

The Zoological
Society of Milwaukee's

FALL

ZOO

CLASSES

2021



We are excited to introduce our new Vice President of Programs, Beth Heller, who is delighted to be here!

She brings nearly 30 years of program leadership to her new role, including twenty-one years at the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, designing and leading classes for all ages (ages 4-99 years!) in the Catskill Mountains of New York, early childhood and wildlife care experience in New Mexico and teaching biology in a public high school. Beth is drawn to the Zoo's focus on global conservation and the practices of engaging children and adults in exploring their own empathy for wildlife. She aims for students to have fun while they experience empathy for animals, build ecological understanding and discover connections to wildlife right here in our own city.



We know you're excited about our classes, and we want to make your child's educational experience rewarding. Please read and familiarize yourself with important information, such as our health and safety precautions and general classroom policies on the last page.

NEW AGE GROUP!

STROLLER SAFARI: STAY AND PLAY

Age infant-2 with one adult | \$20 Zoo Pass members
\$30 non-members

Stroll through the Zoo on these guided tours designed specifically for one-on-one learning time for you and your child! Programs are no-touch and include songs, puppets, stories and more. Each program includes time at our off-exhibit Nature Play site, allowing you and your child to explore the forest together! We recommend wearing close-toed shoes such as snow boots, warm clothing such as mittens, hats and winter coats, and bringing your stroller along. All classes begin in the atrium of the Conservation Education building. Tour takes place outside snow, rain or shine.

BUMPY, SLIMY, SCALY!

See bumpy alligators, slimy fish and scaly snakes as we venture through the Aquatic & Reptile Center. Explore textures with your little one as we learn songs, rhymes and sign language for these animals that you can practice at home. We'll continue our search for more textures in the Zoo's forest.

8:30-9:30 a.m.
November 11, 14, 15, 18, 22, 29
December 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 20

10:15-11:15 a.m.
November 14, 15, 18, 22, 29
December 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 20



Photo by Bob Wickland

AGE 3

with one adult | \$28 Zoo Pass members
\$38 non-members

HANGIN' OUT WITH BATS

Swoop into our nighttime classroom to learn about bats. Use a flashlight to explore the bat cave, practice sleeping "upside down" and make a bat costume, complete with wings. Fly to the Small Mammals Building to watch these nocturnal mammals in action.

9:45-11:15 a.m.
November 9, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 30
December 2, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19

1-2:30 p.m.
November 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 30
December 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19



Photo by Paul Ruffalo



AGES 4&5

child only or with one adult | \$39 Zoo Pass members
\$49 non-members

Sign up your child for a child-only class or attend with your child in a child & adult class.

CARIBOU TREK

How are caribou and reindeer the same and different? Which members of the deer family live at our Zoo? Explore our classroom tundra to learn about antlers that shed and hooves that click. Then join the herd as we migrate into the Zoo for an up-close look at these fascinating animals. Parent or Guardian note: Shhhh ... We'll have a special surprise visit from Santa or Mrs. Claus.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

November 20, 21
December 18-21

1-3:15 p.m.

November 20, 21
December 18-21

Child & Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

November 12, 14, 15, 19
December 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17

1-3:15 p.m.

November 14, 19
December 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17



Photo by Richard Broszeller

AGES 6-9

child only | \$39 Zoo Pass members
\$49 non-members

DEFENSE!

How would you escape a predator if you were a wild animal? Would you flee or fight? Become an expert on how animals protect themselves and explore their defense mechanisms. Decide for yourself whether camouflage, body armor, or speed would win in a battle of the fittest!

Ages 6&7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

November 20
December 5

1-3:30 p.m.

November 20
December 5

Ages 8&9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

November 21
December 11

1-3:30 p.m.

November 21
December 11

AGES 10&11

NEW!

child only | \$39 Zoo Pass members
\$49 non-members

MYSTERIES OF ARCHAEOPTERYX

Help dig up the past as we solve the mystery about one of the MOST famous fossils: Archaeopteryx. Solve the clues to help scientists finally decide if it's a bird or a reptile. Explore the Zoo to examine clues that can guide us to the answer.

9:15-11:45 a.m.

December 19

1-3:30 p.m.

December 19

FAMILY CLASS

NEW!

all ages | \$17 Zoo Pass members
\$27 non-members

BEWILDERING BATS

Have you ever wondered why bats are important creatures for us to protect on our Earth? Come learn about these fascinating flying mammals by observing them in the Small Mammals Building, spotting ideal bat habitat throughout the Zoo and creating a project that will help protect endangered bats in Wisconsin.

While we welcome family members of all ages, the content of this class is intended for children ages 3-14. Minimum of two registrants required and must include one adult (18 years or older) and one child. Children under the age of 1 are free to attend and do not need to be registered.

9:30-11:45 a.m.

December 12, 18

1-3:15 p.m.

December 12, 18



Photo by Paul Ruffalo



Register Online For Priority

[ZOOSOCIETY.ORG/FALL](https://zoosociety.org/fall)

Member registration begins October 13 at 9 a.m.

Non-member registration begins October 20 at 9 a.m.

PLEASE READ!

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are continually assessing community indicators to inform us of our status, and are reimagining Zoo Classes with reduced class sizes to ensure an engaging and safe experience for all. Classes that were offered in prior years may have modifications due to health and safety precautions, staffing limitations and/or innovation. All classes will adhere to Milwaukee County health and safety requirements. Our health and safety policies and best practices can be found online at zoosociety.org/fall prior to our registration date.

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES

Participants must be the appropriate age for a given class and no unregistered children may attend (including siblings). Exceptions on age are only made for children with special needs (please call Education prior to registration). Please only register for one date per class topic. If your child is attending a child-only class, an adult (18 years or older) must check the child in and provide the following information: emergency phone number, allergies/medications and names of adults authorized for pickup (only authorized adults with valid identification may pick up children). In addition, please do not meet or follow your child's group into the Zoo, as this is a distraction to the educational experience.

SNACK & FOOD ALLERGIES

We are no longer serving snacks in our classes due to COVID-19. Please pack a snack for your child and we will ensure that snacks are not shared among children due to food allergies. When registering, please complete the "participant information" form for our awareness with any food-related allergies or call our staff with updates at 414-258-5058.

MEDICAL, COGNITIVE, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL INFORMATION

When registering, please thoroughly complete the "participant information" form with any medical and/or cognitive, behavioral or physical information. We strive to provide an inclusive environment for all, and your information will help us make the class successful for your child! You can also call our staff with updates at 414-258-5058.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary depending on weather, road construction, school groups and events. Please check our website for events or call the Conservation Education Department in advance of your registered education program. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

CANCELLATIONS & REIMBURSEMENT

You Cancel – If you're unable to attend class, call at least 3 days before the class date and we will try to reschedule your child for another available date within November or December 2021. We do not issue refunds; however, you can offer your child's class to a friend of the same age.

We Cancel – The Conservation Education Department reserves the right to cancel classes. We will attempt to reschedule, accommodate your child in another class or process a reimbursement. For weather-related cancellations, refer to local news stations or call 414-258-5058.



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