

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Oregon Zoo campers check out a snake X-ray during a tour of the zoo's veterinary medical center. Registration is open for the Oregon Zoo's popular Nature Rangers spring break camps (March 24-28) and summer camps (June 16-Aug. 29).

Zoo Campers Learn and Explore

During spring and summer, Northwest campers should be prepared for encounters with bears, cougars and bobcats — not to mention giraffes, lions and flamingos. The Oregon Zoo's popular Nature Rangers spring break camps return March 24-28, and summer camps start June 16.

"Zoo camps are a great way for kids to have active outside fun and connect with nature," said Jennifer Whitener, program supervisor. "We'll be hiking, observing native wildlife, learning about animals — every day is an adventure."

Camp activities — specifically planned for the interests of each age group — include crafts, songs, stories, snacks, animal visitors

and in-depth tours of the zoo. The zoo's professional camp staff has been helping children explore the wonders of wildlife through fun, hands-on learning since 1983. Staff members are selected for excellence in programming for children and typi-

cally have also worked for public schools, OMSI, Outdoor School or Audubon. Most are college graduates or are working on a degree, and many return year after year.

For more information and to register for camp, visit oregonzoo.org.

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