

GLADYS PORTER ZOO

SATURDAY SAFARI



Fun at the Zoo

Enroll your child for Saturday morning fun at the Zoo. You can join, too! Register now for any or all of the classes to reserve your space. Zoo tour included in each class as well as....

Arts & Crafts

Animal Encounters

Snacks

Tuition: \$15 per child or adult (\$5 discount for Zoo Members)

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Age: 4 years and up

Pre-Registration Required

Space is limited to 16 students

Call: 956-548-WILD (9453) to register or for more information.

www.gpz.org; email: educ@gpz.org

Classes are designed to give students an opportunity to learn more about exotic animals in the wild and in human care and about the staff dedicated to the conservation of endangered species. Students will have plenty of hands-on activities to make each class both educational and memorable.

September 1 Animals Have Class

Learn about different types of animals, and get on your way to becoming an expert at identifying them.

September 8 Incredible Hawks

They are truly incredible and fascinating. Come meet some of the Zoo's birds of prey, up close and personal!

September 15 Tortuga Tales

There are seven species of sea turtles in the world. Learn about those that come visit the Texas coast every year!

September 22 Herbivores vs. Carnivores

An animal's teeth can tell us a lot about their diet. Sharp teeth are needed to eat meat, while flat teeth are best for grinding leaves and the stems of plants. Discover what kind of teeth are in the jaws of some of the Zoo's animals.

September 29 Primarily Primates

They come in different sizes and colors. Some have tails while others don't. Come meet some of the Zoo's most charismatic animals. You will be fascinated by these inquisitive creatures.

October 6 Creature Feature

Do you know why animals have such unique characteristics? How can birds fly, fish swim, or polar bears survive freezing temperatures? Let's take a closer look at some Zoo creatures and talk about their features.

October 13 Bee Friends

Do plants and animals make friends? Come learn about plant and animal relationships and how important they are for survival. You will be surprised to discover some of these interesting animal / plant connections.

October 20 Animal Tails

Long ones... short ones... they all have a good use. Let's search the Zoo for different and fascinating animal tails.

October 27 Creatures of the Night

The sun sets and it's time to get up and search for something to eat. These creatures come out at night. This is your chance to learn all about the animals that hunt in the dark and those that use the night to hide from others.

November 3 Living Dinosaurs

Scientists believe that modern birds are decedents of dinosaurs. This makes birds even more fascinating! Do you know your birds? Let's explore the zoo for birds. Some have long legs; some have webbed feet; and some are quite large. Let's see who can spot the most birds.

November 10 Habitat Sweet Habitat

Learn where and what animals consider home. Identify various animal homes by the elements present that make it perfectly suitable for living.

November 17 Who's on the Menu?

All living things have a connection to one another, like links in a chain. Come explore "links" in food chains and what makes up the food web.

December 1 River Giants

Lurking among the plants in the water is a master hunter ready to pounce and devour an unsuspecting fish. Alligator gar are common in fresh waters in the southern U.S. and can grow up to 10 feet in length.

December 8 Toys for the Animals

Playing is serious business for zoo animals. Spending time looking for food and exploring their environment is great exercise for them. Help make "toys" so that they can get their daily exercise and then watch them play.

December 15 Pets 101

Are you ready for a pet? Come learn from the animal experts about taking care of animals. Get your pet questions answered at the Zoo.