## **Nature Play the Zoo Way**

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)





## **CAMP DESCRIPTION**

Your camper will have an unbe-LEAF-able week connecting with animals and the natural world in Denver Zoo's nature play camp! Young explorers will engage their sense of wonder and discovery as they literally dig into nature on the Zofnass Barclay Family Nature Play Trail; climb under bushes, find bugs, balance on stumps, and get their hands dirty. This camp is sure to ROCK – come play with us!

## **WEEK OVERVIEW**

Daily Schedule Subject to Change. \*Animal Ambassador subject to change based on animal needs\*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Question of the Day	How can we learn more about nature?	How can we use our senses to explore nature?	Where do we find nature?	How can we help care for nature?	What are my favorite things about nature?
Animal Ambassador Experience	Tree Frog OR Milk Frog	Snake OR Skink	Millipede OR Cockroach	Box Turtle OR Boreal Toad	Animal Ambassador Assembly
Activities/ Explorations	Building Animal Homes, Soil Exploration	Mud Kitchen, Nature Collages	Bug hunt, Build a Bird's Nest & City Park Fountains/ Nature Play	Make Seed Balls	

## **REMINDERS**

- As this is a camp that focuses on Nature Play (specifically outdoor play), you can count on your kiddo getting messy! We recommend dressing your camper in clothing you don't mind getting dirty (shoes included). No need to do wash every night.
- Please note your child's camp group will take a walking field trip to explore the City Park Nature Play Spaces on Thursday/ Friday!
  - They will also visit the City Park H20 Odyssey Fountains on Friday! While playing in the fountains, campers must keep their camp shirt and pants/shorts on quick dry shoes and shorts are recommended on this day, but not required. Campers are welcome to bring a change of clothes, but are usually dry by the time we return to the zoo.
- Camp runs in rain or shine. Make sure your camper is dressed for the weather.
- Campers are required to bring:
  - Backpack
  - Sack lunch + 2 snacks
  - Water bottle
- Drop-off and Pick-up occurs at the Special Programs Entrance (Gate 1), according to their designated time window. You will need to bring an ID **every day** for pick-up.

Drop-off: 8:45-9:00 AMPick-up: 3:45-4:00 PM