucky Leopards  
Wed, May 30 (pm)  
Fri, July 6 (both)  
Is it a cheetah, jaguar, or leopard? Discover what makes leopards different from other big cats and try to “spot” our leopards in a game of hide-and-seek.

MONK SEAL MANIA  
Thu, July 5 (both)  
Thu, Aug 10 (am)  
Marine mammals are marvelous! Learn about our Hawaiian monk seals and what makes them so special.

MONKEY BUSINESS  
Thu, June 7 (both)  
Wed, Aug 22 (both)  
Mon, Aug 27 (both)  
Observe the antics of the DeBrazza’s and Colobus monkeys while identifying the similarities and differences between primates.

MOOING AROUND  
Thu, July 5 (both)  
Can you moo like cows do? Learn and watch how cows are milked and enjoy a tasty dairy treat!

PANDA PALS  
Fri, June 1 (both)  
Fri, July 6 (both)  
Thu, Aug 23 (both)  
Red pandas certainly aren’t giants, and Giant pandas aren’t red. Discover what makes them similar and different from each other.

PENGUIN PLUNGE  
Fri, June 1 (both)  
Mon, June 4 (both)  
Tue, July 3 (both)  
Tue, Aug 7 (am)  
Plunge into the watery world of these energetic black and white birds. Discover what they eat, how they hunt, and other amazing adaptations.

PERKY PARROTS  
Thu, May 31 (both)  
Fri, Aug 31 (pm)  
Find out what it’s like to have backward pointing toes, a nut-cracking beak, and rainbow-colored feathers!

PIGS ON PARADE  
Tue, May 29 (am)  
Explore the world of domestic pigs and discover how surprisingly clean and intelligent little piggies can be!

SHARK!  
Wed, May 30 (both)  
Thu, July 3 (both)  
Fri, Aug 10 (am)  
Designed to be a perfect predator, the shark’s sharp teeth and sensational senses may surprise you!

SILLY SNAKES  
Tue, Aug 21 (both)  
Slither into the snake world to discover their unique senses. Scaly stories will highlight why these animals are so helpful and important.

SIX-LEGGED SAFARI  
Fri, June 8 (both)  
Thu, Aug 30 (pm)  
Explore the wonderful and tiny world of insects, and how they keep the natural world buzzing with activity.

TIGURRRS!  
Fri, June 8 (both)  
Thu, July 5 (both)  
Tue, Aug 28 (both)  
What’s black and orange and striped from head to toe? That’s right—a tiger! Learn how they compare to your pet cats at home.

TURTLE TALES  
Wed, June 6 (both)  
Fri, Aug 24 (both)  
Dive into the sea for an imaginary trip with a sea turtle, and discover the often misunderstood world of turtles.

UNDER THE SEA  
Thu, June 7 (both)  
Tue, July 3 (pm)  
Sea stars, sea horses, and sea turtles, oh my! Discover why “down where it’s wetter, that’s where it’s better” as we explore the colorful world of the coral reef.

WILD WOLVES  
Tue, June 5 (both)  
Mon, Aug 27 (pm)  
From the Big Bad Wolf to Little Red Riding Hood, the wolf has received quite an undeserved reputation. Meet our pack as we prove these stories wrong.
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
For children age four or five by Sept 1, 2018
All participants must be fully toilet-trained.

WEEK-LONG

BARNYARD BUDDIES
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 4–8 (both)
June 11–15 (pm)
July 9–13 (pm)
July 30–Aug 3 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (pm)
Aug 27–31 (both)
Explore our farm with a different barnyard buddy each day! Puppet characters introduce campers to cows, chickens, rabbits, sheep, goats, pigs, and horses as they discover how we take care of each of these animals.
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)

CREATE A ZOO-SICAL!
1–3:30 pm
June 18–22
July 16–20
Aug 20–24
Explore the process of producing a musical theater production inspired by Minnesota Zoo animals! We’ll create our own songs and storyline for a last-day-of-camp performance. Also, take home a pre-recorded Sing Play Learn with MacPhail® CD with some of our favorite songs from the week.
$170 ($150 for Zoo members)

