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Zoo's summer camps return Registration begins January 3

WHAT:

It may be winter and cold, but Woodland Park Zoo is already gearing up for its fun and engaging summer camps! The zoo offers a variety of curricular-based camps for campers ages 4 to 13 years old to connect with nature over the summer, learn about their ecological footprint, encounter a diversity of the zoo's resident wildlife and discover pathways to conservation.

WHEN:

Summer camps are offered weekly from Monday, June 26, 2023

through Friday, September 1, 2023.

REGISTER:

Registration begins Tuesday, January 3. Visit www.zoo.org/camps to register online. All zoo camps offer an extended day option upon

registering.

Payment or enrollment in a payment plan is due at the time of registration. A scholarship fund is available to provide financial aid to camp families. There are a limited number of scholarships available, and applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis while funds are

available.

WHERE: All summer camps are held on Woodland Park Zoo's grounds.

INFO: Camps are divided into tiers by age:

Bear Cub: ages 4-6

Play Like an Animal: From leaping baby monkeys to bouncing otter pups and stalking tiger cubs, play is the work of youngsters of all species. In this fun camp your littlest animal lover will play pretend games that give them the perspective of animals all over the world, and play games about animals!

Healthy Like Me: What do animals need to stay healthy? Every species is different, but we all have a lot in common, too! Through stories, observation, and imaginative play, campers will discover what animals need to stay healthy and how similar most of those needs are to our own.

Black Bear: ages 6-9

Wildlife Puzzlers: Scientists solve puzzles. Animals solve them, too! The world is full of things to figure out. Campers will play games of the body and mind, from a clue room (sometimes known as an escape room) to figuring out solutions to some real wildlife conservation problems!

Tales from the Wild: Storytelling is one of the most human of pursuits. And throughout history, animals have featured in many of



our tales! Campers will learn the real stories of some of the zoo's animals' lives, create animal stories of their own, create books of poetry and prose, make puppets and act out a story of each camp group's own creation!

Grizzly Bear: ages 9-13

The Art of the Animal: Animals have been the subjects of artists around the globe since before recorded history. In this camp, you'll explore a different art medium each day of the week, with a throughline of animals as subjects and muses.

This Camp is a DISASTER!: The natural world is full of disasters—fires, floods, earthquakes and so on. But some of those disasters are necessary to animals' survival! In other cases, human activity has made those disasters more common—maybe too common. This camp explores how those disasters happen, how they affect animals (for better or for worse) and how we can respond.

For additional information about summer camps, visit: zoo.org/camps.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500. Follow the zoo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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