



Welcome, Nature Explorers! We are so excited to have you join us this week for our first-ever Fall Camp! This week, you will get to learn all about how to connect with nature in a variety of ways—both inside and outside of the zoo! We can't wait for the adventures that lie ahead!

### **Monday — I can create in Nature!**

Campers will get creative today through a variety of crafts, utilizing recycled materials and items found in nature! They will meet Danielle Wong, our Behavioral Enrichment & Animal Welfare Coordinator and learn all about how she creates Behavioral Enrichment at the zoo! They will also make nature journals to document their findings throughout the week!

### **Tuesday — I can tell a story about Nature!**

Campers will learn all about how Nature can tell a story: both creatively, and scientifically! Campers will get to see their Behavioral Enrichment made yesterday used by animals at the zoo! Campers will also get to create their own mythological creatures, as well as learn about how Conservation Scientists use data to understand the stories behind endangered species.

### **Wednesday — I can build with Nature!**

Campers will now get the opportunity to design and build their own behavioral enrichment and put it to the test in a creative way! Campers will also get to learn how animals get creative and build their homes in the wild!

Campers will spend the afternoon on a behind-the-scenes animal interaction with one of our Zoo animals!

### **Thursday — I can play in Nature!**

What better way to learn about nature than to be surrounded by it? Campers will spend the morning at Papago Park learning all about local plants and animals, as well as ways they can take care of the Natural World from home! Campers will also get to hike up Hole-in-the-Rock!

In the afternoon, campers will get to meet Ambassador Animals that are Native to Arizona!

### **Friday — I can advocate for Nature!**

As we wrap up the week, campers will discuss how they can take camp home with them! We will also celebrate the week's end with Camp Rally—a time where your camper gets to show their Camp Spirit and perform for their peers!

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### **Every Camp Day Includes:**

- A hike along one of the Zoo's trails
- Up-close encounters with animals
- Learning Activities and Crafts
- Games
- 2 snack times
- Lunch time

### **Camp Tips**

- Wear clothes you can get messy in!
- Eat a big breakfast!
- Get a good night's sleep!
- Leave toys & electronics at home!
- Label ALL items with your name!
- Apply sunscreen before you arrive!

### **What to Bring**

- Camp shirt
- Camp Hat
- Camp Water Bottle with Lanyard
- Packed Lunch (Grades 1-6)
- Closed-toe shoes (no holes)
- Water bottle

Please label everything with their name!

No laces? No problem! We recommend velcro or slip-ons for campers learning to tie their shoes!

### **Camp Zoo Leadership Team**

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### **Helpful Links**

[FAQ](#) | [Camp Policies and Procedures](#) | [Orientation Video](#)