

SUMMER ZOOCAMP THEMES

JUN 7 - AUG 6, 2027

OAKLAND ZOO

THEME CALENDAR



Campers may attend up to two sessions, **without** repeating the same theme. The two sessions can be back-to-back or spaced out, and campers may do either theme first.

SESSION	THEME
1	A
2	B
3	A
4	B

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4	B
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5	A
6	B
7	A

SESSION	THEME
8	B

*No camp week of July 5-9

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

BUSY BEASTS
KINDERGARTEN

THEME A

Producers, Consumers, Decomposers, Oh My!

What's on the menu? Depends on who you ask! Your camper will learn the difference between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores.

Session 1: June 7-11
Session 3: June 21-25
Session 5: July 12-16
Session 7: July 26-30



Busy Beasts meeting an African millipede at their animal close-up experience



Busy Beasts looking for well-camouflaged frogs in the lily pond

THEME B

Blending In or Standing Out?

Some animals have stripes, others have spots, and some have neither! Your camper will discover why animals may or may not have patterns to help with survival in the wild!

Session 2: June 14-18
Session 4: July 5-9
Session 6: July 19-23
Session 8: August 2-6

FURRY FRIENDS

1ST GRADE

THEME A

Home Is Where the Habitat Is

Where in the world do you find this animal? This week will be focused on all things habitat: where they are, what makes them special, and who lives within them.



Furry Friends exploring the turtle habitat in the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Room



Furry Friends posing as meerkats

THEME B

"Caw"-"Moo"-"Neigh"-cation

Ever wonder how other species communicate? Animals talk by vocalizing, moving, smelling, touching, and more! Your camper will spend the week discovering how different species chat with each other.

THEME A

Construction by Critters

When a habitat changes, an animal must either figure it out, or get out! Learn about habitat changes and how an animal's physical or behavioral adaptations help them survive in an ever-changing environment.



Animal Adventurers meeting the American Bison behind-the-scenes

ANIMAL ADVENTURERS

2ND & 3RD GRADE



A group of Animal Adventurers exploring the nest at the California Trail Playground

THEME B

Born This Way

Animals can grow and develop in a variety ways. Learn about different life cycles of animals and how some animals look very different at the beginning of their lives from the end.

THEME A

Humans Are a Whole Different Animal

While humans are in fact animals, our behavior has a major affect on wildlife around the world. This week, campers will learn about ways we impact the natural environment.



Eco Explorers riding the gondola up to the California Trail

ECO EXPLORERS

4TH & 5TH GRADE



Campers creating their own cryptid based on real animal features

THEME B

Camp Cryptid

Campers will become cryptid researchers as they investigate the origin of mythical creatures, classify their adaptations, and design habitats based on their unique needs.

THEME A

Caught in Traffick

Campers will learn about some of the different species impacted by the illegal wildlife trade and how they can support the efforts working to save them.



Conservation Crew ahead of visiting rescued wildlife at the Veterinary Hospital

CONSERVATION CREW

6TH - 8TH GRADE



Conservation Crew campers around the Zoo

THEME B

Wildlife Conservation Warriors

What native wildlife lives on and around our property? In addition to getting to know the Zoo's animals, campers will explore how wildlife biologists research and conserve wildlife in the field.