I SPY SURPRISE
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 11–15 (both)
June 25–29 (am)
July 16–20 (pm)
July 23–27 (pm)
July 30–Aug 3 (am)
Aug 6–10 (pm)
Aug 20–24 (pm)
Aug 27–31 (am)
Join us as we spy animals from around the world. We’ll discover what makes a fish a fish, a mammal a mammal, and much, much more—each day will be a surprise!
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)

NATURALLY NATURE
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 25–29 (am)
July 9–13 (am)
July 16–20 (am)
Aug 6–10 (am)
Aug 13–17 (am)
Naturally, nature will provide our space and supplies in this all-outdoor summer adventure! Build a fort, create a “rock” band, or dig like prairie dogs while exploring the great outdoors. Shelter will be available as needed.
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)

RAIN FOREST EXPLORERS
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 4–8 (am)
June 18–22 (pm)
July 16–20 (am)
Aug 6–10 (pm)
Aug 13–17 (am)
Trek through the tropics as a rain forest explorer and encounter many unique animals. Find brightly colored butterflies, hear noisy monkeys, and sing with the birds on our rain forest safari.
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)

WHERE THE WILD THINGS LIVE
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 4–8 (pm)
June 18–22 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (pm)
Aug 20–24 (pm)
Meet a different animal friend each day and discover where the wild things live! Explore the tropical habitat of a snake, underwater world of a shark, and where a raccoon may roam to find home sweet home!
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)

WILD WATER CREATURES
9:30 am–noon or 1:30–3:30 pm
June 11–15 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 16–20 (both)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 13–17 (both)
Aug 20–24 (both)
Discover the undersea world of monk seals, fish, sharks, and other ocean creatures living at the Zoo. There’s nothing more important than fins, scales, and scutes.
$150 ($125 for Zoo members)
CREATURE BEATS!
1–4 pm
June 25–29
July 9–13
Aug 13–17
Create songs about animals by applying musical concepts of songwriting such as song form, lyric writing, melody, harmony, and more! Make album art, explore animal- and music-related literature, and take home a pre-recorded Sing Play Learn with MacPhail® CD with some of our favorite songs from the week.
$200 ($175 for Zoo members)

NEW! DISGUISES & SURPRISES
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 11–15 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 9–13 (both)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 20–24 (both)
Dive into an underwater world teeming with sea turtles, sharks, sea dragons, and monk seals! Each day, explore a different ocean habitat including coral reefs, tide pools, and estuaries.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

NEW! WHEN I GROW UP
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 18–22 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 9–13 (both)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 20–24 (both)
Would you like to work at the Zoo? Explore and role-play jobs at the Zoo and see the grown-ups in action. If you imagine yourself taking care of bears, training seals, feeding sharks, or studying tigers, then this camp is for you.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

DOWN ON THE FARM
8 am–noon or 1–5 pm
June 18–22 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 9–13 (both)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 20–24 (both)
It’s time to get down on the farm! Spend time feeding and grooming animals, make dairy products, and as our sheep say—have a “bla-a-a-ast.”
$195 ($170 for Zoo members)

OCEAN ODYSSEY
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 11–15 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 9–13 (both)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 20–24 (both)
Dive into an underwater world teeming with sea turtles, sharks, sea dragons, and monk seals! Each day, explore a different ocean habitat including coral reefs, tide pools, and estuaries.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

NEW! WHO DONE IT?
9 am–noon
June 9–13
July 16–20
July 23–27
Join Children’s Theatre Company and the Minnesota Zoo to tackle a new Zoo mystery each day. Combine your super sleuth skills with theatre games and teamwork to uncover clues, meet new animals, and learn the value of conservation.
$250 (no member discounts apply)

ZOO EXPLORERS
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 11–15 (both)
June 25–29 (both)
July 16–20 (am)
July 23–27 (both)
July 30–Aug 3 (both)
Aug 6–10 (am)
Aug 20–24 (pm)
Tromp through the tropics, journey through the grasslands, and “swim” through the oceans to search out the answers to many curious animal questions by thinking and observing like real zoologists. As this is an outdoor-based camp, shelter will be available as needed.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

