

John Ball Zoo Summer Camps

Member registration begins March 16

Non-member registration begins March 28

June 13-16		June 20 & 21	June 22 & 23	June 27-30		July 6 & 7	July 11-14		July 18 & 19	July 20 & 21	July 25-28		August 1 & 2	August 3 & 4	August 8 & 9	August 10 & 11	August 15 & 16	August 17 & 18
9am-11:30am	1pm-3:30pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-11:30am	1pm-3:30pm	9am-4pm	9am-11:30am	1pm-3:30pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-11:30am	1pm-3:30pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm
Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	On the Move 4 yr. olds	Home Sweet Home 5-K	Zoo Menu 5-K	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	Critter Coverings 4 yr. olds	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Sensory Zoo 3 yr. olds	Fancy Feet 4 yr. olds	Now You See Me.. 5-K	Unhuggables 5-K	Critter Tales 3 yr. olds	On the Move 4 yr. olds	Unhuggables 5-K	Now You See Me... 5-K	Zoo Menu 5-K	Home Sweet Home 5-K	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	Master Tracker Grades 1-2
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Outback Odyssey Grades 1-2	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	Grossology Grades 5-6	Wildlife Explorer Grades 5-6	Unhuggables 5-K	Outback Odyssey Grades 1-2	Operation Zoo Grades 5-6	Animal Survivor Grades 1-2	Outback Odyssey Grades 1-2	Nature's Got Talent Grades 3-4	Around the World Grades 3-4	Zoo Menu 5-K	Outback Odyssey Grades 1-2	Wildlife Explorer Grades 5-6	Operation Zoo Grades 5-6	Grossology Grades 5-6	Wildlife Explorer Grades 5-6		
Walk on the Wild Side Grades 3-4	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Zoo Vet Grades 7-9	Junior Keeper Grades 7-9	Fantastic Felines Grades 1-2	Around the World Grades 3-4	Zoo Careers Grades 7-9	Animals in Action Grades 3-4	Aquatic Adventures Grades 3-4	Operation Zoo Grades 5-6	Grossology Grades 5-6	Master Tracker Grades 1-2	Walk on the Wild Side Grades 3-4	Junior Keeper Grades 7-9	Zoo Vet Grades 7-9	Zoo Careers Grades 7-9	Junior Keeper Grades 7-9		

3 Year Old

For children 3 years* of age by the first day of class.

Sensory Zoo

Have a sense-sational time at the Zoo as we explore the Zoo using our senses. We'll smell, see, hear, and touch our way through the Zoo, discovering lots of different animals along the way. Games, songs, up-close animal encounters, and more await!

Critter Tales

Come discover the animals in the Zoo that have helped inspire some of our favorite stories! Each day will introduce a new story and a Zoo adventure to meet the real critter from our animal tale. Up-close animal encounters, games, and crafts await your little critter in this class!

Questions?

Call (616) 336-4302 or visit us at jbzoo.org.

*Proof of age is required with registration

4 Year Old

For children 4 years* of age by the first day of class.

Fancy Feet

Webbed, padded, feet with claws, sticky toes, two feet, four feet, and many feet...feet are neat! Why do different animals have different feet and move in different ways? You'll be head over heels about this class!

Critter Coverings

Fuzzy fur, fluffy feathers, sturdy scales, or slippery slime...which would you choose? Animals are protected by their unique body coverings. This is a hands-on approach to learning about our favorite animal groups: fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles, and mammals!

On the Move

Can you swing like a monkey? Hop like a wallaby? Slither like a snake? Animals can get around, and you will too as we jump into this fun-filled and moving exploration of locomotion.

5 Year Old – Kindergarten

For children 5 years of age by the first day of class or those entering Kindergarten this fall.

Now You See Me, Now You Don't

Animals play the ultimate game of hide and seek, and so will we! Explore the different ways animals hide. Discover who's using camouflage, mimicry, and warning colors to survive.

Unhuggables

They might be prickly, stinky, slimy, or have a face only a mother could love. Change that "eww!" to a "wow!" as we find out why these animals deserve our respect and admiration... even if from a distance.

Zoo Menu

What does a lion eat? What will a monkey munch? We'll learn how animals are adapted to getting and eating specific foods, and see special foods Zoo animals eat to stay healthy.

Home Sweet Home

Do barn owls really live in barns? Do tree frogs like trees? Animals can live in some unusual places. Discover what makes a good home for wildlife in nature, and in your backyard.

Grades 1–2

For students entering 1st or 2nd grade this fall.

Animology

Animals abound as we discover mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and amphibians. What makes each of them unique? How do they fit in the animal kingdom? This is the class with class...classification!

Outback Odyssey

The animals found down under in Australia have all kinds of unique adaptations. We'll learn about a variety of animals as we marvel at marsupials, buddy up with budgies, and leap with lizards.

Fantastic Felines

Join us as we jump into the amazing world of felines. Are all cats alike? Why do lions roar and house cats meow? Are all spots the same? We've got the purrrfect class for you!

Animal Survivor

Camouflage, defenses, food, shelter...living in nature is challenging, even for animals. Play a thrilling game of camouflage, put your opossum skills to the test, and learn what it takes to be an animal survivor!

Master Tracker

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

Grades 3–4

For students entering 3rd or 4th grade this fall.

Aquatic Adventures

Dive deep into Earth's aquatic habitats. We'll explore everything from shallow marshlands to the depths of the ocean. Join us for a fascinating exploration of watery worlds.

Walk on the Wild Side

Embark on a journey through the wilds of JBZ. Explore the park as we track turtles, find frogs, and inspect insects. Head into the Zoo to ogle at otters, spy on snakes, and track tigers. This class is sure to be a wild time!

Around the World

We're going global! It's nonstop fun as we explore the wilds, animals, and cultures of the world while learning how the Zoo reaches out to help wildlife. No passport required!

Nature's Got Talent

From the runway to extreme makeover: home edition, animals have got all the talent! Discover who has the most amazing voice or great dance moves as we experience the best reality shows of all...wild animals!

Animals in Action

Help keep the animals at the top of their game. Discover how zookeepers use enrichment to keep animals thinking and moving. We'll design our own tools as well as create new ones for the animals. This class will keep everyone's mind moving!

Grades 5–6

For students entering 5th or 6th grade this fall.

Operation Zoo

So you want to run a Zoo? Take the role of Zoo Director as you pick a species, create a plan, and design a new habitat! We'll investigate different animal diets, size, habitats, social groups, and physical features to understand what it takes to create the best new home for your animal.

Grossology

Prepare to be grossed out as we explore the gross and disgusting science of the animal world! Why do some animals shoot out their guts, eat their poop, or have slime on their bodies? This class is oozing with interaction.

Wildlife Explorer

Come explore the world of wildlife biologists in a hands-on class discovering how biologists catch, tag, and follow animals in the wild. We will get the chance to use our new skills and some telemetry equipment as we track animals in the park.

Grades 7–9

For students entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade this fall.

Junior Keeper

Find out just what it takes to be a keeper. You'll get a chance to try your hand at training, explore how keepers use enrichment to engage the animals, and test your knowledge on animal diets.

Zoo Vet

It's time for a check-up and you get to be the vet! Using the tools of the trade, learn what our veterinary staff does to keep the animals healthy.

*Due to the safety of the animals and students, direct contact will be restricted to ambassador animals only.

Zoo Careers

It takes more than just animal staff to keep the Zoo running smoothly. This class will highlight popular jobs like zookeepers and vet staff while also introducing some of the lesser known options found at the Zoo. From keeping track of animal records to creating a fun social media post with marketing, this camp will be a fun exploration for a variety of careers.