

# 2009 EdZooCation Edventures

## FUN CLUB (all ages)

Visit the zoo on the first Friday of each month (except for July & October) 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
May 1	<u>Officer Buckle &amp; Gloria</u>	Police Chief Ron Miller
June 5	<u>Adventures of Little Wombat</u>	TBA
July 10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday)	<u>Zoo In the Sky</u>	Brenda Culbertson
August 7	<u>Tiger's Story</u>	TBA
September 4	<u>There Was A Coyote Who Swallowed A Flea</u>	TBA

## **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.

## **SUMMER CAMP PEKA SUE**

What's that? Summer's here ALREADY! The zoo has what you need for your "wild child". Half day camps are available for children ages 5 to 6 and 7 to 9 and your child can participate in as many of the week-long sessions as they wish (as long as space is available). Camps for ages 3 to 4 are two hours long, three days a week and children must be potty trained and able to use the restroom unaided. Each week focuses on a different theme and incorporates games, activities, tours, special animal or human visitors, snacks, and much more! So if you're looking for a fun, educational, and exciting place to send your "cub" this summer, Camp Peka Sue is definitely the answer! Camps run from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm, depending on age group. You may drop your child/children off as early as 7:40am (12:40pm for the afternoon session) and pick them up no later than 20 minutes after the scheduled program end time (please note: a late fee will be applied if children are picked up late). Advance registration opens April 6, 2009. **Registrations received before April 6 will be returned or placed at the bottom of the list.** Registration is limited and on a first come, first serve basis with payment due **at the time** of registration. \*\*Phone registrations are NOT accepted\*\*

## **Astonishing Animals! (ages 3-4)**

Big or small, long or short, no legs or 100, animals come in all sorts of designs. Join us as we search the world for the most astonishing animals around!

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 1, 3, 5 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

## **A World of Wonder (ages 5 - 6)**

From your backyard to the most exotic locales imaginable, animals are there and waiting to meet you! We'll visit the driest deserts to the darkest jungles on our world wide adventure investigating the wide world of animals.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 1-5	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Albania to Zimbabwe (ages 7-9)**

Animals live everywhere...from the deepest oceans to the tallest mountains. Join us on a globe trotting adventure to learn more about animals the world over!

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 1-5	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Sneakin' Around (ages 3-4)**

Curious about how elephants make those long trunks work right or if sloths really move so slowly? We'll sneak a peek at our animals when they're not looking to learn more about what makes them special.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 8, 10, 12 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Secret Agent 00-Zoo (ages 5-6)**

Animals are full of surprises and we're going to spend a week as super sleuths to learn more about animal mysteries and their unique adaptations.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 8-12	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Undercover Investigators (ages 7-9)**

Want to know more about the secret lives of animals? We'll uncover clues, decipher puzzles, and undertake an undercover investigation into the secret world of animal adaptations.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 8-12	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Creepy, Crawly, and Cute (ages 3-4)**

Bugs might be a little creepy and they are certainly crawly but can they really be cute? We'll find out as we shrink ourselves down to their size and learn more about what these fantastic animals can tell us.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 15, 17, 19 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **The BIG Adventures of the Small but Mighty (ages 5-6)**

Ants may be tiny but they sure are strong and bees might be annoying but they know how to get along with each other. We'll spend a week digging deeper into the world of bugs, insects, spiders, and more to uncover their BIG adventures!

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 15-19	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Intriguing Invertebrates (ages 7-9)**

If insects don't have bones, why aren't they flat? Is a rhinoceros beetle related to a real rhinoceros? We'll find out when we join the world of the small and mighty for a closer look at these intriguing invertebrates.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 15-19	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Monkey See, Monkey Do (ages 3-4)**

Primates are big, primates are small, some live on the ground, and others live in the trees. Since this is the Year of the Gorilla, we'll spend our time learning about the gorillas here at the zoo and other primates that live around the world.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 22, 24, 26 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Primate Pandemonium (ages 5-6)**

Did you know that some primates make nests? Or that some make umbrellas to keep the rain off of their heads? We'll spend a week learning more about monkeys, apes, and lemurs while celebrating 2009 as the Year of the Gorilla.

