

Zooper Villains and Monsters (6th-8th Grade)

CAMP DESCRIPTION



What makes a villain? Why are some animals looked at in a negative light or considered monsters? Why are vultures, bats or aye-ayes perceived as odd, scary or even “ugly?” Some animals have strange qualities, but they aren't necessarily bad. Help re-write the story of animals who have been painted as villains, simply because they are "eccentric." Are these animals actually monsters or the misunderstood geniuses of evolution?



WEEK OVERVIEW

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

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Question of the Day	What are human perspectives on animals?	What makes a Monster? – ascribing <i>characteristics</i> to animals	What makes a Villain? – ascribing <i>intent</i> to animals	Why do people personify animals?	How could telling our OWN animal stories help conservation efforts?
Animal Ambassador Experience	Ball Python OR Tarantula	Porcupine OR Owl	Scorpion OR Cockroach	Cornsnake OR Millipede	Animal Assembly
Activities/ Explorations	Explore Toyota Elephant Passage & Visit DMNS	Stingray Cove & Primate Panorama	The Edge & Predator Ridge	Tropical Discovery & City Park Fountains	Comic Book Gallery Walk & Explore Harmony Hill

REMINDERS

- 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
- **Please note the day your child's camp group will take a walking field trip to the City Park H2O Odyssey Fountains.** 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.
- 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 AM**
 - Pick-up: **3:45-4:00 PM**