

The Zoological
Society of
Milwaukee's



SPRING ZOO CLASSES



2024

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 the important information and policies on the last page.

STROLLER SAFARI

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 feature songs, puppets, stories and more. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes, dressing for the weather and bringing your stroller along. All classes begin in the atrium of the Conservation Education building. Tours take place outside rain or shine.

RED, BLUE & YELLOW, TOO

Discover the sounds and colors of birds at the Zoo's bird building. From black-and-white penguins to blue-and-yellow starlings, there are so many colors to see! Hear the squawk of the rhinoceros hornbill and learn a finger-play to practice color recognition with your little "chick."

8:45–9:45 a.m.	10:15–11:15 a.m.
Jan. 25, 26, 27, 30	Jan. 26, 27
Feb. 1, 2, 4, 7, 10	Feb. 1, 4, 7, 10

TRUNKS, TONGUES & TOES

Take a stroll as we visit some of the largest animals in the Zoo. Sing and rhyme as we learn about the long trunk of the elephant, the purple tongue of the giraffe and the huge toes of the hippo. Can you help your little "calf" find their nose, toes and tongue, too?

8:45–9:45 a.m.
Apr. 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 20

10:15–11:15 a.m.
Apr. 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20

STRIPES, SPOTS OR SOLIDS?

Let's go exploring to find our feline friends! Visit the big cats (and one that is small) as we have some furry fun. Practice pattern recognition, read a tiger book and learn a lion lullaby you can sing with your little "cub."

8:45–9:45 a.m.
Mar. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

10:15–11:15 a.m.
Mar. 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27

DEDITOS, TROMPITAS Y LENGÜITAS

Dé un paseo mientras visitamos algunos de los animales más grandes del zoológico. Cante y rime mientras aprendemos sobre la gran trompa del elefante, la lengua morada de la jirafa y los enormes dedos de los pies del hipopótamo. ¿Puedes ayudar a tu pequeñín a encontrar la nariz, los dedos de los pies y la lengua también?

8:45–9:45 a.m.
Apr. 21

10:15–11:15 a.m.
Apr. 21



AGE 2

with one adult | \$30 Zoo Pass members
\$40 non-members

COWS

Get "moo-ving" to the Zoo to learn about our farm friend, the cow. Play with cow puppets and milk a pretend cow in our classroom barn. Then, make your own cow costume before we head over to the Zoo's dairy barn to visit the cows.

8:45–9:45 a.m.	10:15–11:15 a.m.
Feb. 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 25, 28	Feb. 16, 17, 22, 25
Mar. 1, 3, 5	Mar. 3, 5

ZOO CAROUSEL

One, two, three, four! Join us in our colorful classroom to practice counting. Read a counting book and make a crazy carousel animal you can pretend to ride. Then, "round and round and round we'll go" as we take a ride on the Penzeys Carousel.

8:45–9:45 a.m.	10:15–11:15 a.m.
May 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17	May 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17

AGE 3

with one adult | \$37 Zoo Pass members
\$47 non-members

LIONS ... ROAR!

Leap into our African savanna classroom to learn more about lions! Stalk and pounce like a lion in your lion costume. Then, prowl over to the Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country to see the Zoo's pride of lions.

8:45–10:15 a.m.	11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Feb. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16, 18	Feb. 2, 4, 8, 10, 18

ENORMOUS ELEPHANTS

Have tons of fun learning about the Zoo's largest animal, the elephant! Create an elephant costume with enormous ears, a long trunk and a fly-swatting tail. Practice moving like an elephant, and then stomp over to see the Zoo's elephant herd.

8:45–10:15 a.m.
Feb. 29
Mar. 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 17, 25

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Mar. 1, 3, 7, 9, 17

SEALS & SEA LIONS

Explore our ocean classroom to learn the differences between seals and sea lions. Create your own sea lion costume and hunt for fish in a kelp forest. Splash into the Zoo to learn how zookeepers work with the seals, and then watch them in action!

8:45–10:15 a.m.
Apr. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 16, 18

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Apr. 5, 6, 7, 13, 18

"This is the best day ever!"
– Class Participant



AGES 4 & 5

child only or with one adult | \$45 Zoo Pass members
\$55 non-members

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

ANIMAL DETECTIVES

Mammal, bird, fish, reptile or amphibian? Be a detective and uncover the identity of our mystery animal. Use a magnifying glass to examine evidence like fur, feathers and scales up close. Create an animal decoder and follow clues as we sneak through the Zoo. Let's crack the case!