DATE	TIME	FEE
June 22-26	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **The Gorilla Gang (ages 7-9)**

What gorilla really likes watching the movie "Mary Poppins"? Which one does NOT like pickles? We'll learn more about the gorillas here at the zoo as well as those in the wild. We won't forget the rest of the primates around the world, even if this is the Year of the Gorilla.

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June 22-26	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Sensory Sensation (ages 3-4)**

Animals come in different colors, sizes, shapes, and even textures. Our sensory adventure will take us on a tour of the ways animals are the same and the ways they are different from each other while investigating the wild world of animal senses...and ours as well!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 6, 8, 10 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Overload Your Senses! (ages 5-6)**

Why do skunks stink? Why are a tiger's stripes orange? We'll take a sensory safari investigating the wild world of colors, shapes, sizes, and even tastes as we investigate animals here at the zoo and around the world.

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 6-10	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Lookin' Sharp (ages 7-9)**

How does your eyesight compare to a hawk's? Is your memory as sharp as an elephant's? Find out how your senses compare to those of animals and learn more about how these adaptations help them and us!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 6-10	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Repti-Mania! (ages 3-4)**

Snakes and lizards and turtles, oh my! Reptiles are invading the zoo and we need your help to learn more about them! This fun filled adventure will introduce us to many of the reptiles at the zoo...even the ones you don't normally see!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 13, 15, 17 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Tortoise Tech (ages 5-6)**

Tortoises, and other reptiles, are built for survival. From protective shells to the ability to run across water, each species runs like a well oiled machine. Join us to find out more about the "technology" of reptiles around the world.

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 13-17	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Caiman College (ages 7-9)**

Have you been studying up for your degree in exothermy? Actually...what is exothermy and why is it important for reptiles? We'll spend a week "on campus" learning more about the answer to this question and many more related to the wondrous world of the wild and scaly.

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 13-17	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Monkey Menu (ages 3-4)**

Ever wondered what foods the animals at the zoo actually eat and who prepares it? We'll meet the zoo's chef and get a sneak peek at the zoo's kitchen while learning more about animal diets both in the wild and here at the zoo...we may even get to participate in a taste test!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 20, 22, 24 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Reptile Recipes (ages 5-6)**

Who decides what the zoo animals eat? Do they get birthday cake? We'll spend this week learning about animal diets and get an up close and personal look at our zoo's kitchen and meet our chef. There may be some surprises along the way...make sure your taste buds are ready!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 20-24	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Ibis Ingredients (ages 7-9)**

Does food coloring make our ibises and flamingos pink? Who at the zoo gets a homemade smoothie every day? Ask our chef this week as we spend time learning about hunters and the hunted as well as how we make sure the animals are healthy and happy here at the zoo...but be ready for some unexpected adventures!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 20-24	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Rockin' Rainforests (ages 3-4)**

Rainforests around the world are filled with colors, sights, sounds, and smells. Our own rainforest at the zoo is as well so we'll spend time learning about our rainforest animals and plants and those in rainforests around the world!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 27, 29, 31 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Jumpin' Jungles (ages 5-6)**

Rainforests are a "hip" and "happenin'" place to be...if you like to get wet. We'll spend a week learning about what makes rainforests special, why you can find so many plants and animals there, and what we can do to help make sure rainforests stay healthy...even from as far away as Kansas.

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 27-31	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Far Out Forests (ages 7-9)**

From the canopy to the forest floor, rainforests are special and unique places to live and support a huge number of species. We'll learn more about rainforests far away by using our own rainforest as a model as we move and groove through the fantastic world of the far out forests!

DATE	TIME	FEE
July 27-31	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **We're Goin' To the Zoo...How About You, You, You? (ages 3-4)**

Why is a zoo called a zoo? Where do our animals come from? We'll find answers to these questions and meet some of the people who help make the zoo a special place to work and visit.

