



2020

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

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# COMO EDUCATION

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COMO PARK  
ZOO & CONSERVATORY

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# REGISTRATION

Online registration  
[www.comozooconservatory.org](http://www.comozooconservatory.org)

Call-in registration 651-487-8272

Questions?  
 E-mail: [comoeducation@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:comoeducation@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call  
 651-487-8272

# GRANT-FUNDED PROGRAMS!

Visit the website for more info:  
[www.comozooconservatory.org/category/como-legacy-programs](http://www.comozooconservatory.org/category/como-legacy-programs)

Available programs include ASL Interpretive Days, Como in the Community, Como Residency, Habitat Renewal, Lil' Explorers Thursdays, Music Under Glass, S.A.F.E. Sundays, Senior Strolls, Sensory Friendly Mornings, and seasonal Special Exhibits. These programs are funded through money appropriated from Como Friends and the Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant.



Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, in partnership with the Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM), offers opportunities for youth with autism. For more information about these programs or to register, please visit AuSM's website at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org) or contact AuSM at 651-647-1083.





# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

An educational program from Como Park Zoo and Conservatory will enhance any curriculum! We have the ability to provide your group with a fun and interactive presentation at Como or at your site (travel restrictions apply). Each program uses a variety of sensory aids, including live plants, animals or other fun interactive components to enhance the learning experience. Our school program themes are designed for specific age levels.

*Please note any participants above the maximum will be \$5 per person.*

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Group Maximum: 25 People (children and adults)**

**Duration of Programs: 30-45 minutes**

**\$100 On-site/\$125 Outreach**

### Fabulous Jumping Frogs

This interactive program is designed for our youngest learners! Join us as we grow into frogs, read a frog story, and try our hand at jumping, eating, and moving like frogs. Also, we'll meet a few unique frogs and toads from the Zoo!

### Mini Movers

During Mini Movers, our youngest learners will discover how animals stay safe in nature by swimming, hopping, flying, and stomping. This interactive program includes a story, creative movement, and animal visitors that are sure to delight!

### Fur, Feathers, Scales, and Slime

Meet some live animals that are very different from each other! Learn the difference between mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Can you move your body like one of these creatures? We will play some fun games to find out!

### Penguins\*

What makes a penguin a penguin? Explore the world of penguins and what makes them so unique. Enjoy a visit from a real live penguin! Then discover the adaptations penguins have through games and movement.

*\*Cost: \$150 On-site/\$175 Outreach*

*\*Outreach penguin programs must be within 30 minutes of Como due to animal welfare.*

## KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE PROGRAMS

**Group Maximum: 50 People (children and adults)**

**Duration of Programs: 45-60 minutes**

**\$125 On-site/\$150 Outreach**

### Fur, Feathers, Scales, and Slime

Meet some live animals that are very different from each other! Learn the difference between mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Can you move your body like one of these creatures? We will play some fun games to find out!

### Let's Get Buggy

There are so many bugs in our world and they all look so different! In this program, students will learn how to tell different bugs apart and sort them into categories. Students will get an up close view of some of Como's bugs to help them explore and learn!

### Mini Movers

How do animals move their bodies? Find out in this interactive program which includes a story, creative movement games and animal visitors that are sure to delight!

*1st Grade Level:* Take it a step further in this more advanced version of Mini Movers for the first grade level. Students will find out not only how animals move, but also WHY they move. Animal visitors will be ready to help answer these questions.

## 2ND AND 3RD GRADE PROGRAMS

**Group Maximum: 50 People (children and adults)**

**Duration of Programs: 45-60 minutes**

**\$125 On-site/\$150 Outreach**

### Plants That Care

Did you eat a piece of fruit, brush your teeth, or wear a sweatshirt today? Then you used some of the many resources we get from plants. Students will find out how we use plants and what plants need to survive in this program. Meet plants from Como and even make a plant product to take home and enjoy!

### Jump, Slither and Slide

You'll meet a variety of animal ambassadors as you discover some of the amazing adaptations that reptiles and amphibians have. Students will learn to sort these animals into their different categories and discover how their adaptations help them survive in their specific environment.



# MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

Our multi-age program options gives groups flexibility, offering a variety of themes fit for audiences with a greater age-range. With a more generalized format, multi-age programs are both fun and entertaining, but also a great educational fit for groups at many different learning levels. Have all one age level? Multi-aged programs are also a great option for teachers with all one grade level.  
*Any participant above the max will be \$5 per person*

**Ages: Kindergarten and Up**  
**Group Maximum: 50 people (children and adults)**  
**Duration of Programs: 45-60 minutes**  
**\$125 On-site/\$150 Outreach**

**Adaptations**  
Ever wonder what a camel’s hump is for? Or why a plant might eat a bug? Come explore awesome plant and animal adaptations that help with survival. You’ll meet live plants and animals with amazing adaptations, and learn about your own adaptations, too!