ZOO MONSTERS
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 18–22 (both)
June 25–29 (pm)
July 9–13 (both)
July 30–Aug 3 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (am)
Aug 20–24 (pm)
To be the best, you need to do more than catch ‘em all—you need to understand your monsters! Explore the “monsters” at the Zoo that inspired the creatures in the world of pocket monsters. Learn where they come from and what special powers help them survive.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)
### Farmyard Connection
8 am–noon
July 9–13
July 16–20
July 30–Aug 3
Aug 6–10

Make glue from milk and transform wool into clothing. Explore the amazing connections that people have with farm animals through chores, close-up animal encounters, and more!  
**$195 ($170 for Zoo members)**

### Fossil Hunters
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 25–29 (am)
July 9–13 (pm)
July 16–20 (pm)
July 23–27 (am)
July 30–Aug 3 (pm)
Aug 20–24 (pm)
Aug 27–31 (am)

Learn techniques used by paleontologists to try to unlock the mysteries of the past. A recreated dig site will be the home for a truly hands-on experience. Only those willing to get dirty need apply for this outdoor-based camp! Shelter will be available as needed.  
**$180 ($155 for Zoo members)**

### Marine Mysteries
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 18–22 (both)
June 25–29 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 13–17 (both)
Aug 20–24 (am)
What secrets do the oceans and their creatures hold? Explore a different mystery each day featuring sea turtles, Hawaiian monk seals, sharks, penguins, and a few of their other underwater friends.  
**$180 ($155 for Zoo members)**

### Navigating Nature
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
June 11–15 (am)
June 25–29 (am)
July 16–20 (am)
July 23–27 (pm)
July 30–Aug 3 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (both)
Aug 13–17 (both)

Animals use the sun, the moon, and Earth’s magnetic field to find their way. How about you? Create a map, use a compass, and solve a Zoo treasure hunt with GPS. Explore the incredible ways animals use their own internal navigation system.  
**$180 ($155 for Zoo members)**

### Photo Safari
1–4 pm
June 11–15
June 18–22
June 25–29
July 9–13
July 23–27
July 30–Aug 3
Aug 6–10
Aug 13–17
Aug 20–24
Aug 27–31

Let’s explore! Pack your field bag with your journal and camera (all provided) as we explore the countries that make up each Zoo trail. A homemade photo journal will be our week-long project. Our animals are ready for their close-up—are you?  
**$195 ($170 for Zoo members)**

### S.E.A. Camp
1–4 pm
June 11–15
June 25–29
July 9–13
July 16–20
July 23–27
July 30–Aug 3
Aug 13–17
Aug 20–24

Splashing! Experiments! Adventure! Explore water and the wildlife that lives in it. Slosh and search for creatures in the marsh, investigate water invaders, and play water games. Please bring a towel and extra clothes each day—this camp will be a splash.  
**$180 ($155 for Zoo members)**

### Tree House Adventure
9 am–noon
June 11–15
June 18–22
June 25–29
July 9–13
July 23–27
July 30–Aug 3
Aug 6–10
Aug 13–17
Aug 20–24

Embark on mysterious missions with Jack and Annie as your guides (based on the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne). From the tropical rain forest to the depths of the ocean, you never know what you’ll discover!  
**$180 ($155 for Zoo members)**
GIRLS RULE!
9 am – noon
June 11-15
June 18-22
July 9-13
July 16-20
July 23-27
Explore the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers of the Zoo in this girl-focused camp. Meet female Zoo professionals, go behind-the-scenes, participate in engaging STEM activities, and find out how to get on the path toward a rewarding zoo career.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

MINNESOTA MANIA!
9 am – noon or 1–4 pm
July 9–13 (both)
July 30–Aug 3 (am)
Aug 20–24 (am)
This great state is full of natural treasures! Travel the Zoo inside and out, learning about the animals that call Minnesota home. Wrap up the week experiencing a true Minnesota tradition—a fishing excursion on a nearby lake to put your angling skills to the test.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

OCEAN COMMOTION
9 am – noon or 1–4 pm
June 11-15 (pm)
July 16–20 (pm)
Aug 6–10 (pm)
Aug 13–17 (both)
Have you ever been curious about the animals that live in the constantly changing ocean? Meet the creatures of the sea and explore their awesome abilities for staying alive—despite all the commotion.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

PIZZA PIG OUT
8 am–noon
June 11-15
June 25–29
Aug 13–17
Get ready for some delicious fun on the farm. Practice your farm keeper skills by helping with morning chores, discover the role farming plays in producing pizza ingredients, and celebrate the week with a pizza party!
$195 ($170 for Zoo members)

