

# HENRY VILAS



## ZOO CAMP INFO

Come spend the summer at our inquiry-focused Summer Zoo Camp! Campers enjoy special animal experiences and behind-the-scenes opportunities while facing scientific challenges that put the campers in the shoes of keepers, vets, or zoo administrators and motivate campers to seek the information to solve real-life problems. Campers leave Zoo Camp with a greater awareness for the individual animals at the zoo and how to help animals in the wild, all while building their science skills and making new friends.

To make our camp registration process more equitable, camp registration is now by lottery only. The lottery registration period opens 8 am on January 19th, and closes at 12 pm on January 31st. You choose which weeks to enter the lottery, we randomly select campers for each camp week, and will notify you by February 8th. Those not selected will remain on the waiting list, and will be contacted if an additional spot opens up.

## AGE GROUPS

- Kinderfari - 4 and 5 years old
- Explorers - 6 and 7 years old
- Scouts - 8 to 10 years old
- Jr. Zookeepers - 11 to 13 years old

## CAMP HOURS

- Drop off: 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- Camp Activities: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
  - Kinderfari 1/2 day: 8:30-11:15 a.m.
- Pick Up: 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
  - Kinderfari Pick Up: 11:15-11:30 a.m.

## PRICING

- Kinderfari: \$210
- Explorers, Scouts, Jr. Zookeepers: \$365
- \*Henry Vilas Zoo Members at the Family level or above receive a 10% discount*

## QUESTIONS?

Email [education@henryvilaszoo.gov](mailto:education@henryvilaszoo.gov)

## REGISTER

<http://henryvilaszoo.gov/summer-zoo-camp/>



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# CAMP

## 2024 SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Week	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Week 1 June 10-14	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Have to Have a Habitat	Explorers ages 6-7 Jr. Zoo Vets	Scouts Ages 8-10 Art Safari
Week 2 June 17-21 <small>*No Camp Weds</small>	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Rock-a-bye Critters	Explorers Ages 6-7 Where the Wild Things Live	Scouts Ages 8-10 Working for Animals
Week 3 June 24-28	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Eco-Engineers	Scouts Ages 8-10 Past to Present	Jr Zookeepers Ages 11-13 Biological Artistry
Week 4 July 1-3 <small>*No Camp Thurs-Fri</small>	No Kinderfari	Explorers Ages 6-7 Let's Work Together	Scouts Ages 8-10 Citizen Scientists
Week 5 July 8-12	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Animal Tales	Explorers Ages 6-7 Myths and Wonders	Scouts Ages 8-10 Fantastic Beasts & How to Care for Them
Week 6 July 15-19	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Feathers, Fur, Shells & Scales	Explorers Ages 6-7 Wildlife Warriors	Jr Zookeepers Ages 11-13 Animal Trainers
Week 7 July 22-26	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Have to Have a Habitat	Explorers Ages 6-7 Jr. Zoo Vets	Scouts Ages 8-10 Art Safari
Week 8 July 29 - Aug 2	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Rock-a-bye Critters	Explorers Ages 6-7 Where the Wild Things Live	Scouts Ages 8-10 Working for Animals
Week 9 August 5-9	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Eco-Engineers	Explorers Ages 6-7 Let's Work Together	Scouts Ages 8-10 Citizen Scientists
Week 10 August 12-16	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Animal Tales	Scouts Ages 8-10 Past to Present	Jr Zookeepers Ages 11-13 Animal Behavior
Week 11 August 19-23	Kinderfari Ages 4-5 Feathers, Fur, Shells & Scales	Explorers Ages 6-7 Myths and Wonders	Scouts Ages 8-10 Fantastic Beasts & How to Care for Them
Week 12 Aug 26-30	No Kinderfari	Explorers Ages 6-7 Wildlife Warriors	Scouts Ages 8-10 Working for Animals

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## 2024 CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

### KINDERFARI AGES 4-5

#### Have to Have a Habitat

What makes a home just right for an animal? This week we'll learn about everything animals need to have a healthy habitat. We'll go behind the scenes to learn about habitats at the zoo, and you'll get to design a home for one of your stuffed pals!

