



# spring break ZOO camp

Join us for some  
wild fun over the  
spring break holiday!

April 21-25,  
2025

9:00am-  
4:00pm

**New!**

**Pay per Day!**

## Activities

- ✓ Animal Programs
- ✓ Zoo Tours
- ✓ Games & Crafts
- ✓ Conservation Projects
- ✓ Educational Activities

## Racine Zoo

2131 N Main St  
Racine, WI 53402

## More Information

[racinezoo.org/spring-break-camp](https://racinezoo.org/spring-break-camp)

Contact Us 262-636-9580 [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org)



# WHAT'S NEW?

**SPRING BREAK ZOO CAMP HAS GONE THROUGH SOME CHANGES! INSTEAD OF SIGNING YOUR CAMPER UP FOR A FULL WEEK, YOU CAN PICK WHICH DAYS YOU WANT THEM THERE! SIGN UP FOR AS MANY OR AS FEW AS YOU'D LIKE, AND DON'T PAY FOR MORE DAYS THAN YOU CAN ATTEND.**

## **COME FOR 1 DAY OR COME FOR 5!**

When registering for camp, you can pick which days you would like your camper to attend. If you can only come one day, no problem! If you're able to do the whole week, sign up for all 5 days.

Each day of camp will have different activities based upon a springtime theme. No matter if you come for one or two days, or if you are here all week, your camper will have a fun, educational, animal-filled experience.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Racine Zoo Conservation Education Department.



**education@racinezoo.org**



**262-636-9580**

*Please allow up to 48 hours for us to respond.*

# **REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

# CAMP OVERVIEW



## AGE GROUPS

Camp is open to any students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Campers will be in one large mixed-age group with several counselors and volunteers.

## DAILY THEMES

### MONDAY

#### Hibernation Habits

As the weather gets warmer and spring flowers bloom, animals begin to wake up from their long winter sleeps! Learn about how different animals spend the winter, visit our hibernating animal friends, and make a craft!

### TUESDAY

#### Earth Day Celebration!

Today is the day we celebrate our planet! Join our Education staff as we participate in things that help make our world a better place. Help clean up Racine Zoo Beach, learn about the conservation projects happening at the Zoo, and make a craft out of recycled materials. Help make our world a better place, and learn how to make every day Earth Day!

### WEDNESDAY

#### Migration Nation

The geese are back! Learn about the incredible animals that fly home for spring in Wisconsin and all around the world.

### THURSDAY

#### Houses and Hidey Holes

Cozy caves, hidden nests, and hidey holes are all places you may find animals! Learn about where animals make their homes and how they make them cozy and comfy.

### FRIDAY

#### Pollinator Palooza

April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring? Pollinators! Learn about the bees, birds, and butterflies that help our plants grow and thrive, and bring home a craft to help you start your own pollinator garden!

# PRICING BREAKDOWN

Camp Session	\$50/day
Extended Care	
Before Camp Care	\$5/day
After Camp Care	\$6/day

## Session Change

We cannot offer any refunds if your camper is no longer able to attend their selected day of camp.



# CAMP SURVIVAL GUIDE

## Drop Off & Pick Up

Camp Drop-Off and Pick-Up takes place at Base Camp, located at the Augusta Street Gate at the North end of the Zoo.

1. From the Main Entrance of the Zoo, continue North on Main Street.
2. Turn right on Augusta Street.
3. Park on Augusta Street or Michigan Boulevard (street parking).
4. On the corner of Augusta St and Michigan, there is a gate to get into the zoo. You will see a sign for the zoo right outside. An Education staff member will be waiting to check-in your camper. Please use the human door, not the car gate.



Base Camp - Google Street View

## What to Bring

- Close-Toed Shoes
  - We recommend hard-soled shoes, like sneakers or hiking boots, and discourage soft-soled shoes like crocs.
- Backpack
- **Nut-free bag lunch**
- Refillable water bottle
- Jacket
- Rain jacket/umbrella
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Clothes that can get dirty
- Hat

## What NOT to Bring

- Toys from home
- Sandals, crocs, slides
- New clothes/shoes
- Money
- Cell phone
- Video games
- Headphones/air pods
- Clothes that can't get messy
- Peanuts/tree nuts/nuts

## Tips and Tricks

- **Dress for the Weather!** Zoo camp will run no matter if it's raining, sunny, cold, or hot. Pack layers and make sure you wear the appropriate shoes!
- **No nuts!** We are a peanut and tree nut-free camp. To ensure that we stay safe for all campers, please do not pack any nuts or nut products in your camper's lunch.
- **Label your Stuff!** Make sure to label all of your camper's items with their name, so if they lose something we can get it back to them! Please do not send your camper to Zoo Camp with anything valuable.

## Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about registration, pickup and drop-off, or Zoo Camp in general, please do not hesitate to call the Conservation Education Department.



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Please allow up to 48 hours for us to respond to your e-mail or message.

# Registration FAQs

## **How do I sign up for Spring Break Camp?**

You can sign up for Zoo Camp on the Racine Zoo website at [www.racinezoo.org/spring-break-camp](http://www.racinezoo.org/spring-break-camp). Registration is open now and closes April 15.

