

Summer Camp 2024

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



Camps for Ages 4-5

Slither, Swim, Soar (BHA, half day)

Soar through the skies, swim in the seas, and slither in the sand. Explore how animals move in different spaces and discover how we can move like them.

May 30, morning (9 a.m. – noon)

July 3, morning (9 a.m. – noon)

Animal Doctors (GPZ, 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 3-7, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

June 17-21, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

July 15-19, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

July 22-26, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Aug. 5-9, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Animal Alphabet (GPZ, full day)

Alligators, bears, camels, and more! Meet animals from throughout the alphabet who will help us practice our letters.

July 2, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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

Let's Get Loud (GPZ, half day)

Discover why sheep baa, tigers roar, and snakes hiss, and practice your own animal sounds through activities and exploration around the zoo.

May 31, morning (9 a.m. – noon)

July 1, morning (9 a.m. – noon)

****Before- and After-Camp Care** is available only for full-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.)

Pick-up: 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Camp ends at 4 p.m.)

Camps for Ages 6-8

Incredible Insects (BHA, five half days)

Discover the world of invertebrates with the Butterfly House & Aquarium! Get up close with butterflies, insects, and other spineless creatures as we explore these incredible insects.

June 3-7, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Wonders of Water (BHA, five half days)

Dive into the wonders of water! Explore how the ocean and its creatures affect our lives and how we can help them.

July 22 – 26, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Wildlife Around the World (GPZ, five full days)

Explore the continents of the world and the animals that call it home. From Africa to South America and beyond, campers will be seasoned travelers by the end of their journey.

June 10-14, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

July 8-12, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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

Keeper Camp (GPZ, 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 3-7, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

June 17-21, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

July 22-26, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

Aug. 5-9, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

**Lunch Bunch bundle is available for this date*

Run, Eat, Sleep, Repeat (GPZ, five half days)

Why do monkeys groom? Why do rhinos roll in the mud? Join us to discover why the painted dogs play, the lemurs lounge, and the flamingos fluff their feathers.

June 3-7, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

July 15-19, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

July 29 – Aug. 2, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

Aug. 5-9, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

**Lunch Bunch bundle is available for this date*

More camps for Ages 6-8 on the next page!

Camps for Ages 6-8 (continued)

Vet Camp (GPZ, 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 17-21, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

June 24-28, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

July 15-19, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

July 22-26, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)*

July 29 – Aug. 2, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)*

**Lunch Bunch bundle is available for this date*

Run, Jump, Fly (GPZ, three half days)

Move and groove 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 24-26, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Animal Friends and Foes (GPZ, full day)

Come explore the many relationships throughout the animal world. From animals that work together to parasites that benefit from others, and everything in between, no two relationships are exactly the same.

May 30, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

July 2, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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

Weird and Wonderful (GPZ, full day)

Why do some lizards drop their tails? Can armadillos roll like a ball? Discover why the weirdest animals are often the most wonderful ones.

May 31, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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

***Lunch Bunch Bundle** is available only for the dates noted. Register for both the morning and afternoon camps and add lunch supervision so your camper can stay for the whole day.

Campers will need to bring their own lunch.

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Camps for Ages 9-11

Junior Naturalists (BHA, five half days)

Join us on an adventure as we explore nature! Discover amazing ways to develop your passion for the outdoors and share it with others.

June 17-21, mornings (9 a.m. - noon)

Science and the Sea (BHA, five half days)

Grab your lab coat and goggles and get ready to discover the science that makes the ocean such an incredible place. Roll your sleeves up and dive into the fun!

July 15-19, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Secrets of the Sea (BHA, overnight)

The ocean is vast, mysterious, and full of spectacular creatures. Uncover the secrets held within the depths and experience the aquarium like never before – after dark!

June 12-13, afternoon/overnight (1 p.m. – 9 a.m.)

Behind the Scenes (GPZ, 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 10-14, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

July 8-12, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

Aug. 12-16, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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

Animal Agents and Advocates (GPZ, four half days/overnight)

Rhino rangers, ferret finders and butterfly buddies! Discover what wildlife conservationists do in the field from listening for frogs to tracking snow leopards. Explore ways to help animals in your own backyard as well as around the world.

June 17-19, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and June 20-21, overnight (1 p.m. – 9 a.m.)

July 29-31, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and Aug. 1-2, overnight (1 p.m. – 9 a.m.)

Zoo Careers (GPZ, five half days)

Zoos require a lot of staff to keep them running properly. Meet people from a variety of departments and discover what it takes to do their jobs.

June 3-7, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

July 22-26, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

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Camps for Ages 9-11 (continued)

Zoo Medicine (GPZ, 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 24-28, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

July 15-19, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

July 29 – Aug. 2, mornings (9 a.m. – noon)

Aug. 5-9, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Animals of Myth and Legend (GPZ, 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 24-26, afternoons (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Animal Whodunit (GPZ, full day)

Mysterious things have been happening at the Great Plains Zoo, and no one seems to have any answers. Put on your trench coat and grab your magnifying glass to see if you have what it takes to crack the case!

July 1, full day (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

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