Summer Safari 2022

Pre-K and Kinder

What is your child doing this summer? Why not spend an exciting summer learning at the Zoo? Visit the largest reptiles at the Zoo. Come learn what helps animals move. Come learn all about otters and get a closer look. There is something in the dark. What is the difference between a monkey and an ape? Learn what it takes to feed hundreds of animals at the Zoo. Help feed some of the hungry Zoo animals.

The Frog Factor 602612
June 7 and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Some frogs are tiny. They all need water to survive.

Night Hunters 613212
June 13 and 14 a.m. to 9 a.m. Learn what nocturnal predators good hunters?

Nut Crackers 613222
June 15 and 16 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Birds are the best nutcrackers! See them in action.

Lemur Landing 620812
June 4 and 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Several different types of lemurs live at the Zoo. Get a close look and learn all you can about these prosimians.

Saus & Pythons 602622
June 6 and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Some can get as long as a bus. Most of these python constructors are good hunters.

Nut Crackers 613222
Men and women in the group toiled to help feed some of the hungry Zoo animals.

Expo-tourists 627212
June 21 and 20 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Step back in time on a special expedition to learn more about dragons.

Wild & Stinky 622212
June 22 and 23 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Learn why some animals stink and smell them up close.

What’s on the Menu 620212
June 20 and 21 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Learn what it takes to feed hundreds of animals at the Zoo. Help feed some of the hungry Zoo animals.

Sleepover: 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Children must be picked up promptly at 5:15 p.m. in order to be accepted and meet the primates living at the Zoo.

Fishing Mammals 725212
July 25 and 26 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Learn what it takes to feed hundreds of animals at the Zoo.

It’s an Otter Day 722512
July 22 and 23 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Reptile Rally 722712
July 27 and 28 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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World of Rodents 727222
July 27 and 28 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Giant Tortoises 802222
Sept. 10 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Toad-a-ly Awesome 801222
Aug. 10 and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Baby Primates 803222
Aug. 3 and 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Baby apes and monkeys are cute and need special care.

Lion’s Pride 803222
Aug. 3 and 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Come meet the King of the Jungle as you learn all about lions.

Animal Tree House 808222
Aug. 8 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Learn what it takes to feed hundreds of animals at the Zoo. Help feed some of the hungry Zoo animals.

Animal Munchies 801222
Jan. 1 and 2 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Many animals have pouches to carry their babies. Let’s explore the Zoo for marsupials.

Wild and Gossi Mammals 801222
Aug. 1 and 2 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Learn why some animals stink and do gross things.

Peach Puff 801222
Aug. 8 and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Book of Survival 808222
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River Giants 620121
June 21 and 20 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lemurs are good at climbing trees, which are their favorite habitat at the Zoo. Come get a closer look.

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Sword Creatures 801222
June 17 and 18 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Swamp many primates live at the Zoo. There is a world of fascinating creatures here that you can learn about on a safari tour.

Arachnid Academy 711212
July 11 and 12 a.m. to 9 p.m.
These are large spiders that live at the Zoo. Learn about these fascinating creatures that live in the trees.

Call of the Wild 712212
July 13 and 14 a.m. to 4 p.m.
What do animals in the wild know how to do? Watch as wild animals perform their tricks.

Animal Senses 711222
July 13 and 14 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Frogy Family 808112
Aug. 3 and 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Learn what makes a frog a hippo”.

Happy Hippo 801112
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Camps and Starlight Sleepovers

Camps are four days long and start on Mondays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All camps include a Starlight Safari sleepover on Fridays. The sleepover part of the camps takes place overnight on Friday (the 5th day) at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8 a.m. on Saturday (the 6th day). Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided daily, courtesy of the Texas Department of Agriculture’s Summer Nutrition Program and BISD.

Please call the Education Department (956 548-9453, ext. 337) for additional information.

1st and 2nd Grades

**Zoo Safari Camp:** Go on a safari at the Zoo! Explore Australia, Africa, Asia and South America. Get to know what species of animals are found in each region.