## **What ages can come to Spring Break Camp?**

Spring Break Zoo Camp is open to all campers in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

## **Do I get a discount if I am a Zoo member?**

Yes! Racine Zoo members get a 10% discount off their full price of camp. Please see your e-mail for the discount code to apply at checkout.

## **How many days of camp can my camper attend?**

Your camper can attend as many or as few days of camp as they would like! When you register for camp, just select each day they will be attending. Each day there will be a new theme so there will be new activities each day.

## **What if I sign up for one session, but my camper can't attend that session anymore?**

We cannot offer any refunds if your camper is no longer able to attend their selected day of camp. If your camper is no longer able to attend Spring Break Camp, please let us know at least a week in advance.

## **Registration looks different this year. What changed?**

We have a new software we are using to help streamline the registration process for both Guests and staff. You are welcome to call the Education department at 262-636-9580 or e-mail us at [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org) if you would like some help!

## **When I try to register for Spring Break Camp or Summer Holiday Camp, I see different options for each day.**

This year, we are offering pay-by-day camps rather than weeklong camps. **You must sign up for each day you would like your camper to attend.** Summer Holiday Camps are half days, so if you'd like to attend all day, you must sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions.

# Camp FAQs

## **Where do I drop off & pick up my camper?**

Campers are dropped off at the Augusta St. gate at the North end of the Zoo. You can park on Augusta St. or Michigan Blvd and walk your campers up to the gate, where a Zoo staff member will be waiting for you!

## **What time do I drop off & pick up my camper?**

Camp drop-off begins at 8:30am and goes until 9:00am. Camp pick-up begins at 4:00pm and ends at 4:30pm.

## **Do you offer extended care hours for my camper?**

We do! Extended care hours are from 7:30am-8:30am and 4:30pm-6:00pm. Extended care sessions carry an additional fee of \$5/day for Before Care and \$6 for After Care.

## **What if I need to drop off my child late?**

After 9:00am, our Zoo staff will lock the Augusta Gate. If you and your camper arrive to the Zoo after that time, you must take them to the Zoo admissions window and tell them that your child is here for camp. **You must walk your child to your counselor's location and sign them in.**

## **What if I need to pick up my child early?**

We do not allow early pick-ups from camp unless in the event of an emergency. If you do need to pick your child up early, you must contact the Education Department at 262-636-9580. **You must meet your camper's group and sign out with the Camp Counselor.**

## **What if I have to drop off my child early or pick them up late, but I haven't paid for extended care?**

Campers that are dropped off before check-in time and picked up after drop-off ends will be charged for before and after care for that day. Campers that are picked up after 6:00pm will be charged an additional fee. Campers are not able to be dropped off before 7:30am.

# Camp FAQs

## **Can my camper bring their own toys or games?**

Campers should not bring their own toys or games to Zoo Camp. The Zoo is not responsible for lost or damaged items. If children's personal games or toys become a problem, they may be confiscated and returned to the parent at the end of the day. Games and activities provided by the Zoo will be available during extended care, drop-off, and pick-up.

## **Do you provide snacks and lunch for campers?**

Each camper is provided two snacks per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All snacks are nut-free. If your child has dietary restrictions or allergies, please consider providing a small snack for your child to eat during snack time. Campers **MUST** bring their own sack lunch from home.

## **Can my camper get lunch from the Jungle Grill?**

No. Campers must provide their own lunch. They are not permitted to bring money to spend on food from the Zoo.

## **What does my camper need to bring to camp?**

Every day, a camper should bring a **backpack, close-toed shoes, and a refillable water bottle**. They also need to bring a **sack lunch**.

## **What clothes should my camper wear?**

Zoo camp is an outdoor activity that runs in all types of weather: rain, shine, or wind! Please dress your camper for the weather. Close-toed shoes are required, and hard-soled shoes are recommended (not Crocs). Campers will be playing outside and in the grass, so we recommend campers wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. **Zoo and Camp staff cannot change any campers clothing.**

## **Does my camper need to be potty trained to attend camp?**

Yes. Campers must be fully potty trained by the first day of Zoo Camp. Camp and Zoo staff cannot help any campers use the toilet, nor can they change any pullups or diapers. If your camper is not fully potty trained by the first day of camp, they will be sent home for the week and no refund will be issued.



# Camp FAQs

## **Can my camper bring sunscreen and/or bug spray?**

Yes! Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen and bug spray before checking in their child for camp. Camp and Zoo staff are not able to apply cream sunscreen or bug spray, but may assist with spraying on sunscreen or bug spray provided by the camper. Campers may not share sunscreen or bug spray. Campers may also wear bug spray patches or bracelets.

## **Is my camper allowed to use their cell phone?**

No. Camper cell phones must be turned off and put away in their backpack at all times, including during lunch, pick up, drop off, and extended care. Should you need to contact your camper, you can call Conservation Education (262-636-9580) or the Main Zoo Line (262-636-9189).

## **What if there is bad weather?**

Camp takes place rain or shine, hot or chilly! Please dress your campers for the weather. If there is inclement weather at the zoo (i.e. severe thunderstorm, tornado watch/warning), we will move campers to a shelter and follow all Zoo emergency protocols.

