

Summer Zoo Camp

AGES 3–17

June 27–August 26, 2022

Choose from nine fun-filled weeks of hands-on activities, games, crafts and animal encounters.

SPACES FILL QUICKLY – ACT FAST!



Registration Information

Pre-register online at
[rosamondgiffordzoo.org/](https://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-zoo-camp)
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Online registration begins at

9 a.m. March 2 members
9 a.m. March 16 non-member

Register online to find out instantly if your camper is placed into the camp he/she wants!

To make this process as fair as possible, we do not accept phone or in-person registrations.

MEMBERS: Your membership account number is required to receive your member discount. We encourage you to pre-register, beginning February 18, to help facilitate your registration.

Membership Status Questions?
Contact Membership department at
(315) 435-8511 x8537.

Camp Registration Questions?
Contact the Education department at
(315) 435-8511 x8559.

What can I expect with the new camp management system?

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo has implemented a **new camp software system that will streamline and improve the registration process**, record keeping, attendance and safety and wellness of your child(ren). All personal, emergency, and medical information will be entered and kept securely and immediately accessible to camp staff, increasing our ability to perform to the highest quality. You can even sign up for a payment plan with a qualifying deposit at no extra cost! Parents will be able to purchase items such as additional shirts, hats and water bottles and purchase meal plans! Education staff will be available to assist with learning and manipulating the new system.

Members: Please make sure your membership is up to date prior to **March 2**. A membership discount code will be provided to members prior to the registration date. You will need your membership number prior to registration to receive the discount. Please note that the participant must be covered under the membership account number to receive the discount. If non-members utilize the membership discount and membership registration period you will be refunded and placed on the waitlist to be contacted when non-member registration begins. Call membership at (315) 435-8511 x8537 for any questions or concerns related to your membership account or to sign up for a membership.

What if I want to mail in my registration?

Mail-in registrations will no longer be accepted or processed. Please contact the Education department at (315) 435-8511 x8559 for assistance with registering online for the best possible service and experience.

Can I register more than one child?

Yes! Registering multiple children for sessions is easy in our new system!

My child is smart for his age; can I register him for an 'older' class?

We feel that campers can maximize their Zoo Camp experience by interacting with peers at their own age level. All sessions offer hands-on learning that is age appropriate. Please contact the camp director with any questions or concerns.

What if the week I want is filled?

You will have the opportunity to be added to the wait list during the registration process. If space becomes available during the waiting period, we will notify all parties on the waiting list in the order received.

Before and After Care is available for children who need to arrive early or be picked up late.

Before and After Care may include games or quiet reading and is not part of the normal zoo curriculum. Before Care runs 8 - 9 a.m. and After Care runs 4–5 p.m. You may register your camper for one or both sessions. Cost is \$50 per week per camper for either session; \$75 per week per camper for both sessions. Before and After Care is not offered per diem; you must register and pay for the full week. Pre-registration is required- no drop-ins. If you are late picking up your camper from the regular camp day or Before and After Care, late fees will apply.



ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION
BEGINS February 18

ONLINE REGISTRATION
BEGINS AT 9 A.M.

March 2: Members
March 16: Non-Members



Summer Zoo Camp Sessions



Summer Camp at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo is going full STEAM ahead in 2022!

With brand new STEM-based themes and an overall re-focus on STEAM programming, we are committed to bringing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to our Summer Camp in 2022! **Observe, design, create, build and analyze** in one of the most exciting and interesting places possible, the zoo. Hands on learning and experiences have never been more fun!

WHAT'S NEW IN 2022?

- **Brand new camp management system** that will streamline and improve registration, maintaining health and safety and attendance
- **Increased offerings** including an additional week of camp August 22-26
- The option to **pre-order lunches** from Catering at the Zoo
- **Pre-order of additional camp items** such as hats and water bottles
- **Payment plan** with qualifying deposit

Most camp sessions run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Before and After Care available and runs from 8-9 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.
Exceptions are noted where applicable.



Summer Zoo Camp Schedule:

Week 1 (June 27-July 1)

Ages 3 & 4: Wild Wardrobe (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Wild Wardrobe (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Grossology
Ages 8 & 9: Jr Vet Camp
Ages 14-16: Zoo Crew (begins at 8 a.m.)
(2-week program)

Week 2 (July 5-July 8)

Ages 3 & 4: I Like to Move It! (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: I Like to Move It! (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Red, White & Zoo!
Ages 8 & 9: Grossology
Ages 10 & 11: Wild About Art
Ages 14-16: Zoo Crew
(continuation of 2-week program)
*Please note due to the 4th of July holiday, there is no class on Monday

Week 3 (July 11- July 15)

Ages 3 & 4: Zoo Tales (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Zoo Tales (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Project: EcosySTEM
Ages 8 & 9: Animal Engineers
Ages 10 & 11: Jr. Vet Camp
Ages 15-17: Zoo Crew 2.0 (begins at 8 a.m.)
(2-week program/By invitation or application only)

Week 4 (July 18- July 22)

Ages 3 & 4: Jr. Vet Camp (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Jr. Vet Camp (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Animal Engineers
Wild About Art
Ages 8 & 9: Project: EcosySTEM
Ages 15-17: Zoo Crew 2.0
(Continuation of 2-week program)

Week 5 (July 25- July 29)

Ages 3 & 4: Animal Antics (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Animal Antics (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Jr. Vet Camp
Ages 8 & 9: Wild About Art
Ages 10 & 11: Project: EcosySTEM
Ages 12-14: Jr. Zookeepers (begins at 8 a.m.)