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 9, 10, 11

1-3:15 p.m.

Feb. 9, 10, 11

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 31
Feb. 4

1-3:15 p.m.

Jan. 19, 20, 21, 27, 28
Feb. 4

JUNIOR VET

Enter our animal-hospital classroom with your favorite stuffed animal from home to practice the jobs of a veterinarian and create your own vet kit. Visit the Zoo's Animal Health Center to peek into a real exam room and learn how animals are cared for at the Zoo.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Mar. 15, 16, 17

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25, 27
Mar. 3, 9, 10, 28

1-3:15 p.m.

Mar. 15, 16, 17

1-3:15 p.m.

Feb. 23, 24, 25
Mar. 3, 9, 10

WHO'S AROUND THE RIVERBEND?

Paddle down our river classroom to learn about animals that live at the water's edge. Gather sticks like a beaver, catch fish like a bear and slide on your belly like an otter! Then, head into the Zoo to see the animals who call the river home.

Child Only

9:15-11:30 a.m.

May 3, 4, 5

1-3:15 p.m.

May 3, 4, 5

With Adult

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 27
May 11

1-3:15 p.m.

Apr. 12, 13, 14, 20, 27
May 11



Photo by Bob Wickland

AGES 6 & 7 AND 8 & 9

child only | \$45 Zoo Pass members
\$55 non-members

WILD BY DESIGN

Calling all inventors! Your imagination is needed! Help us investigate what animals inspired incredible inventions like bullet trains and bike reflectors. Explore the Zoo to find inspiration and complete your own animal-inspired invention challenge!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Jan. 27, 28
Feb. 10, 11

1-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 27, 28

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 18

1-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 10, 11

MYTH-BUSTERS!

Dragons, unicorns and mermaids... imaginary creatures or wonders of the animal world? Separate fact from fiction with a mystery tour through the Zoo. Discover which animals may have inspired legends and design a fantastic creature of your own to take home!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 25
Mar. 9, 10, 16

1-3:30 p.m.

Mar. 9, 16

Ages 8 & 9

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Apr. 7

1-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 25
Mar. 10

ZOOKEEPER: SMALL MAMMALS

Ever wonder how you would feed a vampire bat or weigh a lemur? What about taking care of a baby porcupine? Trek to the Small Mammals Building and discover how zookeepers care for some of the tiniest, furriest and cutest animals in the Zoo!

Ages 6 & 7

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Apr. 27
May 4, 5, 11

1-3:30 p.m.

Apr. 27
May 11

Ages 8 & 9

1-3:30 p.m.

May 4, 5

AGES 6-10

child only | \$100 Zoo Pass members
\$120 non-members

Attention Homelearners!

JOIN OWLS: OBSERVANT WILD LEARNER SQUAD!

Become a wild learner in our once-a-week, for 4-week series. Classes will develop curiosity, create empathy and encourage healthy social skills. With the same students each week, we'll build community as we explore and learn together.

STINKY SLIMY SCALY

Explore animals that redefine the extreme: from blood-squirting defenders to poop-eating survivalists. Embrace the stinky, the slimy and the squirm-inducing as you learn about the incredible adaptations that allow these animals to thrive in their environments. **Choose the AM or PM session.**

10-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 7, 14, 21 AND 28

1-2:30 p.m.

Feb. 7, 14, 21 AND 28



SPRING BREAK CLASSES

AGES 6 & 7 AND 8 & 9

child only | \$150 Member
\$180 non-members

STEAM STAYCATION CAMP

Join us during Spring Break for two fun-filled days where we will learn, create and imagine around the Zoo! Campers will use art and science to gain a deeper understanding of their favorite animals at the Zoo.

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mar. 25 AND 26
or
Mar. 28 AND 29

AGES 10-12

child only | \$75 Member
\$90 non-members

GETTING DRAMATIC FOR WILDLIFE: CONSERVATION ACTORS IN TRAINING

Do you love animals? Are you a storyteller? If you answered yes to any of these, join us for a day off school to become a conservation actor in training! Learn the basics of becoming an actor while exploring ways to tell others about the importance of wildlife and conservation.

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mar. 26 or 28

AGE 10-14

child only | \$45 Zoo Pass Members
\$55 non-members

ANATOMY: SCIENTIFIC ART

Unleash your inner artist! Take a look at the intersection of art and science, and learn how artists like Maria Sibylla Merian or Leonardo da Vinci were involved in scientific study. Then, study anatomical structure to design and make your own artistic creation by observing Zoo animals and habitats!

