

## 2017 Red River Zoo Day Camps

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The 2017 Summer Day Camps at the Red River Zoo are weeklong experiences where children will participate in many activities throughout the zoo. Participants will take part in outdoor activities, crafts, games, special talks from Zoo Keepers, animal encounters and more. Coordinated and led by the Education Department children will have an active and fun experience while learning and connecting with animals and their habitats. Each camp session has a different topic that the children will explore throughout the week. Come learn about animals while having a wild time at the Red River Zoo.

### **Critter Camp (Ages 4-6)**

#### **Aquanauts**

*June 12-16*

*July 17-21*

Water is a very important resource for all animals. Birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish can be found in and around water sources. Some animals get protection from the water, others use the water to help them hunt, while others can use it for transportation. Come learn about the importance of rivers, lakes, streams and oceans and explore how these animals use this important resource. Dive right on into this camp and compare how humans use water just like our animal friends.

#### **Storybook Stampede**

*June 19-23*

*July 24-28*

Animals have always appeared in our stories throughout our recorded history. Nowadays many of the main characters in our storybooks are animals. Whether they are a tiger, rabbit, snake or bat, these characters play an important role in their story and in the wild. Each day we will focus on a new story and investigate the characters that we will read about. We will even see some real live examples of some of the characters.

#### **Not so angry birds**

*June 26-30*

*August 7-11*

Birds come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Come and explore the different types of birds we care for here at the Red River Zoo while keeping a look out for different types of wild birds that might be visiting our grounds. Beaks, wings and feathers will be in abundance while we discover bird's behaviors and adaptations that allow them to live almost anywhere. Being one of only a few animals that have mastered the skill of flight we will look at what makes them unique and fascinating.

## **Just Like Us**

*July 10-14*

*August 14-18*

Animals may look completely different from us, but do we have anything in common with them? This week we are going to compare what is different and what is similar between animals and ourselves. Most animals have eyes like we do but can they see better than us? Does an animal with four legs run better than an animal with six? There are many types of questions we can explore while we observe and explore the animals here at the Red River Zoo.

## **Explorer Camp (Grades 1-3)**

### **Wild Survivors**

*June 12-16*

*July 17-21*

Animals are able to survive in some of the most bizarre and wild ways. We will look at animals that survive some of the harshest habitats including freezing cold temperatures, sweltering jungles, dry deserts and deep oceans. How do they find food, water and shelter? What awesome abilities do these animals use to defend against predators and sometimes even their fellow species. This week long camp will uncover some of the most unique animals you may have ever heard of.

### **Mysterious Creatures**

*June 26-30*

*August 7-11*

Many wild animals are hard to find in the wild, but they leave clues wherever they go. Let's explore the zoo looking for clues like tracks, food, feathers, fur and even scat. Get out your magnifying glasses and detective hats because we will be going on an investigation. Each day we will have a mystery animal and we will need your help to solve the case of its identity. Will they be furry, scaly or feathery? Large or small? Meat or plant eaters? Come help us discover!

## **Discovery Camp (Grades 4-6)**

### **Habitat Heroes**

*June 19-23*

*July 24-28*

There are many habitats around the world including jungles, prairies, deserts wetlands and more. Some of them are in trouble and are disappearing. But we can help! Join us to learn how you can become a Habitat Hero. Learn what you can do in your own backyard and community to help wildlife and their homes. Research ways that we can help animals on the other side of the world. Become a habitat hero and you too can make a difference for wildlife.

**Mission: Zoo Keeper**

*July 10-14*

*August 14-18*

It takes a team of zookeepers to care for all the animals at the zoo. From feeding, cleaning, vet care to scooping up poop. This week we will learn first-hand what it takes to be a zookeeper at the Red River Zoo. Under the guidance of the zookeeper staff you get a behind-the-scenes look at the never ending challenge to care for the animals at the zoo. It is your mission to assist and learn alongside the zookeepers to keep our animals healthy and comfortable.