



Summer Camp



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2026

Week-long Zoo Day Camps - Ages 4 - 15

Campers participate in a week-long session full of fun and adventure that includes zoo walks, meeting animals up close, rides on the carousel and train, crafts, games and more!

A snack is provided daily. **Please bring a water bottle.** Please inform us ASAP of any dietary or other special needs. If your session is full day, you may pack or buy your lunch. Hot lunches are available for purchase. The menu will come in your confirmation packet attached to your email.

While we do not have extra staff available to accommodate severe behavioral and emotional special needs, campers with those needs are welcome to attend with an aide or caregiver

Warning:

Summer campers may get messy as they learn, play and explore the zoo. A change of clothes is encouraged (especially for 4-6 year olds)

All check-ins must take place between 7:45 and 8:30 am. Any late arrivals and early dismissals must be pre-arranged with zoo staff because they disrupt the flow of the camp. Pick up will occur between 11:30-12 or 3:30-4:00 pm. **Junior Zookeepers: Please arrive between 7:45 and 8 am.** Enter through the Education Entrance (tiger-striped) door at the foot of the office stairs.

Early Bird Sale: January 9-11, 2026 (8 am)

**½ day members- \$125, second child -\$105; non-members \$170
Full day members - \$220, second child-\$200; non-members \$290**

Regular Price: 2026

**½ day members- \$150, second child \$130; non-members \$170
Full day members - \$245, second child-\$210; non-members \$290**

What's on the Menu



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What would a tortoise eat on their salad? Would a hedgehog order crickets with a side of vegetables? Campers will learn the menus of the animal kingdom in the wild and in the zoo. You might be surprised by the interesting and yummy food animals eat, even some food that can be found in your lunch box!

Ages 4-6:

June 8-12, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

June 8-12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

June 8-12, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

June 8-12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

June 8-12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sounds and Sights of the Wild

Did you know that some animals communicate through whistling, while other "hear" by feeling the vibrations in the ground? Head over to this Zoo camp to learn how to decode animal communication and look for the signs that animals leave behind.

Ages 4-6: Sights and Sounds

June 15-19, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

June 15-19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8: Sights and Sounds

June 15-19, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

June 15-19, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

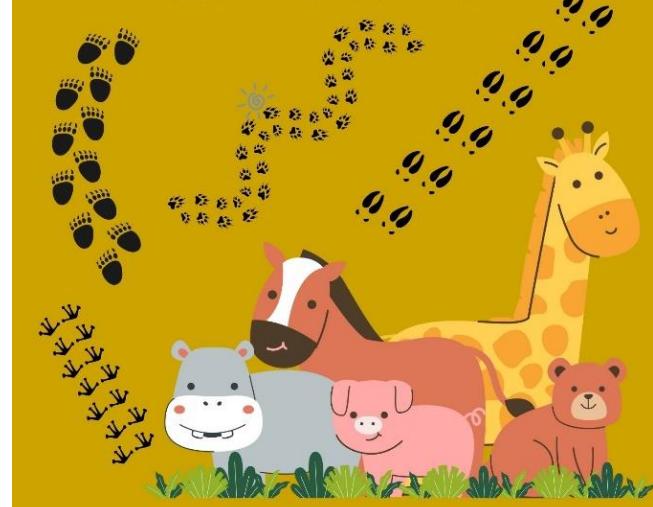
Master Tracker

Have you ever walked in a lion's footsteps or tried to find an owl in the treetops? Between footprints and tracks and scat and snacks, we'll learn to read the signs that animals leave behind as we follow them around the globe to learn what they eat and where they live.

Ages 8-13: Master Tracker

June 15-19, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Master Tracker – Sights and Sounds of the Wild



The Science of Ew!

From the sticky, squishy deep-sea animals to the scavengers that fly high in the sky, the animal kingdom can seem gross at times. Some animals bathe in dirt and secrete slime through their skin! In this camp you will discover many of nature's grossest adaptations and stinky animal scents!

Ages 4-6:

June 22-26, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
June 22-26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

June 22-26, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
June 22-26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

June 22-26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Creatures of the



Night



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

Ages 4-6:

June 29-July 3, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
June 29-July 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

June 29-July 3, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
June 29-July 3, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

June 29-July 3, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

I Dig Bones

Have you ever wanted to roar like a T-Rex, fly like a pterodactyl, or reach like a Brachiosaurus? This is the camp for you! Come learn all about the dinosaurs of old and discover modern-day dinosaurs at your Erie Zoo!

