

Zoo Knoxville Science Days

Fall 2026

We're turning the zoo into a hands-on research lab! Science Days are the perfect opportunity for young explorers to dive into science and discover the natural world firsthand. Science Days programs are designed for families to learn side-by-side under the guidance of our zoo's expert educators. Whether you aim to supplement your child's science education or simply engage their natural curiosity, Science Days offers an affordable and flexible way to explore the wonders of science together.



Cost:

- **Adults and Children**
 - Non-members: \$12 per person, per program.
 - Members: \$10 per person, per program
 - Designed for K-6th grade, but open to all family members.
 - Every child **must** have an adult with them (one parent may accompany multiple children)
 - Everyone 3 and older that attends must register.
 - Under 3 must attend with a registered sibling.



Registration:

- Advance registration required. Registration is now open.
- Register for individual classes and as many as you want. Be mindful that the topics repeat.
- Registration closes the Thursday night before each program.

Details:

- Programs will be outdoors, rain or shine. Dress appropriately and be aware that children might get dirty.
- Programs will take place at various locations in the zoo. Some programs will require walking around the zoo from station to station.
- You will receive an email from the Homeschool Coordinator the Friday before your program with details such as meeting location. Please arrive by 9:50am to get checked in.

Schedule:

- Programs start at 10 am.
- Each program lasts 1 to 1.5 hours.
- Fall programs occur once a week on Mondays August – October.

Monday, August 17 th	Physics: Animals in Action – Witness how the animals of the zoo pounce, swing, and play in this special class designed to uncover the scientific secrets behind animal mobility.
Monday, August 24 th	
Monday, August 31 st	Botany: Seeds Dissection and Dispersal – Learn how the tiniest of seeds become the largest of plants by taking a hands-on look inside the different parts of a seed and how they get around.
Monday, September 7 th	
Monday, September 14 th	Ecology: Seasonal Changes - Animals – Explore animal adaptations and see how they change to fit in their surroundings to survive the, sometimes brutal, changes that come with the seasons every year.
Monday, September 21 st	
Monday, September 28 th	
Monday, October 5 th	Anatomy: Predator vs Prey - Hop from station to station around the zoo to observe animals and participate in experiments to learn why predators and prey look so different.
Monday, October 12 th	
Monday, October 19 th	
Monday, October 26 th	