SURVIVAL TRAINING
1–4 pm
June 18–22
June 25–29
July 9–13
July 16–20
Aug 6–10
Aug 20–24
How do your survival skills match up to the “fittest” in the animal kingdom? Study the perplexities of animal survival and animal care. Then test your skills during the “final challenge”—surviving a sleepover at the Zoo’s Wells Fargo Family Farm. Camp will take place outdoors. Shelter will be available as needed.
$205 ($180 for Zoo members)
Note: This class is offered Mon–Thu with an overnight on Fri from 5 pm to 8 am on Sat (no Fri class).

NEW! WILDLIFE AGENTS
9 am–noon or 1–4 pm
July 16–20 (am)
July 23–27 (both)
July 30–Aug 3 (pm)
Aug 13–17 (both)
A crime has been committed! The victim... wildlife! Can you identify the perpetrator? Learn about the problems facing wildlife while learning the skills and tools scientists use to track down criminals. Put on your detective hat and join us.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)
**WEEK-LONG**

**GRADES 7 TO 9**

For youth entering 7th to 9th grade in fall of 2018

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**BIODISCOVERY CAMP**

9:30 am–3:30 pm  
June 18–22  
July 15–20  
Aug 20–24

Spend a week in the Zoo’s back woods learning all about wildlife field research, Minnesota ecosystems, and outdoor survival skills. In this unique camp, you’ll help build your own shelter, conduct your own research project, and practice hands-on skills. Camp will take place outdoors. Shelter will be available as needed.  
$270 ($235 for Zoo members)

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**BUILD A CANOE AT THE ZOO**

9 am–4:30 pm  
June 18–22 and 25–29 (two-week camp)  
July 9–13 and 16–20 (two-week camp)

Discover the awesomeness of boat-building and field research in this two-week camp. Spend half of each day in the boat shop and the other half exploring the Zoo and its back woods on foot and by canoe. Camp will culminate with student presentations of their research and the launch of our new canoe!  
$600 (no member discounts apply)

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**NEW! ENGINEERING FOR WILDLIFE**

9 am–noon or 1–4 pm  
June 11–15 (am)  
June 25–29 (am)  
July 9–13 (pm)  
July 23–27 (pm)

This camp is all about problem-solving! Engineers, designers, and scientists work every day to design solutions for wildlife. Test your skills with design challenges while learning about real-world conservation issues—around the world and right in your own backyard. Present your team’s work in a final design expo!  
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

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**FARM CREW**

8 am–noon  
July 9–13  
July 30–Aug 3  
Aug 6–10

This hands-on week of scooping, raking, and other farm chores shines the light on animal care at the farm. What’s more fun than learning animal training techniques and the opportunity to “train” a goat? No experience necessary—just a willingness to get a little dirty.  
$195 ($170 for Zoo members)

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**ZOO CREW**

9:30 am–3:30 pm  
June 11–15  
June 18–22  
June 25–29  
July 9–13  
July 16–20  
July 23–27  
Aug 6–10

Explore a day in the life of a zookeeper, a zoo vet, a marine mammal trainer, and an aquarist to see if the Zoo is the place for you. See for yourself what we have in store as you make animal enrichment items, talk with Zoo professionals, visit behind the scenes, and get up close to animals. Come join the crew!  
$270 ($235 for Zoo members)

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**ZOO DESIGN**

1–4 pm  
June 11–15  
June 25–29  
July 30–Aug 3

Have you ever wondered how zoo exhibits are designed? Learn about animal needs and how to identify the components that make an excellent exhibit. Plan and create your own zoo exhibit with the help of our design experts and your model making team.  
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

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**GRADES 7 TO 9**

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WEEK-LONG

GRADES 10 TO 12
For youth entering 10th to 12th grade in fall of 2018

*MARINE BIOLOGY 101*
9:30 am-3:30 pm
June 25-29
July 9-13
July 23-27
What lies beneath the ocean surface? In this in-depth and hands-on marine biology class, discover the diversity of life found in many ocean communities. Practice your science skills with dissections, hands-on activities, and an off-site field trip.
$270 ($235 for Zoo members)

