

GLADYS PORTER ZOO

SATURDAY SAFARI



Fun at the Zoo

Enroll your child for Saturday afternoon 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: 4yrs. 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 captivity and about staff dedicated to the conservation of these endangered species. Students will have plenty of hands-on activities to make each class memorable and educational.

January 20 Animal Coverings

Discover the different types and reasons for animal coverings. Find out what animals thick skins and which wear armor.

January 27 Sharks and Rays?

Sharks and rays are some of the ocean's most fascinating animals. Come to the Zoo for a special encounter with these interesting creatures.

February 3 Top Zoo Chef

Zoo dieticians have to prepare meals for lots of animals every day. Come help feed some of the zoo's animals after you learn what they eat.

February 17 Incredible Hawk

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

February 24 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.

March 10 The Fast and the Furry

Come learn about large wild cats and their attributes that makes them apex predators.

- March 12 -16 Jr. Zookeeper Camp** (Min. Age: 7) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$175 or \$155 for members)
Join the few, the proud, and the hard-working staff that gets to work with wild animals. Find out what it takes to take care of animals and get to help with some of the daily chores at the zoo. The Starlight Safari sleepover is at 6:30 pm on March 17th. Thirty-minute early drop off and late pick up can be arranged. Call or email the Education Department.
- March 24 Flying Mammals**
Explore the world of bats and get a chance to visit the Zoo's "Bat Cave".
- March 31 If I Ran the Zoo**
Learn what it takes to keep animals in a zoo. Go behind the scenes to learn more about zoo operations.
- April 7 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 this interesting animal plant connections.
- April 14 Tortuga Tales**
There are seven species of sea turtles in the world. Learn about the sea turtles that visit the Texas coast.
- April 28 What's bugging you?**
Insects are a group of small-sized animals that have six legs, four wings, two antennae, and three body parts. Learn what else separates an insect from other creatures.
- May 12 Creature Feature**
Do you know why animals have such unique characteristics? How can birds fly, fish swim and polar bears survive freezing temperatures? Let's take a closer look at some the zoo creatures and talk features.
- May 19 Extreme Life-cycles**
What creature begins its life with no wings, but can eventually fly? Some of the world's smallest creatures undergo the most extreme physical changes during their life cycle. Come see first-hand the metamorphosis of some of the zoo's creatures.
- May 26 Habitat Sweet Habitat**
Learn what animals consider home. Identify various animal homes by the elements present that make it perfectly suitable for living.