

SENECA PARK ZOO

# ZooCamp



# 3-4 YEARS OLD

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## JUNE

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| June 2-6   | Animal Opposites         |
| June 9-13  | Animals Chew & So Do You |
| June 16-20 | Animals 1, 2, 3          |
| June 23-27 | Animal ABCs              |





# 5-6 YEARS OLD

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## JULY

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| June 30-July 3<br>(no camp on July 4) | Roar, Howl, Ribbit                          |
| July 7-11                             | Hop, Slither, Stomp                         |
| July 7-11                             | We Are Families - <i>Special Needs Camp</i> |
| July 14-18                            | Hop, Slither, Stomp                         |
| July 14-18                            | Big Cat Habitat                             |
| July 21-25                            | Musical by Nature                           |
| July 21-25                            | I Dig Bones - <b>New!</b>                   |

## AUGUST

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| July 28-Aug 1 | I Dig Bones - <b>New!</b> |
| July 28-Aug 1 | Everyone Grows            |
| Aug 4-8       | Super Senses              |
| Aug 4-8       | We are Families           |
| Aug 11-15     | Super Senses              |
| Aug 11-15     | Fur, Feathers, and Scales |
| Aug 18-22     | Fur, Feathers, and Scales |



# 7-9 YEARS OLD

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## JULY

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| June 30-July 3<br>(no camp on July 4) | Megaherbivores    |
| July 7-11                             | Up in the Trees   |
| July 7-11                             | Megaherbivores    |
| July 14-18                            | Biome Builder     |
| July 14-18                            | Mythical Beasts   |
| July 21-25                            | Perfect Predators |
| July 21-25                            | Biome Builder     |

## AUGUST

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| July 28-Aug 1 | Junior Veterinarian                         |
| July 28-Aug 1 | Science Safari - <b>New!</b>                |
| Aug 4-8       | Junior Veterinarian                         |
| Aug 4-8       | Creatures of the Night                      |
| Aug 11-15     | Science Safari - <b>New!</b>                |
| Aug 11-15     | Up in the Trees - <i>Special Needs Camp</i> |
| Aug 18-22     | ZSI: Zoo Scene Investigation                |





# 10-12

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### JULY

|                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| June 30-July 3<br>(no camp on July 4) | Animal Enrichment       |
| July 7-11                             | Critters in Crisis      |
| July 14-18                            | Zoo News                |
| July 21-25                            | Naturalists in Training |

### AUGUST

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| July 28-Aug 1 | Elements of Animal Art |
| Aug 4-8       | Zoo Mythbusters        |
| Aug 11-15     | ZooTeens in Training   |
| Aug 18-22     | Planet Protectors      |



# CAMP THEME DESCRIPTIONS

## 3 & 4 Years Old

### June 2-6: Animal Opposites

Some animals are big and some are small, some are from cold places and some are from hot places. Come learn about these and many other opposites in the animal world at camp!

### June 9-13: Animals Chew & So Do You

Some animals like veggies, others like meat, come to the Zoo and explore the many things animals like to eat!

### June 16-20: Animals 1, 2, 3

Counting is more fun with animal friends! We will practice counting as we learn about the animals at the Zoo.

### June 23-27: Animal ABCs

Come learn your ABCs with the help of some animal friends!

## 5 & 6 Years Old

### June 30-July 3 (no camp on July 4): Roar, Howl, Ribbit

Animals make some cool noises. Come to camp and discover the many different noises the animals at the Zoo can make!

### July 7-11: Hop, Slither, Stomp

Jump, climb, slither and hop to camp! We are moving like the animals this week and learning how animals use their movements to survive in the wild. Meet animals that move in cool ways and practice moving like the animals.

### July 7-11: We Are Families (special needs camp)

Flocks, herds, and pods, oh my! Some animals like to live in groups with their family and friends, and some don't. Come to camp to meet some social critters to learn if there really is safety in numbers!

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### July 14-18: Big Cat Habitat

Big cats live in habitats all around the world. Learn about the habitats of these awesome cats and observe our snow leopard habitat at Seneca Park Zoo!

### July 21-25: Musical by Nature

Music is all around us! Explore how animals make musical sounds while we craft our own instruments inspired by nature!

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### **July 21-25: I Dig Bones (new)**

Do you like dinosaurs? Let's explore some dinosaurs and their modern animal counterparts, while we look at what bones can teach us!

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### **July 28-Aug 1: Everyone Grows**

Cubs, chicks, and tadpoles! Some baby animals go through some pretty cool changes growing up. Campers learn about the life cycles of some of their favorite animals and what these animals need to do to grow up.

### **Aug 4-8: Super Senses**

Animals and people both have senses that help them survive. Campers will get in touch with their senses as they explore how animals see, touch, smell, and hear the world around them.

