

# Nature Play the Zoo Way (K-1<sup>st</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. **Throughout the week, campers are left nature play activities and challenges by the mysterious nature fairy!!** 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
<b>Question of the Day</b>	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?
<b>Animal Ambassador Experience</b>	Tree Frog OR Milk Frog	Skink OR Snake	Millipede OR Cockroach	Box Turtle OR Boreal Toad	Animal Assembly
<b>Activities/ Explorations</b>	Building Animal Homes & Nature Play	Rock Band, Sensory walk and Color Matching	Bug hunt, Build a Bird's Nest	City Park Fountains Nature Treasures	City Park Nature Play! Nature Potions

## 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 – it is perfectly acceptable to send your camper in their dirty camp shirt each day!
- **Please note your child's camp group will take a walking field trip to explore the City Park Nature Play Spaces on Thursday and Friday!**
  - **They will also visit the City Park H2O Odyssey Fountains on Thursday!** 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: **9:00-9:15 AM**
  - Pick-up: **4:00-4:15 PM**