

2009 EdZooCation Edventures

FUN CLUB (all ages)

Visit the zoo on the first Friday of each month (except for July) from 10:30 –11:30 AM for a story, a fun craft or game, and much more! Barnes & Noble will be giving away a book at each session to one lucky child and watch for guest readers throughout the year! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$2.50/child participant *paid at the time of the program* + admission to the zoo (FOTZ members still get free zoo admission). **Registration is not required.**

DATE	BOOK TITLE	GUEST READER
January 2	<u>Stellaluna</u>	Brian Dorman, Channel 13
February 6	<u>The Giraffe Who Got In a Knot</u>	Jesse Borjon, FOTZ
March 6	<u>K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo</u>	Dr. Kathy Gross, Hill's
April 3	<u>The Lorax</u>	Dr. Kobuszewski, Indian Creek Vet Clinic

Storytime at Barnes & Noble

Join the Topeka Zoo at Barnes & Noble the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00am for a story and craft. Zoo staff will read an animal related story and provide a fun animal themed craft each month.

Tales By Torchlight *NEW PROGRAM*

Our newest program is designed with pre-K and Kindergarten children in mind but is open for all ages! We will read a story, do a fun craft, have an animal visitor, and get a behind the scenes look at special areas of the zoo – all by flashlight! Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, get your flashlight ready and join the Topeka Zoo for great family fun! **One adult is free with two paying children and preregistration is required.**

DATES	TIME	FEE	THEME
Friday March 27	7:00-9:00pm	\$7/participant	Quills
Friday April 24	7:00-9:00pm	\$7/participant	Bats

SAFARI SATURDAYS

Explore the wilds right here in Topeka during Safari Saturdays this winter! Join us as we trek through the zoo to learn more about the wide (and wild) world around us. Classes include hands on experiences, activities, crafts and animal visitors. Classes for 3 to 4 and 5 to 6 year olds are held the second Saturday of each month at the Topeka Zoo. If you pre-register for all 4 classes in an age range there is a discount on price (all four classes for \$40 FOTZ/\$52 Non). **Refunds are not available unless the class is full upon registration or unless the Education Department cancels the class.**

Discover Color (ages 3-4)

Let's grab our crayons and paints and get to work! Our world is full of colors, and the animals and plants know how to use them! Wear your most colorful clothes to this fun class and we'll take a trip around the world to discover the colors—and make some of our own, too!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday January 10	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Wide World of Color (ages 5 – 6)

Are you ready for green leaves, spring flowers and beautiful birds? January in Kansas can be a colorless time of year, so join us as we explore nature's rainbow around the world! We'll tour our rainforest and learn why the colors are more than just pretty to look at and then we'll gather our art supplies and make our own!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday January 102	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Ele-fun! (ages 3-4)

They're big, grey and a little smelly...but we love them! Join us for a great time learning about these gentle giants and all the things that make them special. We'll even get to know our two elephants, "Tembo" & "Sunda"!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday February 14	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Tusks, Trunks & Trumpets (ages 5 – 6)

How much poop do the elephant keepers scoop every day? Why do the elephants throw dirt on their backs? Do they like the snow? Elephants are fascinating animals! Join us as we uncover the mysteries of these wonderful creatures and learn more about our two girls!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday February 14	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Turtle Talk (ages 3-4)

Can you carry your house with you? Of course not, but turtles and tortoises can! Join us as we learn the benefits of shells and discover the different sizes, shapes and colors they come in!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday March 14	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Shell Game (ages 5 – 6)

What's the difference between a turtle and a tortoise? What the heck is a terrapin? Join us as we explore the world of these unique creatures, their habitats around the world and meet the ones who live right here at home!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday March 14	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Freak Out! (ages 3-4)

Shiny eyes at night, squids as big as your car and giant cockroaches...freaky! Join us as we discover the creepiest, freakiest animals on earth and under the sea! We'll learn why these animals are the way they are and meet some that live at the zoo!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday April 11	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

Vipers & Venom (ages 5 – 6)

Have you ever seen a viper fish? Did you know giant squids have eyeballs the size of volleyballs? Why are some of the freakiest animals in Australia? Slither your way to the zoo and we'll discover the craziest and most deadly animals the world has to offer—and maybe even create our own!