DATE	TIME	FEE
August 3, 5, 7 (M,W,F)	1pm-3pm	\$40 FOTZ members/\$50 Non-members

### **Zooniversity (ages 5-6)**

Ever wonder what makes a zoo a zoo? We'll spend a week finding out why zoos are around, how our animal keepers take care of our animals, and much more. We'll even try our hand at designing our own fantasy zoo!

DATE	TIME	FEE
August 3-7	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Zoo Can Do It! (ages 7-9)**

Ever wonder where all the animal poo goes every day? Or what that huge tire is in the elephant yard? We'll spend a week learning more about what goes on behind the scenes at the zoo and what we do to make sure our animals are healthy and happy. We'll be creating our own zoo and managing our own "collection" of animals so be ready to scoop imaginary poop!

DATE	TIME	FEE
August 3-7	8am-12pm	\$60 FOTZ members/\$70 Non-members

### **Zoo Academy (ages 10 – 11)**

If you are interested in zoos and animals but are not yet old enough to volunteer, we are once again offering our 10-11 year old program this summer! These classes are designed to stimulate critical thinking, improve science skills, increase knowledge of the natural world, and participate in group activities in a fun and exiting atmosphere outside the classroom! Activities, special projects, special tours, experiments, and much more are included in these classes. Snacks are provided but please bring your own water bottle. Camps run from 1pm to 5pm and you may drop your child/children off as early as 12:40pm and pick them up no later than 5:20pm (please note: a late fee will be applied if children are picked up late). Preregistration is required and opens April 6, 2009. Payment is due at the time of registration.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	FEE
June 1-5	1:00 – 5:00	A World Apart (Species Around the Globe)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
June 8-12	1:00 – 5:00	License to Thrill (Animal Adaptations)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
June 15-19	1:00 – 5:00	Small Body...Big Role (Invertebrates)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
June 22-26	1:00 – 5:00	Year of the Gorilla (Primates)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
July 6-10	1:00 – 5:00	Patterns of Nature (Explore Animal Senses)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
July 13-17	1:00 – 5:00	Lizard Library (Reptiles)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
July 20-24	1:00 – 5:00	Carnivore Cuisine (Animal Diets)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
July 27-31	1:00 – 5:00	Tree Hugging in the Tropics (Rainforests)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non
August 3-7	1:00 – 5:00	How Do They Zoo It? (Zoo Design)	\$60FOTZ/\$70 Non

## *2009 EdZooCation Adventures for Families and Groups*

### **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 June 12	7:00-9:00pm	\$7/participant	Animal Senses
Friday July 10	7:00-9:00pm	\$7/participant	Nocturnal Animals
Friday August 14	7:00-9:00pm	\$7/participant	African Animals

### **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 June 19	8:00-9:45pm	\$5 per person
Friday July 17	8:00-9:45pm	\$5 per person
Friday August 21	8:00-9:45pm	\$5 per person
Friday September 18	8:00-9:45pm	\$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!

### **ZOOPENDOUS BADGE WORKSHOPS**

Badge workshops are available for Girl and Boy Scouts of all levels! Most badge workshops last two hours and scouts will earn their badge by participating in games, crafts, activities, special tours, and more depending on which badge you choose. A minimum of six participating scouts is required for a workshop to run and parents with younger siblings are discouraged since the scouts will be earning their badge. Please call the Topeka Zoo Education Department at (785) 368-9137 to schedule your troop's next workshop!

### **ZOO BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Birthday parties at the zoo are 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 birthday adventures!

## HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Registration forms are available at [www.fotz.org](http://www.fotz.org).
2. Registration forms are also available at [www.topeka.org/zoo](http://www.topeka.org/zoo) (**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](mailto:KHayden@topeka.org) or a form may be faxed to you.
4. 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.
5. All registrations must be received by the Topeka Zoo Education Department with payment in order for your spot to be held.
6. **Refunds are only given if the class is full at the time of registration or if the Topeka Zoo Education Department cancels a program.**
7. **Education programs will be cancelled if a minimum of five participants is not met five days before the scheduled class time.**
8. Question messages may be directed to the Topeka Zoo Education Department by calling (785) 368-9137.