Ages 4-6: I Dig Bones

July 6-10, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

July 6-10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8: I Dig Bones

July 6-10, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

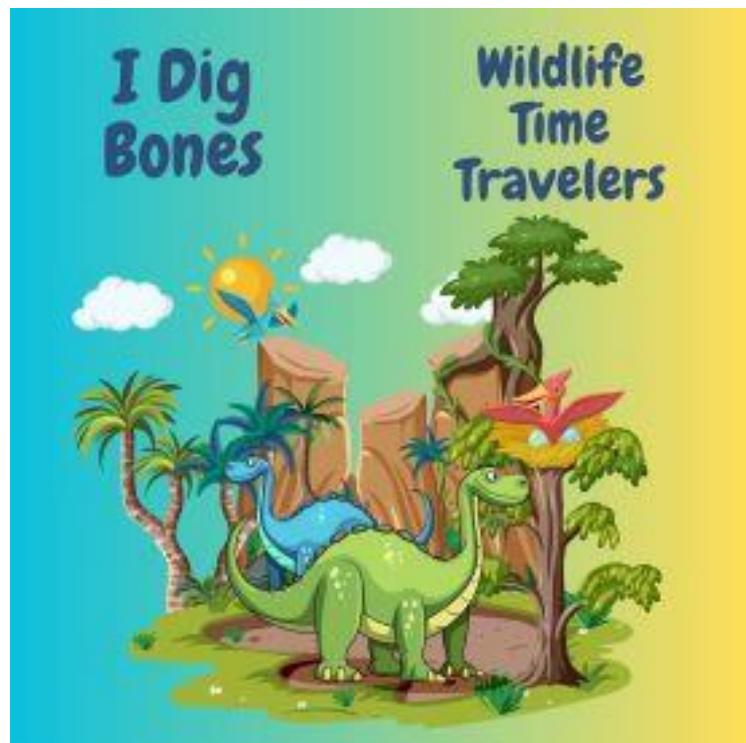
July 6-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wildlife Time Travelers

Travel through time to see dinosaurs and wooly mammoths and make your way into the present to learn how these historic animals have adapted into modern day creatures. We'll even take a glimpse into the future and see how today's animals might adapt even further!

Ages 8-13: Wildlife Time Travelers

July 6-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Wildlife CSI – “Zoo” Done It

We need your help to solve the mysterious disappearance of an animal before it's lost forever! Investigate animal behaviors and solve real-life nature mysteries using fur, physical features, and feeding habits. Come save the day!

The mystery awaits!

Ages 4-6:

July 13-17, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

July 13-17, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

July 13-17, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

July 13-17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

July 13-17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Creature Features



Legendary Creatures

Unicorns, dragons, and bigfoot, oh my! From the fantastical creatures of your favorite movies to the mystical animals you grew up learning about, discover the legends of mythical creatures and the real-life animals they are inspired by!

Ages 4-6:

July 27-31, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
July 27-31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

July 27-31, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
July 27-31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

July 27-31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Creature Features

Did you know that some wildlife species have tongues that grasp, noses with amazing suction power, and tiny horns? Explore the world of adaptations—what they are, and how they help animals survive in their native habitats!

Ages 4-6:

July 20-24, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
July 20-24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

July 20-24, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
July 20-24, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

July 20-24, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Nature's Got Talent



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Who are the fastest, strongest, and most extreme athletes in the animal kingdom? Come explore how animals use their amazing skills to survive in the wild. Discover who has the most amazing voice and which animal has the best dance moves as we experience the best reality show of all.... wild animals!

Ages 4-6:

August 3-7, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
August 3-7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-8:

August 3-7, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**
August 3-7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 8-13:

August 3-7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Mystery Mayhem

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Experience the thrill of the Unknown...

Ages 6-8:

August 10-15, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. **OR**

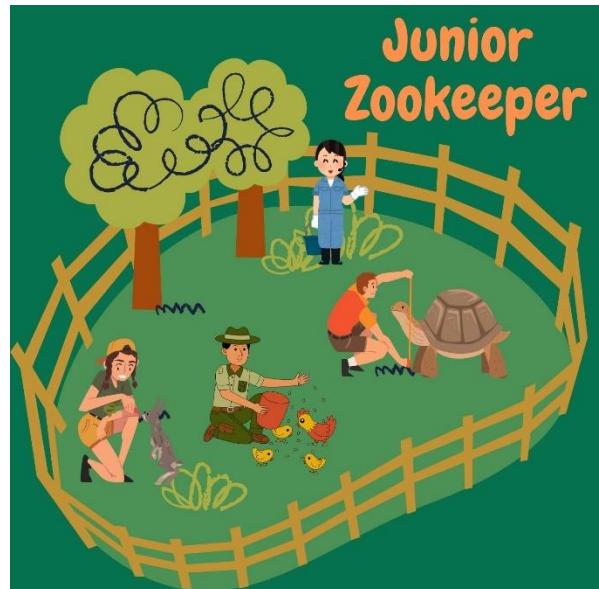
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Ages 8-13:

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Junior ZooKeeper - Ages 11-15

Do you dream about working with animals? Here is your chance to work alongside our Children's Zoo, Reptile and Horse Barn Keepers plus help prepare the animal diets. Learn about zoo animals and how they are cared for while participating in a hands-on fun-filled day. Afternoons are spent making animal enrichments, visiting "behind the scene" areas and participating in conservation activities. You can apply to volunteer at the zoo upon completion of this program.



Please respect the age ranges.

Do not choose more than one session of this program each summer. It will be different from year to year

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