

SUMMER 2026 



SAFARI CAMP

Virginia Zoo 

Summer Safari Camps are intended for rising grade levels, the grade that the camper will be entering in the Fall of the upcoming school year.

Kindergarten

FURRY TAILS

Bibbidi bobbidi ZOO! Join us on a magical journey as we explore the animals in our favorite fairy tales. Stories will come to life as campers meet charming frog princes and delightful dragons in their adventures through the zoo.

*For purposes of this program, "kindergarten-aged" is defined as no younger than four and entering into Kindergarten in the Fall.

1-2 Grade

BIO BUDDIES

Ever wonder how wild animals get along? Join the Bio Buddies on their adventures through the Virginia Zoo to discover the many ways animals interact with each other. Explore complex food webs, symbiotic relationships, and wacky animal friendships!

THE FAST & THE FURRIEST

Come learn all about the biggest, brightest, and best that the animal kingdom has to offer in this exhilarating week of animal extremes!

ZOO DETECTIVES: THE MISSING SCIENTIST

Whooooo done it? Another summer, another round of zoo mysteries! Help the ZIA (Zoo Intelligence Agency) track down a long-lost scientist, finish a perplexing experiment, and infiltrate a hidden lair in this thrilling Virginia Zoo camp. Will we solve the mystery in time to earn our Detective Badges?





SUMMER 2026 SCHEDULE

June 22-26

Zoovivors (3-5 Grade)
Jr. Zookeepers (6-8 Grade)

June 29 - July 3

Furry Tails (Kindergarten)
The Fast & The Furriest (1-2 Grade)

July 6-10

Zoovivors (3-5 Grade)
Jr. Zookeepers (6-8 Grade)

July 13-17

Bio Buddies (1-2 Grade)
Operation Conservation (3-5 Grade)

July 20-24

Zoo Detectives (1-2 Grade)
Spectacular Species (3-5 Grade)

July 27 - 31

Furry Tails (Kindergarten)
The Fast & The Furriest (1-2 Grade)

August 3-7

Zoovivors (3-5 Grade)
Jr. Zookeepers (6-8 Grade)

August 10-14

Bio Buddies (1-2 Grade)
Operation Conservation (3-5 Grade)

August 17-21

Zoo Detectives (1-2 Grade)
Spectacular Species (3-5 Grade)



3-5 Grade

SPECTACULAR SPECIES PROTECTORS

The Virginia Zoo is home to many amazing animals...you may even call them magical! Join your fellow witches and wizards in becoming Spectacular Species Protectors as we explore the secret side of these fantastic creatures and learn all about their non-magic counterparts. It's sure to cast a spell on you!

OPERATION: CONSERVATION

From the plains of Africa to the jungles of South America, the Virginia Zoo partners with some truly inspiring conservation organizations. Travel the world with us as we explore ways to help animals around the globe and in our own backyards! What will you do to make a difference?

ZOOVIVORS

The animal world can be a tough place to survive. Whether swinging through the dense jungles or running on the grassy plains, animals are always competing to get ahead. Join us as we explore the ways animals outpace the competition to become the ultimate Zoovivor!

6-8 Grade

JR. ZOOKEEPERS

Have you ever wanted to know if you have what it takes to be a zookeeper? Come find out in this in-depth look at everything zookeepers do: from feeding animals and cleaning exhibits, to conservation and animal research. Campers will explore all the ways we take care of our animals here at the Virginia Zoo.