



Zoo Knoxville Safari Sprouts

Fall 2026

Designed for children ages 3-5, each weekly 45-minute program will cover a different topic related to the monthly theme. Safari Sprouts uses the zoo as our classroom and each class includes interactive hands-on activities such as games, creating art, storybook reading, and zoo exploration all tying back to each month's theme. Each class is designed to encourage empathy and inspire your child's curiosity towards themselves, animals, and nature.

Schedule

Classes occur weekly on Mondays from 8:45am – 9:30am August 17 – November 16 except holidays and Knox County Fall break.

- Please meet the zoo educator at the front gate at 8:35am to check in.
- Classes begin promptly at 8:45am. If you arrive after the program starts you may not be able to enter the zoo until it opens to the public at 9:00am.

Know Before You Go

- Cost is \$10 members; \$12 non-members per class. This price covers one 3–5-year-old child and an accompanying adult.
- Siblings under the age of 3 may attend with a registered sibling at no additional cost. Older siblings and additional adults cannot attend, but at least one adult per family **must** attend to assist their children.
- Advance registration is required for each class and closes the night before each class.
- Both the child and the adult must either purchase zoo admission tickets or a zoo membership **in addition** to their registration to enter the zoo and attend class. Tickets and memberships should be purchased in advance. They **may not** be available for purchase at the front gate on the morning of class.
- Programs are held outdoors, rain or shine at various locations throughout the zoo. Please dress appropriately and expect that children may get dirty. If class must be cancelled due to severe weather or other circumstances, you will be contacted by email.
- Cancellations: 30+ days before start: 50% refund. Less than 30 days: no refund. No refund for no shows.

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August – Animals on the Move

Can you slither like a snake or leap like a frog? Each program will explore the interesting ways animals move.

August 17 – Flying

August 24 – Slithering

August 31 – Swinging

September – Where in the World

From the savanna to the sea children will explore the unique places animals call home.

September 14 – Forest

September 21 – Aquatic

September 28 – Grassland

October – Seasonal Changes

Where do animals go in winter? In each program children will discover the amazing ways the natural world changes with the seasons.

October 12 – Migration

October 19 – Hibernation

October 26 – Changing Colors

November – Nature Detectives

Children will solve nature mysteries while using their five senses to observe feathers, footprints, or other signs that have been left behind.

November 2 – Animal Tracks

November 9 – Nature's Clues

November 16 – Wildlife Detectives