ZooCamp 2027

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)
Animals big or small, fluffy or scaley all need to see a doctor once in a while. Discover how our veterinarian team keeps all our animals healthy!

June 7-11, mornings (9 am – noon)
June 21-25, mornings (9 am – noon)
July 12-16, mornings (9 am – noon)
July 26-30, mornings (9 am – noon)
Aug. 2-6, mornings (9 am – noon)

Butterfly Bonanza (half day)
Flutter, flap, and float with us as we marvel at butterflies! Discover all the things that make these fascinating insects so special.

June 4, morning (9 am – noon)
July 6, morning (9 am – noon)
July 8, 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.

July 7, morning (9 am – noon)
July 9, 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 compete with the extreme Olympians of the animal world!

June 14-18, full day (9 am – 4 pm)
June 28-July 2, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Keeper Camp (five half days)
Do you dream of one day caring for animals from around the world? Put yourself in the shoes of our zookeepers and find out all about how they give our animals world-class care!

June 21-25, mornings (9 am – noon)
July 12-16, afternoons (1 pm - 4 pm)
Aug. 2-6, afternoons (1 pm - 4 pm)

Vet Camp (five half days)
No matter how big or small, all animals need a doctor occasionally. Experience how our zoo veterinarian helps keep all our animals healthy!

June 7-11, mornings (9 am – noon)
July 12-16, afternoons (1 pm - 4 pm)
July 26-30, mornings (9 am – noon)
Aug. 2-6, 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 21-23, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Bugging Out (full day)
Butterflies, beetles, ants, and cockroaches; there are so many different kinds of bugs! We'll explore what makes them special and how they thrive in all the places they are found.

June 4, full day (9 am – 4 pm)
July 6, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Rainforest Rangers (full day)
Explore the dark, rainy world of the rainforest. This habitat is home to more species than any other on land. Come discover some of the creatures that call it home!

July 9, 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

Wildlife World Tour (five full days)
Travel around the globe as we explore a different continent each day and discover the habitats that are found there and the animals that call them home!

June 28-July 2, full day (9 am – 4 pm)
July 19-23, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Animal Careers (five half days)
Do you think you want to work with wild animals some day? There are lots of ways to do it! Join us as we explore many of the different careers that work with animals, including marine biologists, veterinarians, and zookeepers!

June 7-11, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)
July 26-30, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)
Aug. 2-6, mornings (9 am – noon)

Wild Grossology (three half days)
From stink to slime, animals do some WILD things! Dive into the weird and wonderful world of Grossology, where you'll discover animal adaptations that can be downright GROSS!

June 21-23, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Insect Explorers (full day)
From beetles to butterflies, the world is full of amazing insects! Explore this fascinating group of animals and their important roles in the food chain.

July 8, 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 includes at least one special experience daily, several behind-the-scenes opportunities throughout the zoo, and up-close animal encounters.

June 14-18, full day (9 am – 4 pm)
July 19-23, full day (9 am – 4 pm)
Aug. 9-13, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

Working with Wildlife (five half days)

From biologists to zookeepers, there are lots of ways people work with wildlife. We'll discover what it takes to be a zoo veterinarian, a conservation biologist, a zookeeper, and many other animal-related careers.

June 7-11, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)
July 12-16, mornings (9 am – noon)
July 26-30, afternoons (1 pm – 4 pm)

Invertebrate Investigators (full day)

They may be spineless, but invertebrates live in nearly every habitat in the world and have an amazing variety of shapes, sizes, and lives. Join us as we investigate some of the most fascinating members of this animal group.

July 7, full day (9 am – 4 pm)

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