#### Rock-a-bye Critters

In this camp we are learning all about animal babies, how they grow, and how their parents care for them. We will get to go behind the scenes to learn how zookeepers take care of babies here at the zoo as well as have fun playing pretend taking care of baby animals.

#### Eco-Engineers

Animals can teach us how to build solid nests that hold up in the wind, or cozy dens to keep us warm and dry all year round. Come meet some amazing animals and create your own animal-inspired inventions.

#### Animal Tales

Do you know how the rhino got its skin, the tiger got its stripes, or how the camel got its hump? We are going to listen to some tales about our animals and meet some of the characters of these stories up close!

#### Feathers, Fur, Shells, and Scales

There are so many different animals here at the zoo. In this camp we are going to learn all about what makes groups of animals unique! We will get to meet some feathered, furred, shelled and scaled friends and explore through play.



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## EXPLORERS- AGES 6-7

### Jr. Zoo Vets

How do you vaccinate a tiger? Or how do you give medicine to an orangutan? Our vets and keepers need to consider a lot of different factors to keep our animals healthy, from the food they eat to the type of shelter they have, to the vitamins they receive. This week, we'll help our keepers and vets problem-solve some animal health situations that may come up at the zoo.

### Where the Wild Things Live

From the frozen tundra to the scorching desert, from volcanic deep sea vents to the tops of mountains animals live in so many different habitats. In this camp we will learn what animals need to survive in their habitat and meet some animals who live in some pretty extreme places.

### Let's Work Together!

Many animals use teamwork to help each other survive. We can learn a lot from how animals work together. In this camp we will get to observe some animal teamwork as well as do some fun team building of our own. Do you have what it takes to collaborate?

### Myths and Wonders

Unicorns, pixies, and dragons may not be as mythical as you think, join us for a magical adventure as we learn all about mythical creatures and meet some of their real life counterparts.

### Wildlife Warriors

Wildlife is so important and it is worth protecting. In this camp we will meet some endangered animals who need our help, and problem solve how we can use our voice to help protect wild animals and the places they call home.



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## SCOUTS- AGES 8-10

### Art Safari

Travel with us on an art safari! We'll explore different mediums on an artistic adventure through the Zoo. Be inspired by our animal muses and create some truly spectacular masterpieces!

### Working for Animals

From animal behaviorists to conservationists to zookeepers, there are people in many professions working to improve animal lives. We will try our hand at different careers, and learn from professionals in their field.

### Past to Present

Dinosaurs at the zoo? Come and learn about the investigations scientists carry out to understand the link between dinosaurs and their living relatives at the zoo.

### Citizen Scientists

You can be a scientist! Let's engage in some citizen science here in our neighborhoods and around the world, and learn how we can help scientists make observations and gather important data to conduct studies. We will carefully observe the animals here at the zoo, and do some scientific studies of nearby habitats.



### Fantastic Beasts and How to Care for Them

As Newt Scamander believes, nothing in nature can be unnatural. Join us this week to learn about some fantastic and unusual beasts who live here at our zoo and around the world. We will delve into the magical biodiversity that can be found both in the wizarding world, and the muggle one too!

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## JR. ZOOKEEPERS- AGES 11-13

### Biological Artistry

Art and Biology may seem like they're on opposite ends of the spectrum, but they are overlapping constantly in both the natural and human-made worlds. Biology serves as both inspiration and canvas for art, and art can provide a visual explanation for elements of biology. Explore this overlap while creating art works of your own!

### Animal Trainers

Open...Sit...paw! We train our animals to do all sorts of things that help us take better care of them. Join us as we learn what goes into training an animal and learn from a few of our trainers here at the zoo. We will get to train animals ourselves to learn more about the details of behavior science!

### Animal Behavior

From instinct to action, behavior is everything an animal does. This week we will dive into the science of Ethology, the study of animal behavior. Come find out the inside story of what behavior can teach us about our animals' lives.

