

# CAMP WEEKS

## Half-Day Camps

**CHOOSE THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSION,  
OR SIGN UP FOR BOTH!**

Camps will be broken up into morning and afternoon sessions. Sign your child up for either the morning or afternoon, or have them stay the day for both! For full-day campers, there will be time to eat lunch and have fun on the playground.

## Weeks 1 & 6

**JUNE 16-20 | JULY 21-25**

<b>Kindergarten-1st Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>Vibrant Safari</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Sorting Species</b>
<b>2nd-3rd Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>Slimy &amp; Grimy</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Wild Superpowers</b>
<b>4th-5th Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>Ecosystem Engineers</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Habitat Design</b>
<b>6th-7th Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>Junior Zookeepers</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Conservation Cadets</b>

## Weeks 2 & 7

**JUNE 23-27 | JULY 28-AUGUST 1**

<b>Pre-K</b>	Morning Session: <b>Chomping and Monching</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Movin' and Groovin'</b>
<b>Kindergarten-1st Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>The Art of Nature</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!</b>
<b>2nd-3rd Grade</b>	Morning Session: <b>Elemental Ecosystems</b> Afternoon Session: <b>Zoo Collectors</b>

# CAMP WEEKS

**New!**

## **Week 3 - Summer Holiday Week**

**JUNE 30-JULY 3 | KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE**

Only pay for the half-days your child can attend.

Sign up day-by-day, morning or afternoon, for as many or as few days as you'd like. Perfect for families going on vacation for the holiday weekend!

## **Weeks 4 & 8**

**JULY 7-11 | AUGUST 4-8**

**Kindergarten-1st Grade**

Morning Session: **Dinosaur Discovery**

Afternoon Session: **Backyard Buddies**

**2nd-3rd Grade**

Morning Session: **Eco Art**

Afternoon Session: **Passport to Conservation**

**6th-7th Grade**

Morning Session: **Junior Zookeepers**

Afternoon Session: **So you want to be a Volunteer**

## **Weeks 5 & 9**

**JULY 14-18 | AUGUST 11-15**

**Pre-K**

Morning Session: **Colorful Creatures**

Afternoon Session: **Sense-ational Safari**

**2nd-3rd Grade**

Morning Session: **Sensing Nature**

Afternoon Session: **The Magnificent Zoo Mystery**

**4th-5th Grade**

Morning Session: **Crazy Cryptids**

Afternoon Session: **Great Lakes, Great Wildlife**

# DESCRIPTIONS

## Preschool - Ages 3 & 4

**Note: Preschoolers may only sign up for one session (morning or afternoon) per week.**

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| <b>Chomping and Monching</b> | From carrion to seeds and everything in between, animals have crazy diets! Learn about how different animals' mouths help them eat their foods and what kind of eaters there are! |
| <b>Movin' and Groovin'</b>   | Do you stomp like a rhino? Scurry like a squirrel? Waddle like a penguin? Observe different animals around the zoo and try out the different ways they move and groove!           |
| <b>Colorful Creatures</b>    | Cardinals are red, cichlids are blue, tigers are orange, and black too! Animals come in all colors of the rainbow, join us and explore our many colorful creatures!               |
| <b>Sense-ational Safari</b>  | Whether it's feeling fur or seeing spots, our senses help us explore the world around us! Use your five senses and learn about animal senses along the way.                       |

## Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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| <b>Vibrant Safari</b>                   | Animals come in every color of the rainbow and every texture we can feel! See soft, grey chinchillas and feel bumpy green lizards on our vibrant safari.   |
| <b>Sorting Species</b>                  | What makes a mammal a mammal, or a fish a fish? Learn about the characteristics that help us sort animals and classify their species.  |
| <b>The Art of Nature</b>                | Birds sing, termites sculpt, and at the Racine Zoo, animals paint! Explore your creative side and learn how animals turn nature into a work of art.  |
| <b>Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!</b> | Lions, tigers, and bears... oh my! See our biggest and fluffiest residents at the Zoo and learn all about the things that make these animals so amazing.   |
| <b>Dinosaur Discovery</b>               | Dinosaurs roamed the earth millions of years ago... and their ancestors are still alive today! Discover the dinos that may have lived in Racine and what characteristics live on in today's creatures. |
| <b>Backyard Buddies</b>                 | Look out your window, what do you see? So many amazing animals live in our backyards, it just takes the right eye to see them.   |

# DESCRIPTIONS

## 2nd and 3rd Grade

### **Slimy & Grimy**

Do you like to play in the mud like a rhino? Do you secrete slime like a toad? What if you could take a bath in dirt? Learn about nature's grossest adaptations and how they make these animals so cool.