**Africa**  
Africa has some of the most diverse plants and animals on the planet. Discover the major biomes of the continent and meet some real live animal ambassadors from each area to learn what makes them so well adapted for life in Africa.

**Creepy Creature Confessions**  
What animals and plants are you afraid of? Confess your fears and then overcome them by meeting some real-life creepy crawly creatures. They might not be as scary as you think.

**Tropical Rainforest**  
Tropical rainforests hold the world’s greatest diversity of plants and animals. Learn why rainforests are so useful to humans and why it’s so important to protect them. See some unique plants and animals that are native to rainforests as well as how you can help in rainforest conservation.

**Penguins\***  
Dive into the world of penguins and discover what makes them so different from other birds. Meet a real live penguin and learn about the adaptations that help them survive in their specific habitats!

*\*Cost: \$150 On-site/\$175 Outreach*  
*\*Outreach penguin programs must be within 30 minutes of Como due to animal welfare.*



## SCHOOL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

**4TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE PROGRAMS**  
**Group Maximum: 50 People (children and adults)**  
**Duration of Programs: 45-60 minutes**  
**\$125 On-site/\$150 Outreach**

**Keepers of the Garden and Zoo (4th Grade - Adults)**  
What do Como’s zookeepers and gardeners do all day? Through this class, you will get inside look at what it’s like to work at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Get to meet some live animal ambassadors in the classroom and tour “behind-the-scenes” of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory’s greenhouses!

**Outstanding Orangutans (6th Grade - Adults)**  
Did you know that Orangutans are 8x stronger than humans? Come learn more about these Forest Engineers, including what struggles they face in the wild, and how we can help them. Finish with a visit to the Orangutans of Como- it’s sure to be an outstanding good time!

**Animal Careers (9th Grade - Adults)**  
Considering a career with animals? During this program explore the many different career opportunities available, discuss ethical dilemmas in animal work, and learn more about what it’s really like to work with animals with help from some live animal ambassadors!





## ZOO TOUR

**Duration: 120 minutes**

**Cost: \$35/person (minimum 10 participants)**

Rise and shine with Como's animals and see the zoo in a whole new light! Visit the zoo before hours and go behind-the-scenes. During your two-hour experience you'll hear stories from Como's fascinating 100 year past, make a special treat for our polar bears, come face-to-face with a hungry (and friendly) giraffe, and meet one of the many zookeepers who make Como Zoo a world class facility. Don't miss this opportunity to see the zoo wake up around you...book your tour today!



## CONSERVATORY TOUR

**Duration: 90 minutes**

**Cost: \$15/person (minimum 10 participants)**

Travel through the many gardens of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory as you explore the Jewel of Como and learn about our rich history. Go behind-the-scenes and meet garden staff who will show you how they keep the Conservatory looking lush and beautiful all year long. This tour is a unique opportunity to "peek behind the curtains" of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and get your daily dose of green!

## SCOUTS

### POLAR BEAR PATCH

**Program Level: Brownies (Grades 2 and 3) and Juniors (Grade 4 and 5)**

**Duration: 90 minutes**

**\$15/scout, \$10/adult (minimum 10 participants)**

Start your day by making a special enrichment for the bears during this interactive class. In addition, you will learn about the adaptations that allow these animals to live in the harsh Arctic environment. Finally, you'll explore everyday choices you can make that will help polar bears living in the wild. Participation patches are included.

Call Como Education to reserve a date for this program. Recommended time frame 9:00-10:30am (other times available).

### SENSES BADGE

**Program Level: Brownies (Grades 2 and 3)**

**Duration: 120 minutes**

Let the plants and animals of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory guide you on a journey of the senses! We will explore all five senses through a series of games and activities while learning more about amazing creatures of the natural world. Badges are included with program.

\*Saturday, January 25th 10:30am-12:30pm

### HOUSEHOLD ELF BADGE

**Program Level: Brownies (Grades 2 and 3)**

**Duration: 120 minutes**

At Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, we like to keep things green and show others how to do the same. Step into a world of earth-friendly cleaners, water-saving techniques, energy-saving tips and all things recycled. Discover ways to take care of your home, your family and your world. Meet some of Como's animal and plant ambassadors and learn how you can help by using your new green skills. Badges are included with program.

\*Saturday, February 15th 10:30am-12:30pm

### FLOWER BADGE

**Program Level: Juniors (Grades 4 and 5)**

**Duration: 120 minutes**

Everyone loves flowers! Come and explore the world of flowers with Como Park Zoo and Conservatory! Discover that there's more to flowers than just good looks. Explore some of the different kinds of flowers in the Conservatory and learn how they benefit people and animals. Badges are included with program.

