

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

Pre-Registration: \$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 14 Animals have Class

Learn about different types of animals and be on your way to become an expert at identifying them.

September 21 Incredible Hawk

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

September 28 Tortuga Tales

There are seven species of sea turtles in the world. Learn about the sea turtles that visit the Texas coast.

October 5 Rays and Sharks

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

October 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 about features.

October 19 Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

Come meet the Zoo's beautiful bugs and learn about many different kinds of arthropods. Get a special tour of the Butterfly Exhibit.

October 26 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 2 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 9 Habitat Sweet Habitat

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

November 16 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.

November 23 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 7 Sounds of the Rainforest

Learn about animal calls. Why do some animals have loud calls while others try to remain as quiet as possible?

December 14 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