

How will you spend your summer break?

***Woodland Park Zoo offers camps for kids throughout the summer
Registration begins Feb. 1***



- WHAT:** While it may seem like a long ways off, summer is just around the corner and school will be out. Get ready for the extended break from school by registering for a week (or two!) of summer camp. Woodland Park Zoo invites kids ages 3-14 to connect with nature over the summer, learn about their ecological footprint, encounter a diversity of wildlife and discover pathways to conservation through one of the zoo's award-winning summer camp programs.
- WHEN:** Summer camps are offered weekly from **Monday, June 26 to Friday, September 1**. Registration for summer camps begins **Wednesday, February 1**.
- WHERE:** All summer camp programs are held on Woodland Park Zoo grounds.
- INFO:** The zoo offers a variety of curricular-based camps that blend learning and fun. Kids ages 3-14 can attend camp at Woodland Park Zoo in the following programs:

KINDER CAMP: For children ages 3-5 years, Kinder Camp is an exciting blend of games, activities and chances to see zoo animals while limiting the distance traveled to accommodate little legs; sessions are offered on either the north or the south end of the zoo. Each day, campers explore the zoo with a different theme focus such as colors, numbers, families and more! Kinder Camp activities were created to support the Washington State Early Learning and Development Benchmarks. Half day and full day sessions are available.

ZOOPER DAY CAMP: Children ages 4-9, half day and full day sessions are available. This year's curriculum includes:

Survival Strategies: To do list: Find food, escape predators, conserve energy, locate watering hole...so much to do if you are a wild animal trying to survive! Join us for an exciting look at the many different survival strategies animals employ.

One Can Make A Difference: Campers will be empowered to make a difference for wildlife and their families and communities with small actions they can do every day. We'll learn how these actions have impacts in our homes, our state and even globally!

DISCOVERIES DAY CAMP: Children ages 5-7, Discoveries Day Camp is offered in partnership with Seattle Children's Theatre Drama School; it expresses natural science through creative drama.

Discoveries Day Camp is taught by instructor teams with theater and environmental education expertise. Registration for Discoveries Day Camp is through [Seattle Children's Theatre](#) and begins **Monday, February 6**. The camp features two curricula:

Magizoology: Embark on adventures to feed dragons, keep disappearing creatures in their exhibits and build a new home for a baby chimera at our magical zoo.

I Spy: As a secret agent, you will use your detective skills to track down a culprit and solve a mystery of the animal kingdom!

ZOO UNIVERSITY: In Zoo University (Zoo U), 10 to 14 year olds study more advanced subjects while playing topic-based games and making new friends at the zoo. This year's curriculum includes:

Animal Behavior: Investigate what motivates animal behavior and how animals "learn" to do these things. Participants will think like scientists as they explore animal behaviors and design their own projects focusing on interesting animal behaviors from snow leopards to gorillas to humans!

Animals On The Fly: Take off with us as we explore the flying animals around the zoo. Through games, observations of zoo animals and experiments, participants will discover what makes flight possible.

Registration for all camps (except Discoveries Day Camp, see above) begins Wednesday, February 1. Parents can register their interested camper(s) [online](#) or download the summer camps registration [form](#) and submit it by mail, fax or in person. All zoo camps offer an extended day option upon registering.

Payments for all camps must be made in full at the time of registration. A scholarship fund is available to provide financial aid to qualified families. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the [scholarship application](#) form and a registration form for the program they wish to attend. There are a limited number of scholarships available. The deadline to apply for a Summer Scholarship is **Saturday, April 1**.

For the safety of the animals and participants, students will not have direct contact with the zoo's animals. Children are assigned to age-appropriate groups. The zoo cannot accommodate all "group with" requests. For additional information about summer camps, visit: zoo.org/summercamps.

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, award-winning Woodland Park Zoo is famed for pioneering naturalistic exhibits and setting international standards for zoos in animal care, conservation and education programs. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 40 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's

future ecological health and sustainability. Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco. For more information, visit www.zoo.org.

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