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 24

1-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 24

CLIMATE CHANGE: A REAL ICEBREAKER!

Dive deep into the science behind climate change! We'll examine the reasons, look at factors that influence climate, learn about the animals and ecosystems most affected and test solutions that will help our planet! Join us in this active and experiment-based class to build a better future for the Earth!

9:15-11:45 a.m.

Apr. 14

1-3:30 p.m.

Apr. 14

FAMILY CLASS

all ages | \$20 Zoo Pass members
\$30 non-members

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.

FAMILY ZOOMAZING RACE

Like the globe-trotters on the TV show, "Amazing Race," you can travel "around the world" in this family class! Take off on a scavenger hunt through the Zoo to find some of its "oddest" animals. Discover how animals use their senses to survive as you test your own senses through family challenges and roadblocks. Don't delay... the challenges await you!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 20, 21
Feb. 17

1-3:15 p.m.

Jan. 20, 21
Feb. 17

WHO LAID THAT EGG?

Piranha, penguin, python and platypus. What do these animals have in common? They all start out as eggs! Piece together clues to discover some of the world's strangest egg-laying, or oviparous, animals. Egg-splore the Zoo, create some egg-cellent crafts, and join in on some egg-citing activities to learn how animals protect and care for their eggs!

9:15-11:30 a.m.

Mar. 10, 23, 24

1-3:15 p.m.

Mar. 10, 23, 24

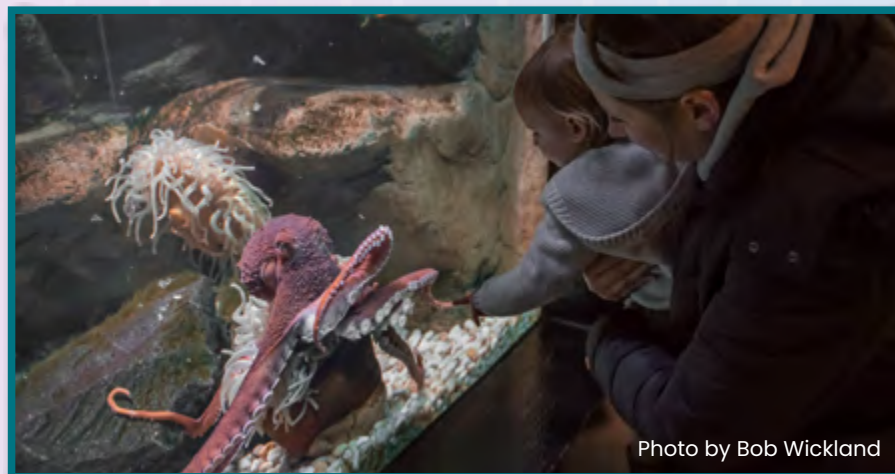


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NEW!

Try out a 1-hour Family Class as part of your Zoo Day!

all ages | \$15 Zoo Pass members
\$25 non-members

THE STORY OF PAT THE CAT

How do certain animals end up in zoos? Why do genetics matter in conservation? How can people in Milwaukee support global conservation and reduce conflict between humans and wildlife? Learn about Pat, a jaguar from Belize, and how his story can help us answer these questions.

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Apr. 21

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Mar. 27
Apr. 21

1-2 p.m.

Mar. 27
Apr. 21

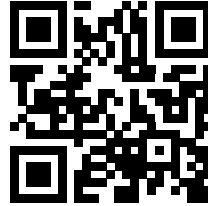
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 21

Register Online at [Zoosociety.org/spring](https://zoosociety.org/spring)

Member online registration begins November 8 at 9 a.m.
Non-member registration begins November 15 at 9 a.m.

Check our FAQ by
scanning the QR Code!



PLEASE READ!

GENERAL CLASS POLICIES

- Participants must meet the specified age requirement for each class, and unregistered children, including siblings, are not permitted to attend. Age exceptions are only made for children with special needs (please contact Education before registering).
- 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.

ANTICIPATE ENTRANCE GATE LINES

The time required to enter the Zoo can vary depending on weather, road construction, school groups and events. Please plan to arrive early. You may check your confirmation email or call the Conservation Education Department in advance of your registered education program for the most up-to-date entry information. 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 this season. 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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