

ZooCamp 2026

Experience Summer Camp fun at the Great Plains Zoo! With a variety of schedule options and exciting topics, there's sure to be something fun for everyone!



Camps for Ages 4-5

Animal Doctors (five half days)

Time for a check-up! Animals big or small, fluffy or scaley all need to see a doctor once in a while.

Discover how our veterinarian team keeps all of our animals healthy!

June 1-5, mornings (9 am – noon)

June 22-26, mornings (9 am – noon)

July 20-24, mornings (9 am – noon)

Aug. 3-7, mornings (9 am – noon)

Wild About Cats (half day)

We're talking all about tigers, leopards, and tigers! Come along as we uncover why big cats rule and make the purr-fect predators.

June 29, morning (9 am – noon)

July 1, morning (9 am – noon)

Fun on the Farm (half day)

Goats and pigs and sheep, oh my! Explore the farm and meet the animals that call it home.

May 29, morning (9 am – noon)

June 30, morning (9 am – noon)

Before-Camp Care from 8 am – 9 am can be added to any morning camp.

Camps for Ages 6-7

Animal Extremes (five full days)

Biggest and smallest, fastest and slowest, meet record-holding animals of all kinds! Imagine what you would need to have what it takes to compete with the extreme Olympians of the animal world!

June 15-19, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

July 27-31, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Keeper Camp (five half days)

Do you dream of one day being a zookeeper and caring for animals from around the world? Put yourself in the shoes of our keepers and find out all about the hard work it takes to give our animals world-class care!

June 1-5, afternoons (1 pm - 4 pm)

July 6-10, mornings (9 am – noon)

Aug. 3-7, mornings (9 am – noon)

Vet Camp (five half days)

Have you ever wondered what it's like to care for animals from around the world? No matter how big or small, all animals need a doctor occasionally. Experience how our zoo veterinarian helps keep all our animals healthy!

June 8-12, mornings (9 am – noon)

June 22-26, mornings (9 am – noon)

July 6-10, mornings (9 am – noon)

July 20-24, afternoons (1 pm - 4 pm)

Animals of Myth & Legend (three half days)

Is that a mermaid? No, it's a manatee! From supernatural beasts to whimsical fairytale characters, discover the origins of legendary creatures and the reality behind animal myths.

June 22-24, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Build-a-Habitat (full day)

What would you include if you were designing your own zoo? Join us as we explore the things animals need in their homes and what it takes to make a fantastic exhibit for them.

May 29, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

July 2, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Moving and Grooving (full day)

Move like a creature as we explore the complex world of animal movement. Discover animals that run on four legs and those that jump on two, animals that fly with wings and some that slither on bellies.

June 29, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Before-Camp Care from 8 am – 9 am can be added to any morning or full day camp.

Camps for Ages 8-9

Animals of All Sorts (five full days)

Animals come in all shapes and sizes and have all sorts of coverings, body parts, and senses. Explore the many special characteristics of animals that help scientists place them into groups like mammals, reptiles, and birds.

July 13-17, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

July 27-31, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

What's Up, Zoo Doc (five half days)

What happens when a box turtle needs a checkup? How do you weigh a giraffe? Join us as we dive into the amazing work our veterinary staff does to care for zoo animals of all sizes.

June 8-12, mornings (9 am – noon)

Aug. 3-7, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Wildlife Careers (five half days)

From aquarists to zookeepers, there are lots of ways people work with wildlife. We'll discover what it takes to be an ornithologist, a conservation biologist, or one of many animal-related careers.

June 1-5, mornings (9 am – noon)

July 6-10, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Wild By Design (full day)

We're building new exhibits, and that takes a lot more than just construction! Explore the ins and outs of creating a comfortable home for animals while also making it a great place for people to visit.

June 30, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Before-Camp Care from 8 am – 9 am can be added to any morning or full day camp.

Camps for Ages 10-12

Behind the Scenes (five full days)

Get an inside look at how the Zoo works and discover what it takes to care for our animals. This limited-enrollment camp will include several behind-the-scenes opportunities throughout the Zoo and up-close animal encounters.

June 15-19, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

July 13-17, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Aug. 10-14, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Zoo Medicine (five half days)

Sometimes animals need a little help to stay healthy. Explore what is needed to care for the incredible animals that call the Great Plains Zoo home and meet the Zoo's veterinary staff that help keep them healthy and happy!

June 8-12, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

July 20-24, mornings (9 am – noon)

Exhibit Engineers (full day)

Discover all the elements that go into creating a new exhibit for the Zoo! Explore our newest exhibits, talk to a keeper, do some hands-on STEM building, and design your own Zoo habitat!

July 1, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Looking for an overnight? Sleep with the Fishes this summer at the Butterfly House & Aquarium

<https://www.greatzoo.org/education-programs/#bha-overnight!>

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