*THE POWER OF PHOTOGRAPHY*
9 am-noon or 1-4 pm
June 11-15 (am)
June 18-22 (pm)
July 16-20 (pm)
Images can be powerful tools to tell a story and create real change...like saving wildlife! Review photography basics and learn how to take better pictures with your own phone or camera. Then discover how innovative conservationists use photography to advocate for wildlife.
$180 ($155 for Zoo members)

*ZOOLOGY 101*
9:30 am-3:30 pm
June 11-15
July 30-Aug 3
Get a glimpse into the most popular major of study for zoo professionals. The animal kingdom is a big and fascinating world to discover, and the Zoo is the perfect place to investigate it further. Dissections, keeper interactions, and animal behavior studies will all be part of this exciting camp.
$270 ($235 for Zoo members)
NEW! HIGH SCHOOL TRAVEL EDVENTURE
ALASKA: SEA KAYAKING WILDLIFE EXPEDITION
July 15–22, 2018
Any registered high school student, including those graduating in 2018
$2,500 plus airfare
Whether you’re a prospective field biologist or just want an amazing summer adventure, this trip is for you. Join fellow high school students, a Zoo professional, and guides from Wilderness Inquiry for this kayaking adventure in Alaska! Visit Anchorage, Whittier, and the Prince William Sound. Learn and master sea kayaking techniques and see animals in the wild, like sea otters, seals, and whales. Travel by train through the mountains, paddle your sea kayak through fjords and past glaciers, visit seabird rookeries, and contribute to citizen science!
Register at mnzoo.org/travel. Space is limited!

NEW! ADULT TRAVEL EDVENTURE
AUSTRALIA: AN ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL EXPLORATION
April 4–16, 2018
Ages 21+
$3,700 plus airfare
The massive island of Australia is full of endemic species—plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. Adventure throughout multiple ecosystems, from rain forests to the Great Barrier Reef. Learn more about the unique wildlife of the world’s largest island—from wallabies to emus to koalas—and the conservation issues they face. Explore waterfalls, wetlands, and rain forests; snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef; learn more about Australia Aboriginal culture; search for platypus in the wild; assist in citizen science projects; and much more!
Register at mnzoo.org/travel. Space is limited!

Local and regional day or weekend travel opportunities are also available year-round for teens and adults! Visit mnzoo.org/travel for upcoming opportunities.
The Minnesota Zoo is excited to partner with the Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) to offer summer camp opportunities for youth with autism.

All camp sessions will be co-taught by a Minnesota Zoo Naturalist and AuSM Educators. Participants must be group ready: demonstrate self-care skills without assistance; follow adult direction; show readiness for large group participation, including the ability to remain with the group at all times; and follow safety rules independently.

Scholarships available. Visit mnzoo.org/scholarships for information.

ZOO EXPLORERS
June 18–22
8:30–11:30 am
Ages 8 to 11
Tromp through the tropics, journey through the grasslands, and “swim” through the oceans to search out the answers to many curious animal questions by thinking and observing like real zoologists. As this is an outdoor-based camp, shelter will be available as needed.
$325 (no member discounts apply)

PHOTO SAFARI
July 16–20
1:30–4:30 pm
Ages 12 to 15
Let’s explore! Pack your field bag with your journal and camera (all provided) as we explore the countries that make up each Zoo trail. A homemade photo journal will be our week-long project. Our animals are ready for their close-up—are you?
$325 (no member discounts apply)

ZOO CREW
Aug 6–10
8:30–11:30 am
Ages 16 to 19
Explore a day in the life of a zookeeper, a zoo vet, a marine mammal trainer, and an aquarist to see if the Zoo is the place for you. See for yourself what we have in store as you make animal enrichment items, talk to Zoo professionals, visit behind the scenes, and get up close to animals. Come join the crew!
$325 (no member discounts apply)
HORSE CAMP
For children entering 1st to 6th grade in fall of 2018

Half-day Camps: $55 ($45 for Zoo members)
Full-day Camps: $105 ($90 for Zoo members)
Two-day Camps: $210 ($180 for Zoo members)

CALLING ALL HORSE LOVERS!
Meet the Zoo’s horses! Build horsemanship skills while learning the basics of horse safety and care. Instruction includes leading, mounting, dismounting, and proper horse care such as feeding, grooming, and saddling. Camp experience includes a staff-led horse ride. Full-day camps include additional barn activities and interaction with horses.