Week 6 (August 1- August 5)

Ages 3 & 4: Colorful Creatures (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Colorful Creatures (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Animal Myths & Legends
Bizarre Animal Behavior
Ages 8 & 9: Jr. Vet Camp
Ages 12-14: Jr. Zookeepers (begins at 8 a.m.)
*After Care not available on August 5

Week 7 (August 8- August 12)

Ages 3 & 4: Jr. Vet Camp (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Jr. Vet Camp (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Wild About Art
Ages 8 & 9: Bizarre Animal Behavior
Ages 10 & 11: Animal Myths & Legends
Ages 12-14: Jr. Zookeepers (begins at 8 a.m.)

Week 8 (August 15- August 19)

Ages 3 & 4: Animal ABCs (9 a.m.-noon)
Age 5: Animal ABCs (1-4 p.m.)
Ages 6 & 7: Jr. Vet Camp
Ages 8 & 9: Animal Myths & Legends
Ages 11-14: EcosySTEM Explorers Field Trip Camp
Ages 13-15: Jr. Zookeepers 2.0 (begins at 8 a.m.)
(by invitation or application only)

Week 9 (August 22- August 26)

Ages 6-10: Magnificent Animal Mythology

Frequently Asked Questions:

What can my child expect at Zoo Camp?

Your child will participate in fun, hands-on learning that explores every aspect of our zoo. We provide every child with a camp T-shirt, drawstring backpack and snacks each day. Each camper is expected to wear the camp T-shirt daily in order to identify them as a zoo camper to the public and zoo staff. If you would like to purchase additional T-shirts, please order online during the registration process.

What are the qualifications of the Zoo Camp staff?

All staff members have experience working with children. Camp staff pass a criminal background check and receive extensive training before camp starts. The camp director and other zoo staff are trained in CPR and first aid.

What if my camper has special needs?

Please contact the camp director, Christian Delmotte, at zoocamp@rosamondgiffordzoo.org prior to registration to discuss your child's needs.

Will my child be able to go into exhibits with the animals?

We have a variety of outreach animals that your child may encounter such as snakes, insects and small mammals, and older campers may have the opportunity to go behind the scenes with keepers. For the safety of your children and our animals, contact with most animals is prohibited.

What are the policies regarding Covid-19?

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo will follow all protocols as mandated by the Onondaga County Health Department and indicated in the Reopening New York: Child Care and Day Camp Programs Guidelines.

Can I stay with my child during camp hours?

Zoo camp is about making new friends and memories, and parents at camp can inhibit a child's experience. Therefore, we ask that parents refrain from staying with children during camp.

What if my child needs medication?

Zoo Camp instructors are prohibited by law from administering any medication to children at Zoo Camp except for Epi-pens in an emergency. Campers capable of self-medication must submit the provided form signed by both their doctor and a parent. Camp staff can assist with the application of sunscreen and insect repellent with written permission.

Why do I need my driver's license to pick up my child?

For your child's safety, we require that every person picking your child up from Zoo Camp be registered with our instructors. Before your child can leave zoo grounds, the designated person picking him/her up must provide a photo ID and check out your child.

What if I need to cancel?

If your child is enrolled and you must cancel for any reason, your registration fee is non-refundable unless a child on the waiting list can fill your space. In the event the cancelled space is filled, a \$25 processing fee will be deducted from your refund.

Will there be an option to purchase lunch for my child?

Catering at the Zoo will offer a weekly meal plan that can be purchased during registration or added later. Please note that last-minute and day-of requests may not be honored based on availability.



Please visit our camp page for the full menu at rosamondgiffordzoo.org/summer-zoo-camp.

Camp Pricing

Members receive a 7% discount on all camp sessions

Half Day (Ages 3&4, 5) **\$175**

Week 2 Exception (July 4 holiday) **\$145**

Full Day (Ages 6&7, 8&9, 10&11) **\$285**

Week 2 Exception (July 4 holiday) **\$235**

Jr. Zookeeper Camp (Ages 12-14) **\$450**

Jr. Zookeeper Camp 2.0 (Ages 13-15) **\$520**

Field Trip Camp (Ages 11-14) **\$325**

Zoo Crew (Ages 14-16) **\$555**

Zoo Crew 2.0 (Ages 15-17) **\$615**

Need help navigating our new camp management and registration system? Come in person for one-on-one assistance:

Pre-Registration Assistance:

February 18 and March 1 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Member Registration Assistance:

March 2 and March 4 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For questions, please contact the Education department at (315) 435-8511 x8559 or email zoocamp@rosamondgiffordzoo.org.