- **Session 60633:** June 6 to June 9 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 10 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 704234:** July 4 to July 7 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 8 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Rainforest Discovery Camp:** Learn why rainforests are important, what animals live there and how you can help conserve them. Meet some of the Zoo’s animals that come from rainforests. This is a fun way to learn more about some very cool creatures!

- **Session 613234:** June 13 to June 16 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 17 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 718234:** July 18 to July 21 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 22 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Desert Discovery Camp:** A desert may be a harsh environment for any living creature, yet several species have managed to survive and even thrive under these dry and tough conditions of a desert habitat. Come learn who they are and what special features and behavior make them desert survivors.

- **Session 620234:** June 20 to June 23 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 24 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Fish Tales Camp:** Come explore the underwater world of fish. Learn what fish make our seas, gulf and river their home. The Starlight Sleepover of the camp will take place at Russell Aquatic Ecology Center. Don’t miss a chance to “sleep with the fish.”

- **Session 627234:** June 21 to June 30 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 1 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 726234:** July 25 to July 28 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 29 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Creature Feature Camp:** This is your opportunity to learn everything you ever wanted to know about tails, feet, arms and body coverings! See animals up close and meet some of the staff who care for them. Bring walking shoes to go on special tours behind the scenes.

- **Session 711234:** July 11 to July 14 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 15 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 808234:** August 8 to August 11 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and August 12 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Cats of the Wild Camp:** There are over 35 species of cats in the world, and they range in size from very large to fairly small. Come discover which cat is the biggest, smallest and strongest. Spend some time with the Zoo’s felines.

- **Session 801234:** August 1 to August 4 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and August 5 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

**Wild Texas Camp:** What is the biggest predator in South Texas? Which animal is found in abundance and which ones are threatened? Come find out the answers to these questions and learn much more about the fascinating creatures found in nearby areas in South Texas.

- **Session 60633:** June 6 to June 9 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 10 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 80833:** August 8 to August 11 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and August 12 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Junior Zookeeper Camp:** Learn all about the most important job at a Zoo... zookeeping. Meet the keeper! You might be asked to help clean out exhibits, feed some animals or do some other exciting part of a zookeeper's job. Get familiar with the tools and techniques of the trade.

- **Session 620333:** June 20 to June 23 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 24 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 711333:** July 11 to July 14 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 15 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Habitat Sweet Habitat Camp:** Every living thing needs a home. A good animal home needs to have at least enough food, water, space and shelter for survival. Some animals need a lot of space, while others hardly any. Come discover what a good habitat is for some of the world’s most interesting animals. Explore the Zoo in search of examples of animal habitats.

- **Session 801333:** Aug 1 to Aug 4 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 5 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 711333:** July 11 to July 14 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 15 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Rainforest Adventure Camp:** Learn some fascinating differences between rainforests and other types of forests. See some of the animals that come from rainforests around the world.

- **Session 613333:** June 13 to June 16 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and June 17 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 704333:** July 4 to July 7 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 8 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**Aquatic Adventure Camp:** Spend some time learning about underwater ecology at the Russell Aquatic Ecology Center. At the end of the camp, “sleep with the fish.” The Starlight Sleepover of the camp will take place in the aquatic center.

- **Session 627333:** June 27 to June 30 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 1 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- **Session 725333:** July 25 to July 28 -- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and July 29 -- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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**Starlight Sleepover**

**July 30th**

Challenge your senses to observe nocturnal animals! Tour the Zoo at night! It's a sleepover in a nice air-conditioned building. Enjoy games, a pizza party, an early morning outdoor breakfast and more! Call to get to schedule yours.

For adults and children over 7 years of age living in the same household.

- **Times:** 6:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.
- **Cost:** $35 per person. This includes a pizza dinner party, zoo tour, games, breakfast, drinks & fun night-time activities!!

**What to bring:**Weather-appropriate clothing; sturdy walking shoes, small flashlight, insect repellent, toiletries, sleeping bag or blankets and a pillow.

**Information and Reservations:** Education Department (956) 548-WILD (9453) ext. 337

**Zoo Main Office** (956) 546-7187

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**Cost for each Week Camp includes the cost for the Starlight Sleepover**

- **$175** members
- **$200** non-members