

# Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens

## School Holiday Zoo Camp 2009 - 2010

What could be more fun than a day or a week at the Zoo? Send your wild child to our wild School Holiday Zoo Camp. Each day includes up close and hands on encounters with our Education Department animals, animal crafts, activities, a train ride, in-zoo visits, lunch, and afternoon snacks. Class size is limited to the first 25 children to register.

Dates	Camps	Times
<p><b>Monday October 26</b></p>	<p><b>SPOOKTACULAR CREATURES (6 – 11 years)</b> Bats, cats, spiders and dragons – come and explore the myths and legends of the creatures of the season.</p> <p><b>MANGA (12 years and up)</b> Are you familiar with Bakugan, Naruto, or Bleach? Then, you are familiar with Manga, the art of Japanese cartooning. Join Manga artist, Steve Jay, for an introduction to this Japanese art form. No previous experience is necessary.</p> <p><b>PHOTO SAFARI (12 years and up)</b> 'Tween-agers and teenagers out of school? Send them on safari with their digital cameras without leaving town! Led by our graphic artist, students will gain valuable how to lessons in wildlife photography. Digital cameras and batteries required.</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday November 11</b></p>	<p><b>OUR VANISHING WORLD (6 – 11 years)</b> Life is a delicate balance. Come and explore the world of endangered species and discover what you can do to help.</p> <p><b>MANGA (12 years and up)</b> Are you familiar with Bakugan, Naruto, or Bleach? Then, you are familiar with Manga, the art of Japanese cartooning. Join Manga artist, Steve Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium. No previous experience is necessary.</p> <p><b>PHOTO SAFARI (12 years and up)</b> 'Tween-agers and teenagers out of school? Send them on safari with their digital cameras without leaving town! Led by our graphic artist, students will gain valuable how to lessons in wildlife photography. Digital cameras and batteries required.</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday December 21</b></p>	<p><b>LONG WINTER'S NAP (6 – 11 years)</b> Celebrate the Winter Solstice as we explore how animals cope with shorter days and colder temperatures. We won't have time to nap.</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday Dec. 22</b></p>	<p><b>MORE RAPID THAN EAGLES (6 – 11 years)</b> What are snow birds? Where did they come from? Why don't they stay? Join us as we welcome our feathered friends from up north and discover why they winter here.</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday December 23</b></p>	<p><b>PAWING OF EACH LITTLE HOOF (6 – 11 years)</b> Reindeer are not the only animals with hooves. Join us as we explore the world of zebras, antelopes, giraffes, deer and more.</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday December 28</b></p>	<p><b>AROUND THE WORLD, DAY 1: ANIMAL TRACKING (6 – 11 years)</b> What skills do you need to go on Safari and find wildlife? Join us as we practice the skills necessary to secretly find and observe wildlife. Don't forget your camera.</p> <p><b>MANGA WORKSHOP – BEGINNERS (12 years and up)</b> Are you familiar with Bakugan, Naruto, or Bleach? Then, you are familiar with Manga, the art of Japanese cartooning. Join Manga artist, Steve Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium. No previous</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>

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<p><b>Tuesday December 29</b></p>	<p><b>AROUND THE WORLD, DAY 2: AFRICA (6 – 11 years)</b>  Journey to the Dark Continent and track the lion, the rhino, the elephant and great apes and discover the richness of the culture through folklore and art.</p> <p><b>MANGA WORKSHOP - EXPERIENCED (12 years and up)</b>  Already have experience with the art of Manga? Join Manga artist, Stevee Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium.</p> <p><b>PHOTO SAFARI 2-DAY WORKSHOP* (12 years and up)</b>  (Only open to those who registered for Monday's workshop)</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday December 30</b></p>	<p><b>AROUND THE WORLD, DAY 3: ANIMAL POTPOURI (6 – 11 years)</b>  Journey to the Near East, Australia and beyond to track the creatures of the bamboo forest, frogs of the rain forest, dragons of the islands, rays of the waters and discover some of the ancient traditions handed down through the ages.</p> <p><b>MANGA WORKSHOP – FULL PAGE READY (12 years and up)</b>  For those ready to design, layout and develop a full page comic, join Manga artist, Stevee Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium.</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday Dec. 31</b></p>	<p><b>AROUND THE WORLD, DAY 4: THE AMERICAS (6 – 11 years)</b>  Journey with us from pole to pole as we track the creatures of the tundra, forests, grasslands and deserts and discover how we are all connected.</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday January 18</b></p>	<p><b>WSI: WILDLIFE SCENE INVESTIGATORS, Part I (6 – 11 years)</b>  Do you have what it takes to become a WSI? Join us as we explore the world of wildlife researchers. Learn some of the tricks of the trade and practice applying them in untouched areas of the Zoo.</p> <p><b>MANGA (12 years and up)</b>  Are you familiar with Bakugan, Naruto, or Bleach? Then, you are familiar with Manga, the art of Japanese cartooning. Join Manga artist, Stevee Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium. No previous experience is necessary.</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Friday January 22</b></p>	<p><b>WSI: WILDLIFE SCENE INVESTIGATORS, Part II (6 – 11 years)</b>  Do you still have what it takes to become a WSI? Join us as we continue our exploration of the skills needed to become a wildlife researcher and discover how these skills apply in caring for the animals in our collection.</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Monday February 15</b></p>	<p><b>LEADER OF THE PACK (6 – 11 years)</b>  Animals that live in herds &amp; packs look out for each other. Join us as we explore how safety in numbers and cooperation within the group ensure survival for the many.</p> <p><b>MANGA (12 years and up)</b>  Are you familiar with Bakugan, Naruto, or Bleach? Then, you are familiar with Manga, the art of Japanese cartooning. Join Manga artist, Stevee Jay, as we continue our exploration of this creative medium. No previous experience is necessary.</p>	<p><b>All Camps Meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b></p>

Camps meet from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Extended Care is available from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Children will be in a supervised environment with games, puzzles and quiet activities available.

