Thanks so much for your interest in our integrative education programs! Our day camp curriculums are designed to be age appropriate and are properly chaperoned at all times. Activities may include, but are not limited to: educational games, physical games like tag, crafts, on grounds tours, zoo shows, zoo rides, playgrounds, science experiments, and educational movies.

**THEMES & DATES**

**Four-Day Camps: 5-12 yrs*  8:30am-3:30pm  $260 per week ($234 FOTZ members)**

*Camp offered every week for age groups: 5-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., & 10-12 yrs.

*All participants must be potty trained.

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<td>What does it mean to be a wildlife photographer? We will learn the ins and outs to photography and how to capture that perfect moment! What better place to do it than at the Kansas City Zoo with the best photography subjects in the world: our animals.</td>
<td>Pollinators come in all shapes, sizes and types of animals. They are key to much of the food we have on our dinner tables and the plants we see and enjoy every day. Where would we be without them and what can we do to help some of our most vulnerable pollinating friends?</td>
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*10-12 yrs camp not offered July 11-14.
August: Forget-Me-Not
Every zoo has animal headliners. Tigers and bears, elephants and giraffes. But what about those animals that no one thinks about? What about a Prevost’s squirrel? Or a rock hyrax? They may not be the “stars of the show” but these really cool species representatives deserve a little attention, too.

*10-12 yrs camp not offered August 1-4.

August 1-4 (only 5-6 yr & 7-9 yr old camps available)
August 8-11
Augusts 15-18

Four-Day Camps: 13-17 yrs* 8:30am-3:30pm $260 per week ($234 FOTZ members)
Camp offered one week in July for 17-18 yrs and one week in August for 13-15 yrs.

Zoo Careers Ages: 16-17 yrs
When someone says they work at a zoo, the first job that comes to mind may be a “zookeeper”. There are so many more possibilities, and each job is important to keeping the zoo up and running. We will explore the many different jobs that zoos have to offer and their importance in the organization.

July 11-14

Wildlife Research Ages: 13-15 yrs
How do scientists study animals, and why? We will explore the different methods scientists use to study animals in the wild and in captivity. Campers will become scientists themselves as they practice these observation methods to understand why research is important to global conservation efforts.

August 1-4

Single Day Camps: 5-12yrs* 8:30am-3:30pm $60 per day ($54 FOTZ members)
Please note: Camps will be age specific. Age groups include 5-6 yr. old, 7-9 yr. old & 10-12 yr. old. However, we may have to combine age groups in order to meet capacity requirements.

*All participants must be potty trained.

June: I’m Outta Here
Some animals travel thousands of miles every year to go somewhere new, but why? Discover why animals migrate and the extremes animals go through to survive.

June 10
June 17
June 24
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July: Wildlife Wins
Extinction is forever; but some animals have been saved from the brink through the efforts of zoos and other conservation organizations. We’ll dive into these amazing success stories.

July 15
July 22
July 29

August: Look Who’s Talking
How do animals communicate? It’s not always through sounds. Animals use all their senses to talk to others of their kind, or even different species.

August 5
August 12
August 19

4-DAY CAMP AVAILABILITY BY WEEK

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CAMP ACTIVITIES

Campers Will...
Observe animals in exhibits throughout the zoo.
Get up-close to Animal Ambassadors through Animal Encounters.
Use the arts to create projects.
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Observe animal training sessions.
Ride the tram, train and/ or carousel.
Get behind-the-scenes tours of exclusive Zoo locations.
Play environmental education games.
Collect data through science experiments and observations.
Use biofacts (bones, pelts, feathers, etc.) to learn.
...and so much more!

Curriculum The curriculum is designed to be age appropriate by Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Conservation Education Messages and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Some activities may require more intense instruction and/or supervision based on age, developmental needs, or safety concerns. An activity of this nature may include:

Animal Encounter [5+ years]
Animal Ambassadors, accompanied by trained presenters, will visit the class for an up-close personal experience. At the discretion of the presenter, children may be allowed to touch these animals.

Videos [5+ years]
Videos may be played during certain times of camp. All videos or movies shown are MPAA rated G or PG, and include, but are not limited to, Disney, National Geographic for Kids, and ZooLife™ with Jack Hanna.

Behind the Scenes Tours [5+ years]
Campers will be able to tour non-public areas of several designated animal exhibits. These tours will be led by other animal/education staff while campers are in these areas. Camp staff will also be present.

Dissection [13-18 years]
Campers may explore the world of animals through anatomy/biology lessons. Dissections of specimens may include the use of scalpels, tweezers, pins, etc. Activity will be conducted and supervised by camp/education staff.
CAMP GOALS & OUTCOMES

The mission of the Kansas City Zoo Education Department is to positively change behavior by instilling in all people the desire and knowledge to respect and conserve wildlife and nature.

Kansas City Zoo strives to...
As a result, Campers will be able to...

1. Introduce Campers to the Animal Kingdom and Nature, in general.
   a. Visit/Tour the zoo.
   b. Engage in at least 1 outdoor game/activity (beyond tours) each day.
   c. Encounter an animal 1 on 1 and perhaps even touch it.
   d. Distinguish between exotic and native animals as well as wild vs domestic.

2. Promote Scientific Discovery
   a. Participate or observe at least 1 science-based experiment/activity.
   b. Use question-based discovery to come to a solution or explain a proposed situation.
   c. Engage in hands on activities throughout their stay.

3. Explore the Natural History of Animals.
   a. Identify the 4 Basic Needs of all animals.
   b. Name the general Classes/Groups of animals and give at least 1 characteristic.
   c. Define the word “adaptation,” discuss its importance, and give an example.
   d. Distinguish between Carnivore, Omnivore, and Herbivore.

4. Stress the importance of Ecosystems and Habitats.
   a. Define and identify different types of Habitats and at least 1 animal that live there.
   b. Explain how different forms and life can be connected.

5. Introduce campers to Animal-Based Career Fields.
   a. Encounter, interact or observe other zoo staff while attending at least 1 zoo show, animal chat, behind the scenes tour, or specialized activity.

6. Help Campers take an active role in the Stewardship of our Environment.
   a. Identify Environmental Concerns (habitat loss, global warming, etc.) and list at least 2 ways they can take an active role to minimize the effects (recycling, reducing carbon footprint, etc.).
   b. Campers and staff will participate in recycling of materials such as aluminum cans, paper, cardboard, and plastic.

7. Provide Opportunities that stimulate Social Growth and Self-Esteem.
   a. Participate in get-to-know-you games.
   b. Engage in team-based games/activities.
   c. Provide positive comments and encouragement throughout team activities and camp in general.

(Depending on the length/type of camp, campers will accomplish at least 1 outcome, if not more, from each goal)