



# SUMMER ZOOLOGY CAMP 2017

## ZooKeepers. Ages 9-14

### Day 1: Animal Classification

Welcome future Zookeepers! Campers will start their week off with a special behind the scenes tour of WLC that will acquaint them with the animals and their fellow campers! Campers will learn about the animal kingdom and how animals have relatives that biologists place in groups based on certain characteristics. Campers will create fun and educational take home crafts using recycled goods and natural materials! The junior zookeepers will be assisted in keeping a zoology journal documenting their observations and knowledge gained throughout the week.

### Day 2: Zoo Nutrition

Carnivores, Omnivores, and Herbivores, oh my! Campers will learn how an animal's teeth can indicate what it eats in the wild. With some basic knowledge of the function of different types of teeth, campers will determine what certain animals eat! The campers will then join their biologist counselor in diet preparation and work together to create nutritious diets for our porcupines, foxes, sloth, and kinkajou! They'll have a blast feeding the animals the diets they created and observing how the animals use different senses to find their food.

### Day 3: Habitats and Ecosystems

Campers will learn about habitats and ecosystems and meet animals from rainforests, temperate forests, deserts, and the unique chaparral ecosystem of Southern California. Campers will enter and maintain the animals' zoo habitats and learn about what it takes to care for rescued wildlife. Campers will also explore our herpetology room to learn about reptiles and amphibians and their environmental and dietary needs. To be a zookeeper, the campers will learn what's needed to keep animals happy and healthy in their environment.

### Day 4: Behavioral Enrichment

By learning about animal senses and how animals use their senses in the wild, campers will use this information to encourage natural behaviors to stimulate and enrich their lives at WLC. Campers will even help make enrichment items for the animals, and then watch the animals investigate and enjoy their enrichment!

### Day 5: Educational Outreach

Part of our mission at WLC is to connect people with animals. By day 5, campers will have gained enough knowledge and experience to become wildlife teachers! Campers will develop a relationship with certain animals, so that together, they can participate in a special animal presentation for their families and friends!

**Please call today to sign up:**

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