### **Wild Superpowers**

It's a bird! It's a plane! Wait, it really is a bird? Animals have amazing adaptations that are so cool they could be superpowers. What super-skill will you learn?

### **Elemental Ecosystems**

Watery oceans, earthy caves, fiery volcanos, and arid mountains: Earth's elements are wild, and the animals that live in them are wilder! Discover how animals live in these crazy elemental ecosystems.

### **Zoo Collectors**

Do you love to collect trading cards? Have you ever invented your own animals with amazing moves and evolutions? In Zoo Collectors camp, learn about animals that have inspired your favorite animated monsters and collect trading cards for the species you find at the Racine Zoo!

### **Eco Art**

Unlock your creativity and explore the natural world through different art projects! Natural materials, recycled objects, and nature-focused art will help campers learn about the world around them through the lens of an artist.

### **Passport to Conservation**

Discover all seven continents and the animals that live there through a wild adventure! Collect passport stamps for each continent you visit and learn about the animals that call them home.

### **Sensing Nature**

Snakes smell with their tongues. Bats see with their ears. Bees can sense magnetic fields. Learn about animals and their crazy cool senses and how they perceive the world differently.

### **The Magnificent Zoo Mystery**

There's a new case at the zoo, and we need your help to crack it! Scientists have to be detectives when learning about animals. Put your skills to the test to solve the Magnificent Zoo Mystery!

# DESCRIPTIONS

## 4th and 5th Grade

### **Ecosystem Engineers**

Animals shape their ecosystems to help connect them all, and humans often borrow their ideas! Learn about how animals change their habitats and what ideas real-life engineers have borrowed from the animal kingdom!

### **Habitat Design**

How do we create spaces for our animals to thrive at the zoo? Learn about what goes into designing a habitat for a new animal, create your own diorama, and work with fellow campers to create your very own zoo!

### **Crazy Cryptids**

The Loch Ness Monster. The Hodag. Bigfoot. These mysterious cryptids are seen by many, but what can they teach us about real-life animals? Learn about some of the cryptids around the world and the animals they may be based on!

### **Great Lakes, Great Wildlife**

The Racine Zoo sits right on the shore of Lake Michigan, one of five lakes that make our area unique. Learn about the wildlife of the Great Lakes, and the importance of them in our way of life.

## 6th and 7th Grade

### **Junior Zookeepers**

This camper-favorite camp returns for another summer! What does it take to become a zookeeper, and what do they do all day? Go behind-the-scenes and learn what it really takes to care for the Racine Zoo animal residents!

### **Conservation Cadets**

Conservation is a key part of our work at the zoo. Learn about the local and global conservation efforts that zoos participate in, and do some hands-on conservation yourself! Come away from camp with new ideas to help make our world a better place.

### **So you want to be a Volunteer?**

Interested in becoming a volunteer, but not quite old enough yet? Learn what the volunteers do every day and get the chance to try it out! Perfect for any camper who wants to volunteer at the zoo.

# DESCRIPTIONS

## Summer Holiday Week - Pay by Day

*Open to campers entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade.*

**Monday, June 30**

**Outdoor Explore**

The best part about summer is getting outside with your friends! Explore the zoo for native wildlife and make a craft to help you explore at home!

**Tuesday, July 1**

**Hot Summer Fun**

Summer weather gets warm, but the animals like it hot! Learn about the animals that live in warm climates-- some may surprise you!

**Wednesday, July 2**

**Tropics Time**

Everyone loves a tropical vacation! Learn about the animals that live in the "tropics zone" and their amazing adaptations.

**Thursday, July 3**

**Wet and Wild**

Who doesn't love the water on a hot summer day? Explore how animals depend on water ! Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet for this day of wild water fun.

*Campers may visit Racine Zoo Beach, weather depending.*

*Campers will **NOT** be permitted to go swimming, and may only go ankle-deep in the water.*

*Campers will be playing games with water, regardless of going to the beach, so plan for them to be wet.*

***No Zoo Camp on Friday, July 4th due to the holiday.***