\*Saturday, March 28th and April 25th 10:30am-12:30pm

**\*Cost: \$20/scout, \$11/adult**

To register, please contact Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valley at [www.girlscoutsrv.org](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org) OR...

**NEW Option!** Organize your own date for a Scouts program at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory! If the above dates are inconvenient please contact Como Education to book a Badge program for another date. Minimum 20 scouts per Badge program if reserving your own date. Above prices apply.

Please not at least one adult chaperone must accompany their troop during all Scouts programs at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a date.



## CHILD/GROWN-UP PROGRAMS FOR 2-YEAR-OLDS

Our 2s program is designed to spark curiosity and appreciation for the natural world in children *age 2 with their favorite grown-up*. Each class includes art, independent playtime, group activities, story time, and live plant or animal encounters.

Cost: \$15/child. For each child registered, one adult gets in free. \$15/adult above that.

### Fancy Frogs

Hop to the zoo for this class on fancy frog and toad friends! Join us as we grow and move like frogs, sing a silly frog song and meet some live frogs and toads from the zoo. It will be "toad-ally" awesome!

**Tuesday, June 2**

**9:30a-10:30a**

### Spots and Stripes

From striped zebras to dotted leaves, patterns are everywhere at the zoo and conservatory! We'll learn about stripes and spots by playing Spots & Stripes dress-up, singing songs, meeting live plants and animals, and creating patterned friends to take home.

**Tuesday, July 14**

**9:30a-10:30a**

### Noisy Zoo

Feel like making some noise? Together we will bark like a sea lion, roar like a tiger, and howl like a wolf—the zoo is a noisy place. Get your ears ready as some of Como's noisy friends will pop in for a visit!

**Tuesday, August 11**

**9:30a-10:30a**

### Texture Zoo

The zoo and conservatory are full of textures! Touch and feel your way through this class as we explore bones, furs, feathers, fruits, leaves, and bark. Make a fuzzy friend and meet soft and spiny plants and animals.

**Tuesday, September 22**

**9:30a-10:30a**

### 1, 2, 3...Zoo!

One hedgehog, two lions, three giraffes – counting at the zoo is so much fun! Join us as we play, explore, and discover the magic of numbers. You can 'count' on a visit from some special animal visitors, too!

**Tuesday, November 10**

**9:30a-10:30a**

## CHILD/GROWN-UP PROGRAMS FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS

Our 3s program is designed to spark curiosity and appreciation for the natural world in *children age 3 with their favorite grown-up*. Each class includes art, independent playtime, group activities, story time, and live plant or animal encounters.

Cost: \$15/child. For each child registered, one adult gets in free. \$15/adult above that.

### Animal Babies

A baby zebra is a foal, a baby giraffe is a calf, and a baby penguin is a chick. Visit Como's newest arrivals and learn how animal parents care for their babies. We'll also play, make art, and read a story.

**Wednesday, June 24**

**9:30a-10:45a**

### Animal Homes

Home, sweet home. Everybody needs a home; it could be a nest, a burrow, a shell or a hole in a tree. Learn where animals live by crawling through a tunnel, digging a burrow, taking a "home" discovery hike and more!

**Wednesday, July 29**

**9:30a-10:45a**

### Zookeeper for a Day

Imagine yourself as a zookeeper! Dress up in uniform as you pretend to feed the animals, clean up after them, and provide checkups to keep them healthy. Visit an exhibit before hours and catch one of Como's zookeepers hard at work.

**Wednesday, September 16**

**9:30a-10:45a**

### Tremendous Trees

Fall is in the air and leaves on trees are changing. Join us while we go on a colorful leaf hunt, enjoy a tree story, meet a tree-dweller, and sing the "Oaky Pokey!" It will be a tremendous time!

**Wednesday, October 7**

**9:30a-10:45a**

### Nifty Noses

Whether you call it a snout, sniffer, or schnoz, animal noses are pretty nifty! What do animals use their noses for? You might be surprised! Prepare for some stinky, smelly, and fragrant fun, and meet some of Como's "nosy" animals.

**Wednesday, December 2**

**9:30a-10:45a**



## CHILD/GROWN-UP PROGRAMS FOR 4 AND 5-YEAR OLDS

Our preschool program is designed to spark curiosity and appreciation for the natural world in *children ages 4 or 5 with their favorite grown-up*. Each class includes art, independent playtime, group activities, story time, and live plant or animal encounters. Cost: \$15/child. For each child registered, one adult gets in free. \$15/adult above that.

### