

Zoo Knoxville's Wildly Fun Zoo Camp

Summer 2024



Cost:

\$235/week for annual passholders and Circle of Friends members
\$275/week non-passholders/non-members
3-day camps are \$160 for passholders/members and \$190 for non-passholders/members

Details:

Monday – Friday each week (except 3-day camps)

9:00am to 3:00pm for all age groups and camps

Bring a sack lunch and snacks. Drinks will be provided. Or purchase a lunch/snack option. [Menu and prices below.](#)

Each camper will receive one camp shirt, water bottle and backpack for each week of camp. Campers are asked to wear their camp shirt each day. Additional shirts may be purchased online in advance for \$15.

Registration will close the Wednesday before each camp, or if the camp starts on a Wednesday, registration will close the Sunday before, if it isn't already full.

Lunch/Snack Option

You can choose the option of your camper getting their lunch and morning snack added to your camper's zoo camp registration. Lunch and snack options will be the same for each week of camp. There is a small and large lunch option for a variety of appetites. [There are no substitutions](#), but campers are still welcome to bring any additional food or snacks that they would like.



Small Lunch/ Snack Option \$45 for the full week and \$28 for the three-day camps:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Snack	Pretzels	Chocolate Chip Chewy Bar	Cheese Stick	Clementine	Go-Gurt
Lunch	Turkey slices with cubed cheddar cheese, crackers, and a cookie	Mozzarella cheese bagel pizza (half bagel) and carrots	3-4 oz popcorn chicken and brownie	Hot dog with fruit snacks (gummies)	Small grilled cheese with Oreos

Large Lunch/ Snack Option \$60 for the full week and \$38 for the three-day camps:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Snack	Pretzels and cheese stick	Chewy Bar and apple	Cheese stick and pretzels	Chewy bar and clementine	Go-Gurt and banana
Lunch	Turkey sandwich with cheese and lettuce, cookie, and an apple	Mozzarella cheese and pepperoni bagel pizza (full bagel), carrots and chips	5-6 oz popcorn chicken, clementine, and brownie	2 Hot dogs, an apple and fruit snacks (gummies)	Grilled cheese, fruit cocktail and Oreos

Registration opens: Monday, February 5th for members, and February 12th for non-members

Non-members that register before February 12th may have their registrations cancelled. Registration will close the Wednesday before each camp starts, or the Sunday before if the camp starts on a Wednesday, if it isn't already full.

All camps are designed to be age-appropriate, so please do not request to enroll children in other age categories including older or younger siblings. Children with special needs may require a personal chaperone to be provided.

Campers can attend up to three camps. Please do not sign up a camper for the same camp theme more than once.

All camps are held at Zoo Knoxville rain or shine. Programs fill quickly and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Cancellations:

- *Transfer a registration to another camp or a different camper: \$15*
- *30 days or more before registered week of camp: Full refund minus \$50 cancellation fee (full-week camps) or \$30 cancellation fee (half-week camps)*
- *Less than 30 days before registered week of camp: \$50 refund (\$30 for half week camps).*
- *No refund for no-shows.*

Prices subject to change without notice.

If you have questions, please contact zkcamp@zooknoxville.org.

2024 Zoo Camp Themes**

****Please note camp themes and dates are subject to change up until the time registration starts.**

	May 22-24 (Wed-Fri)	May 29-31 (Wed-Fri)	June 3-7	June 10-14	June 17-21	June 24-28
4-5yo	Home Sweet Home	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Tails & Trunks	Home Sweet Home	Home Sweet Home
6-7yo	Nature's Superheroes	Animal Outlaws	Animal Outlaws	CSI: Zoo Edition	CSI: Zoo Edition	Animal Outlaws
				Nature's Superheroes	Animal Outlaws	CSI: Zoo Edition
8-10yo	Food Web Warriors	Crazy Weird Science	Food Web Warriors	Food Web Warriors	Amazing Zoo Race	Amazing Zoo Race
11-13yo			We Built A Zoo	Masters of Flight and Engineering		We Built A Zoo
14-17yo					Intro to Vet Science*	

	July 1-3 (Mon-Wed)	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-31 (Mon-Wed)
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6-7yo	Nature's Superheroes	Nature's Superheroes	CSI: Zoo Edition	CSI: Zoo Edition	Animal Outlaws
8-10yo	Food Web Warriors	Amazing Zoo Race	Crazy Weird Science	Amazing Zoo Race	Crazy Weird Science
11-13yo		Masters of Flight and Engineering		We Built A Zoo	
14-17yo			Citizen Science*		

***Our highschool camps have recently switched dates, be sure to double check the theme and dates before registering!**

4-5 Year Olds

Tails & Trunks June 10-14 July 1-3* July 22-26

Have you ever wondered what an elephant's trunk is for? Or why monkeys have tails? Join us as we explore the world's unique animal adaptations by observing animals around the zoo and trying out some tails and trunks of our own!

(*July 1-3 is a Monday-Wednesday)

Home Sweet Home May 22-24* June 17-21 June 24-28 July 29—31*

Where do you call *home*? The places we call home are very different than animals' home sweet homes. Campers will venture into what animals call home as they learn about different habitats, what type of animals can be found there and the special adaptations animals have in order to survive in those habitats.

