



Committed to Education

Key to our mission of improving the future for wildlife is educating as many people as possible about all of our animals, the various threats that put their species in danger and what people can do in their everyday lives to help endangered wildlife and their habitats. Through special programs tailored for all ages, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo reaches thousands of people year-round with our conservation messages that encourage a deeper understanding of and respect for wildlife and nature. From school children to retirees, we have a class or program to suit everyone.

One-of-a kind Summer Day Camp

Kids ages 5-12 can experience a unique summer camp at the Zoo that includes getting up-close to animals, taking guided tours, playing conservation-themed games, meeting the animal keepers and taking part in scientific experiments.

New this year is "Counselor-In-Training," a leadership camp available to campers ages 13 to 14. Participants develop their leadership skills by working alongside the Zoo's day camp staff, partnering with the teen "Zoo Crew" volunteers and participating in team building and challenge activities.

A-MAZE-ing Amphibians Returns

Wind your way through the A-MAZE-ing Amphibians Maze this summer, while learning about frogs and other amphibians and the important roles they play in the ecosystem. Sadly, nearly one-third of all amphibians are at risk of going extinct due to habitat loss, pollution, climate change and a fungus known as chytrid. Inside the maze, kids will have a chance to dress like a frog, whirl through the air on a zip cord and test their knowledge with trivia. Hop your way through this interactive maze to learn how you can help save frogs and amphibians.

Professor Wylde Hits the Stage

Professor Wylde and his cast of critters return to the Zoo Amphitheater this summer with all new adventures. Professor Wylde's Animal Show features an all-star cast, including a white stork, greater sulfur-crested cockatoo, two-toed sloth, Burmese python, fennec fox and a palm cockatoo.

Professor Wylde teaches visitors of all ages about how the Zoo creates habitats best suited for its animals, while also teaching them what they can do to help wildlife and the environment.

Shows run daily Saturday, May 29, through Monday, September 6, with weekend shows through September. Show times are 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Free with Zoo admission.

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All New Australian Live Animal Show

“Camp Ballarat,” an all new live animal stage show, debuts this summer in Australian Adventure. The Ballarat Theatre hosts a cast of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians from the “Land Down Under” as participants learn about Australian animals and the importance of acting responsibly toward these animals and their natural habitats. Shows run daily from Saturday, May 29 through September 6 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Free with regular Zoo admission.

And so much more ...

- Experience Guide By Cell by calling phone numbers in front of certain exhibits to hear pre-recorded messages about the animals or view behind-the-scenes video.
- The Zoo accommodates school field trips year-round at no cost to schools in Cuyahoga County. Admission is waived and teachers may make arrangements to schedule one of the Zoo’s special educational programs for their students.
- Free daytime school programs for first through third graders make learning fun and reinforce scientific concepts that are a part of local schools’ curriculum.
- Dr. Z’s Traveling Animal Show visits area schools from November through March, teaching students about science and giving them an up-close look at some of the Zoo’s animals.
- Teachers’ workshops help local educators brush up on animal science skills and develop ideas for activities that will help their students meet testing requirements.
- The Zoo’s Volunteer Program recruits 400 people a year to serve as interpreters and lead educational activities. A similar Zoo Crew team includes 100 local teens sharing their time and talent to make Zoo visitors’ experiences more enjoyable and educational.
- Spend the night at the Zoo during one of three different overnight programs - Rising Waters Safari Camp, Night Tracks or Outback After Dark – each running at different times throughout the year.

For more information about the Zoo’s education programs, visit clemet zoo.com or call the Zoo’s Conservation Education department at (216) 635-3391.