**Program fees:**

- *Members: \$45/day for 1 or 2 days, \$40/day for 3 or more days*
- *Non-members: \$50/day for 1 or 2 days, \$45/day for 3 or more days*
- *Before/After Care Fees: \$4 per day for Before Care; \$8 per day for After Care, or \$10 per day for both Before & After Care.*

For more information, please contact us at (904) 757-4463, ext. 122. We reserve the right to cancel sessions with insufficient enrollment.

**Registration:** Registration for all camps and workshops will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete a separate registration form for each child. Read waiver of liability, complete the medical information section and sign the form before submitting. Your signature is required for your child to attend camp. We do not take registrations over the telephone.

**Payment:** Full payment must accompany your registration form. We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. Checks should be made payable to the Jacksonville Zoo.

**Mail the Registration Form to:**

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens  
Education Department  
370 Zoo Parkway  
Jacksonville, FL 32218

**Hand Deliver the Registration Form to the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus at the south end of the zoo's main parking lot Monday – Sunday 9 am – 5 pm.**

**FAX the Registration Form to 904-757-2444 24-hours a day. Do not forget to complete all the requested credit card information and sign the registration form. If you have more than one child wanting to attend the same program, please fax all registrations together.**

**Confirmation:** Within 10 to 14 business days of receiving the registration form, you will either receive in the mail or receive an e-mail (if an e-mail address is provided) confirmation of your child's registration. Please do not call to check on your registration before that time. If there is a problem with your registration, you will be notified immediately.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Staff:** All staff educators are screened for excellence in children's programming. All have had previous experience with children and have cleared nationwide, state and FBI Level 2 background checks as prescribed by the State of Florida's Jessica Lunsford Act.

**Supervision and Safety:** At no time is any child left unsupervised. The number of staff and volunteers ensures thorough supervision and monitoring. The zoo's full time security staff responds immediately to any emergency situation. Security staff is first aid, CPR and automatic emergency defibrillator trained. The Jacksonville Fire Department will also respond within minutes of being contacted.

**May parents stay with their children?** Our programs are designed for children who are able to be successful in group oriented programs without parent involvement.

**Where is Camp?** All camps are held at the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus located at the south end of the zoo's main parking lot. Paying Zoo admission is not necessary to participating in class. In your confirmation materials, you will receive a map showing you the location of the campus.

**My child has a younger friend. Can they attend this camp together?**

**We have been conducting Zoo Camps for over ten years. Our camps are designed for the ages specified after experimenting with a variety of age combinations.**

**The fee includes lunch and snacks. What foods do you provide?**

**Campers have a choice of a hamburger, hotdog or peanut butter and jelly uncrustable sandwich and get a bag of chips, animal crackers and a juice box. Additional choices include carrot and celery sticks, apples and grapes. Assorted healthy snacks are served in the afternoon.**

#### **POLICIES**

**Behavior:** To ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all children, the zoo's staff manages child behavior. All children are expected to behave appropriately, and in the event of disruptive behavior, a child may be timed-out and removed from the group. If the disruptive behavior continues, the child-care provider (parent, guardian or chaperone) will be called to help find a solution. If improvement is not realized immediately, the child-care provider may be asked to pick up the child early from camp and the child may be asked not to return. In this situation, there will be no refunds for any days missed.

**Behind the Scenes:** The unique and special part of zoo camp is the opportunity to go behind the scenes, meet keepers, get up-close and learn more about the exotic animals in the collection. To be able to offer this experience, it is imperative that children comply with all safety directions when behind the scenes and wear the prescribed footwear – shoes must completely cover the feet; sandals, heellies, crocs and all other shoes that expose the bare skin of feet to the environment or interfere with walking are never permitted during behind the scene tours. Children who do not follow the behavior policies and safety directions or wear the prescribed shoes will not be permitted in behind the scene areas.

**Lost & Found:** Items left behind are placed in a box in the lobby of the Administration Building at the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus. To check on lost items after your child's week of camp, please contact the Education department at 904-757-4463 ext. 122. Two weeks after the close of camp, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

**Medication:** Staff cannot administer or dispense medication to children. Campers must be able to take their own medication. Staff can carry medications and help children to remember to take their medication. Every camp is staffed with educators trained in basic first aid and CPR and the zoo's Security staff is first aid, CPR and automatic emergency defibrillator trained.

**Special Needs:** Please indicate on the registration form any special needs our staff must be made aware of prior to your first day. Special needs such as physical, academic, social and/or dietary will be accommodated to the best of our ability. Please note that the zoo does not employ specific individuals certified and trained to handle special needs.

**Children Attending Together:** If your child wants to attend a specific camp with a friend, please fax both registrations together, put both registrations in the same envelope when mailing, register both children at the same time on-line, or hand deliver both registrations to the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus. This is the only way to ensure that they will be in the same program. Due to the popularity of our programs, we cannot save spaces.

**Waiting Lists:** Due to the overwhelming popularity of our Zoo Camps, we do compile waiting lists if preferred programs fill. If an opening becomes available, we will contact you by telephone. Please make sure the registration form includes daytime, evening and cell contact numbers.

**REFUNDS & CANCELLATION:** Cancellations received 10 business days or more prior to the first scheduled day of a program/camp will receive a full refund less a 10% administrative fee. Cancellations made 9 to 5 business days prior to the first day of a program/camp will receive a 75% refund of fees. No partial refunds will be given for missed days of camp or workshops except in extraordinary circumstances. Exceptions to the refund policy will be made on a case by case basis and at the sole discretion of the Director of Education.