(*May 22-24 is Wednesday – Friday and Knox Co. Schools are in session; July 29-31 is Monday – Wednesday)

Animal Kingdom May 29-31* June 3-7 July 8-12 July 15-19

Journey through the animal kingdom to learn why some animals are fuzzy and others are scaly, why some have wings and some have shells. The animal kingdom is made up of all sorts of animals such as mammals, reptiles, birds, and so much more! Campers will spend the week learning what makes all of these creatures unique and how to tell the difference. Campers will become animal experts in no time!

(*May 29-31 is a Wednesday – Friday)

6-7 Year Olds

Nature's Superheroes May 22-24* June 10-14 July 1-3* July 8-12

Welcome to Zoo Knoxville's superhero boot camp! This week, campers will learn all about what it means to be nature's superhero. As part of their training, campers will learn about conservation and environmental topics affecting the natural world—and then practice skills and activities to help save the planet! By the end of the week, campers will be true conservation warriors!

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Animal Outlaws May 29-31* June 3-7 June 17-21 June 24-28 July 29-31*

Who are the bad boys of the animal world? Raccoons, snakes, and tarantulas are well-known for their mischievous behavior and fright-factor, but is everything really what it seems? This week, campers will have the opportunity to meet and learn about some awesome, misunderstood animals with bad reputations and maybe even make some creepy-crawly friends along the way as we, too, become nature's outlaws and try our hand at some sneakiness of our own!

(*May 29-31 is a Wednesday-Friday and July 29-31 is a Monday-Wednesday)

CSI: Zoo Edition June 10-14 June 17-21 June 24-28 July 15-19 July 22-26

Oh no! Someone broke into our classroom and stole the teacher's lunchbox! It is up to our camp full of detectives to solve the mystery and find the person (or animal?) responsible. Throughout the week campers will learn how to track the culprit by identifying and casting animal tracks and following scat trails. This will be a mystery packed adventure for your little detective!

8-10 Year Olds

Crazy Weird Science May 29-31* July 15-19 July 29-31*

Do you think the zoo is just about animals? In order to understand the world around us we also have to learn from other branches of science too! Just like how birds use air resistance to soar high in the sky we will use the principle of air resistance to create our own egg parachutes. Join us for a week of hands on scientific exploration as we dive into various branches of science such as chemistry, physics, and engineering. Roll up your sleeves as we get to work constructing our own egg drop apparatus, creating LED circuits, making explosive art, and much more! It is guaranteed to be an *electrifying* week!

(*May 29-31 is a Wednesday – Friday and July 29-31 is a Monday-Wednesday)

Amazing Zoo Race June 17-21 June 24-28 July 8-12 July 22-26

Grab your passports and let's take a trip around the world! Before setting out on our adventure, explorers will learn how to navigate the zoo using a compass and map. Campers will use their navigational skills to overcome challenges and race to the finish line. On their journey, explorers will encounter animals from all over the world and learn how these amazing animals navigate and survive in their own environments.

Food Web Warriors May 22-24* June 3-7 June 10-14 July 1-3*

We are following the sun's energy from some of the world's smallest plants all the way to our biggest toughest predators! This week campers will explore how every organism on our planet has a role in a vast and tangled web of food chains. Campers will learn where our energy comes from and how energy is transferred from one organism to another through hands on games, building enrichment to feed some of our zoo animals, and even creating food webs of their very own!

(*May 22-24 is a Wednesday- Friday and Knox Co. Schools are in session; July 1-3 is a Monday- Wednesday)

11-13 Year Olds

We Built A Zoo June 3-7 June 24-28 July 22-26

Welcome to Zoo Knoxville! We're hiring exhibit designers and think you'd be a great fit! We need your help with building a brand new zoo from the ground up. In order to learn all the nuts and bolts of what goes into this project, campers will meet with zoo staff and go behind the scenes to discuss what it takes to design, build, and run a zoo. Afterwards they will try their hand at designing their very own exhibit at our new zoo as they display their creations for all to see.

Masters of Flight and Engineering June 10-14 July 8-12

Fly like a falcon and build like a beaver! Join us as we explore the wonders of flight and engineering through a series of intellectual challenges. Campers will spend the week building contraptions to overcome the laws of physics as we create catapults, parachutes, bridges, and more. Our engineers will also get the opportunity to get up close and personal with some experts of flight here at the zoo as they meet with our animal ambassadors.

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14-17 Year Olds

Citizen Science July 15-19

Science can be done anywhere, not just in a laboratory! This week, students will explore a selection of citizen science programs both in the classroom and outdoors. Campers will partake in various field science opportunities and get a taste of what it is like to work in various scientific disciplines—and help real-life scientists on current research projects as citizen scientists right now!

Intro to Veterinary Science June 17-21

Ever wondered if a career in veterinary science was right for you? How about a career working with wildlife such as big cats, wolves, and primates? In this camp, campers will explore different aspects of veterinary care and learn all about the nitty gritty details that go on behind-the-scenes in operating a zoo. From assisting a molecular ecologist from MTSU with laboratory work for an ongoing research project to observing and monitoring behavior in Zoo Knoxville animals to completing dissections—campers will spend this week hands-on while undergoing a crash course in veterinary care.

NOTE: There is a possibility that campers will have the opportunity to tour facilities off Zoo grounds; this means that campers need to have the ability to be dropped-off/picked-up at a location within 30 minutes of Zoo Knoxville.