

ZooCamp 2025

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 2-6, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) June 23-27, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 14-18, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 28 – Aug. 1, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Leaping Lions (half day)

Why do lions roar? What is a lion's favorite food? Hear about the newest members of the Zoo and discover what life would be like as a lion.

May 30, morning (9 a.m. – noon)** July 1, morning (9 a.m. – noon)** **Before-camp care is available.

Fun on the Farm (half day)

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

June 30, morning (9 a.m. – noon)**

**Before-camp care is available.

****Before-Camp Care** is available only for single half day camps as noted and at the following times:

Drop off: 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. (Camp begins at 9 a.m.)

Camps for Ages 6-7

Home Sweet Habitat (five full days)

Why don't lizards live in the Arctic? How do desert animals find water? Join us as we discover the places animals call home and the many ways animals survive all around the world

July 7-11, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** **Before- and after-camp care is available.

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 16-20, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 21-25, afternoons (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) Aug. 4-8, mornings (9 a.m. – 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 2-6, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) June 23-27, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 14-18, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 28 – Aug. 1, afternoons (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Eat or Be Eaten (three half days)

From grazers to apex predators, every member of the food chain plays a role in helping ecosystems thrive. Discover the amazing ways prey animals avoid being eaten, as well as the tools of a top predator. June 23-25, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Feeling Feline (full day)

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

May 30, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** July 3, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** **Before- and after-camp care is available.

More camps for Ages 6-7 on the next page!

Camps for Ages 6-7 (continued)

Animal Superpowers (full day)

Superman and Wonder Woman aren't the only ones with superpowers! Experience the variety of amazing animal superpowers found all over the world.

June 30, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

**Before- and after-camp care is available.

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Drop off: 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. (Camp begins at 9 a.m.) Pick-up: 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Camp ends at 4 p.m.)

Camps for Ages 8-9

Animal Homes and Biomes (five full days)

From tropical rainforests to the frigid tundra, animal homes come in many varieties. Travel with us to different environments and learn what makes our natural world so unique.

June 9-13, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

**Before- and after-camp care is available.

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 16-20, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) July 14-18, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) July 28 – Aug. 1, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Creature Categories (five half 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.

June 2-6, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) July 21-25, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) Aug. 4-8, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

African Adventure (GPZ, full day)

Imagine living with lions, elephants, and giraffes as your neighbors. On our African Adventure, we'll discover what makes this continent so diverse.

July 1, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** **Before- and after-camp care is available.

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Drop off: 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. (Camp begins at 9 a.m.) Pick-up: 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Camp ends at 4 p.m.)

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 limitedenrollment camp will include several behind-the-scenes opportunities throughout the Zoo and up-close animal encounters.

June 9-13, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** July 7-11, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** Aug. 11-15, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** **Before- and after-camp care is available.

The Animals Are Awake (four half days/overnight)

Most people are awake all day and sleep all night, but what about animals? Discover why some creatures scamper in the cover of night while others play in the light of day.

June 16-19, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and June 19-20, overnight (1 p.m. – 9 a.m.)

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!

July 21-25, mornings (9 a.m. – noon) Aug. 4-8, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Prides, Packs, and Mobs (GPZ, full day)

It takes teamwork to thrive in the deserts and savannas of Africa. Investigate how animals such as lions, African painted dogs, and meerkats depend on one another for survival.

July 2, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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