DATE	TIME	FEE
Saturday April 11	9:00-11:00am	\$12 FOTZ/\$15 Non

14th Annual Spring Break At the Topeka Zoo (ages 7 - 11)

One of the world's greatest adventure heroes traveled the globe to rescue ancient artifacts...and now so can you! Spend the week in true Indiana Jones style searching for mysterious treasure, complete with obstacles, games, animal encounters, and much more! Each day will be spent in a different part of the world that Indy visited during his adventures including Egypt, India, Europe, and the South American rainforest! Students can bring a water bottle and lunch each day or money to purchase a lunch from Concessions but snack will be provided.

DATE	TIME	FEE
March 16-20	8am - 2pm	\$75 FOTZ/\$80 Non

DISCOVERY PROGRAM (Homeschoolers and other interested children with an adult)

This program is designed to provide learners with an up close and personal encounter with science concepts, vocabulary, and/or interactions at the Topeka Zoo. The fee is \$2.50/participating student + gate fees for all. (Call (785) 368-9137 for details).

DATE	DAY	PROGRAM	TIME
January 21	Wednesday	Discover: Tundra	1-2:30
February 18	Wednesday	Discover: Grasslands	1-2:30
March 18	Wednesday	Discover: Wetlands	1-2:30
April 15	Wednesday	Discover: Oceans	1-2:30

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Twilight Tours

The zoo is even wilder at night! Bring your family or come by yourself and become part of the nighttime activity at the zoo. Zoo staff and trained volunteers will take you on one of the wildest nights of your life as we explore behind the scenes at some of your favorite animal exhibits and learn more about the animal's nighttime activities. Bring your own flashlight and be on the lookout for animals looking back at you! Pre-registration is required to join in this nocturnal adventure and the gates close shortly after the scheduled start time and will not open again until the end. Space is limited so put new batteries in your flashlight and send in your registration today (please note: registrations are no longer accepted one week prior to each date)! **One adult is free for each two paying children and preregistration is required.**

DATE	TIME	FEE
Friday March 20	7:00-8:30pm	\$5 per person
Friday April 17	7:00-8:30pm	\$5 per person

ZOOPENDOUS ZOO SNOOZE CAMPOUTS

Want to spend a wild night at the zoo? The Topeka Zoo offers campouts at the zoo for groups of 15 or more! Campouts run from 6pm to 8am and are filled with fun behind the scenes tours, scavenger hunts, animal visitors, night hikes, and much much more! These campouts are perfect for family get-togethers, scout troops, church groups, or a group of your friends! Snack and breakfast are provided but dinner is on your own. A minimum of 15 paying participants is required for campouts to be scheduled. Call the Topeka Zoo Education Department at (785) 368-9137 to schedule your Zoo Snooze campout!

ZOO BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday parties at the zoo are new and better than ever! Our birthdays offer more choices for you, which means an all around better party for your wild child! Please contact the Topeka Zoo Education Department at (785) 368-9137 for more information on our new and improved birthday adventures!

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Registration forms are available at www.fotz.org.
2. Registration forms are also available at www.topeka.org/zoo (but please note: payment must also be received before your slot can be held – the online registration form does not allow online payment so you must either send payment via regular mail, drop it off at the front gate, or phone in with payment)
3. An electronic version can be sent to you via e-mail by contacting the Topeka Zoo Education Department at KHayden@Topeka.org or SWorkman@Topeka.org.
4. Contact the Topeka Zoo Education Department and a registration form may be faxed to you.
5. Pick up a registration form at the entry gate to the zoo. Complete the form, including payment, and hand it to an admission's clerk at the zoo's entry gate.
6. All registrations must be received by the Topeka Zoo Education Department with payment in order for your spot to be held.

7. **Refunds are only given if the class is full at the time of registration, or a refund may be made if the Topeka Zoo Education Department cancels a program.**
8. **Education programs will be cancelled if a minimum of five participants is not met five days before the scheduled class time.**
9. Question messages may be directed to the Topeka Zoo Education Department by calling (785) 368-9137 or (785) 368-0167.