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Does your favorite animal have feathers, fur, or something else entirely? In this camp we will explore all the different types of animal coverings at the Zoo.

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## **7-9 Years Old**

### **June 30-July 3 (no camp on July 4): Megaherbivores**

Some of the biggest animals only eat plants. Come to the Zoo and learn all about our biggest animal friends in this fun camp!

### **July 7-11: Up in the Trees**

Trees are home to some of the neatest animals around. See how your favorite animals depend on trees as we explore how different types of animals use trees from roots to shoots!

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In this camp, we will explore mythical creatures and the real animals that inspired them. We'll investigate unicorn horns, Pegasus wings, and mermaid tails and discover how they were influenced by actual adaptations.

### **July 21-25: Perfect Predators**

Would you make a good predator? Predators have to hunt for their food, and they have a lot of cool adaptations that help them succeed. Come to the Zoo and we'll learn about some of the best predators around!

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Learn what it takes to care for animals at the Zoo in this camp about the many roles of a veterinarian!

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Science is fun at the Zoo! Let's learn about animals and do some fun science experiments along the way!

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### **Aug 4-8: Creatures of the Night**

Nocturnal animals usually own the night, but they will rule the day in this camp focusing on animals who prefer the night-time! Campers will explore creatures of the night and the senses that help them thrive.

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### **Aug 18-22: ZSI: Zoo Scene Investigation**

Detectives needed for this mystery camp. Help solve an animal crime and learn some detective skills along the way!

## **10-12 Years Old**

### **June 30-July 3 (no camp on July 4): Animal Enrichment**

All the animals at the Zoo receive enrichment to help keep their minds and bodies active. Help make some enrichment and learn about why it is so important for the animals in our care!

### **July 7-11: Critters in Crisis**

Discover the things that can cause animals to become endangered or even extinct; and learn what zoos and you can do to prevent it from happening. It's not too late to save the world's most precious animals if we all do our part.



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### July 14-18: Zoo News

There is always something interesting going on at the Zoo! Design your own advertisement as you learn how the Zoo shares its news!

### July 21-25: Naturalists in Training

Learn to be a naturalist in this fun camp, as we explore our local habitat!

### July 28-Aug 1: Elements of Animal Art

Get creative in this camp as we explore the different elements of art and use them to depict the animals at the Zoo in a new way!

### Aug 4-8: Zoo Mythbusters

Are bats really blind? Can porcupines really shoot their quills at you? We will debunk or validate some myths as we dive into science and discover some of the most interesting and misunderstood animals in the animal kingdom.

### Aug 11-15: ZooTeens in Training

So, you want to be a ZooTeen? Learn the roles of a ZooTeen and help educate the public on the animals at the Zoo!

### Aug 18-22: Planet Protectors

Some of your favorite animals need your help! Learn what we can do to help animals around the world from right here in Rochester.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registrations are based on the age of the child as of June 1.

Campers will have a more positive experience if they are prepared to spend a part of each day outside and should dress accordingly. Snacks are provided, but please bring a water bottle.

Preschool camps for ages 3 and 4 are held weekly in June and run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with pick up before lunch. Campers will have a more positive experience if they are already comfortable in group settings without their parent and they must be bathroom trained. Two counselors support a maximum of 14 children. Half-day fees apply. Before or After Care options are not available.

School-age camps for ages 5 to 12 begin the first week of July and end the week of August 18. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Before Care drop off at 8 a.m. and After Care pickup at 5 p.m. Campers bring their own peanut-free lunch. Two counselors support a maximum of 20 children.

Special needs camp for ages 5 and 6 is held the week of July 7 and for ages 7 to 9 is held the week of August 11. Three counselors support a maximum of 14 children. This camp is tailored specifically for children with special needs that benefit from additional support. If your child is able to participate in camp but requires individual assistance with communication, behavior support, or ADLs, please contact us about arranging to have your own aide attend with your child, so they may have the most inclusive experience possible. Half-day option is available for campers ages 5 to 9. Half-day is 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with pick up before lunch.

Each child receives a Camp T-shirt.

Fees for one week:

**Preschool is \$165 for Zoo members, \$185 for non-members.**

**School-age \$285 for Zoo members, \$310 for non-members;**

**Before Care or After Care for school age campers, \$25/week.**

**Registration:**

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**Questions? Call 585.336.7213.**

*Payment in full is due with registration. Payments are non-refundable. Please read and complete medical and registration information provided online in full. A pick-up authorization form will be sent with your confirmation and needs to be completed prior to the first day of camp.*

Financial Assistance: We offer a limited number of need-based ZooCamp Scholarships. To apply, complete the online form available at [senecaparkzoo.org/education/summer-camp](https://senecaparkzoo.org/education/summer-camp). Applications must be received within the application period to be considered; the application deadline is listed on the website with the application form.