Long pants (ideally jeans) and closed-toe boots or athletic shoes are required. Low-heeled shoes or boots are recommended. Helmets will be provided. Students without proper attire will not be allowed to participate and no refunds or transfers will be offered.

WILD ABOUT HORSES
Grades 1–2
Half-day Camps: 8:30–11:30 am or 1:30–4:30 pm
June 11 (both)
June 12 (both)
June 20 (both)
June 29 (both)
July 9 (pm)
July 10 (pm)
July 11 (pm)
July 12 (pm)
July 13 (pm)
July 20 (both)
July 23 (both)
July 30 (pm)
July 31 (pm)
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Aug 7 (pm)
Aug 8 (pm)
Aug 9 (pm)
Aug 10 (pm)
Aug 15 (both)
Aug 24 (both)
Aug 27 (both)
Aug 28 (both)

Grades 3–4
Full-day Camps: 9:30 am–3:30 pm
June 13
June 18
June 19
June 27
June 28
July 5
July 6
July 18
July 19
July 24
July 25
Aug 13
Aug 18
Aug 23
Aug 29
Aug 30
Aug 31

Grades 5–6
Two-day Camps: 9:30 am–3:30 pm
June 14–15
June 21–22
June 25–26
July 2–3
July 16–17
July 26–27
Aug 16–17
Aug 20–21
**THE STORY OF BABY ZOO ANIMALS**
Fri, June 15 (pm)
Dating, mating, and matchmaking are a little wild in the animal kingdom. Learn about some eccentric animal mating and courtship behaviors, then learn about conservation breeding and where our Zoo animals come from.

**NEW! MEET THE PYTHON: AN EXCLUSIVE, EARLY-MORNING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS**
Mon, June 25
Special time: 7:45–9 am
Join us for a bonus encounter with our Burmese Python on the Tropics Trail! Get a behind-the-scenes opportunity to watch her get weighed (not a simple undertaking), touch her beautiful scales, and walk the Tropics Trail before it opens to the public.

**NEW! WILDLIFE RESEARCH SKILLS: TELEMETRY TRACKING**
Thu, June 28 (pm)
Studying animals in the wild is difficult, but there are tools that make it easier! Try some hands-on challenges using real telemetry equipment, and learn how our Asian wild horse research utilizes this technology in Mongolia.

**ALL ABOUT SLOTHS**
Wed, July 11 (am)
Sloths are one of the Zoo’s most beloved animals and one of the most fascinating! This class will give you a big dose of cute, plus some new fun facts and stories. You thought you knew everything about sloths—think again!

**NEW! SECRETS OF THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN**
Tue, July 24 (am)
Enjoy exclusive time in the Butterfly Garden before it opens to the public, assisting with the daily opening tasks, and learning more about Minnesota’s moths, butterflies, and the flowers they love!

**NEW! THE WILD CATS**
Mon, July 30 (am)
All of our wild cat species—lynx, puma, tigers, and leopards—have their own amazing skills and abilities. Meet their keepers, peek behind-the-scenes, and learn some wild stories about the impressive family of felines.

**NEW! THE SCIENCE OF FEATHERS**
Fri, Aug 17 (pm)
Often overlooked, feathers are amazing feats of engineering. Use microscopes, hand lenses, and a variety of feathers to explore color, shape, size, and patterns—then meet some beautiful birds right in the classroom!
Where Amazing Lives. AND ADVENTURE IS OUTBACK.

REGISTRATION
Online registration opens:
February 1 at 10 am: Members of the Minnesota Zoo
February 8 at 10 am: General Public
To register, visit mnzoo.org/zoocamp

GO WILD WITH US!
The Minnesota Zoo’s summer camps are entertaining, educational, and unforgettable! Participants enjoy and engage in activities and learning about the diversity of life in their specific theme-based camp. Many camps will have the opportunity to attend the Wings Financial World of Birds Show, visit Kangaroo Crossing, view live animals up close, and explore the Minnesota Zoo’s award-winning exhibits!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER! WE CAN’T WAIT TO MEET YOU!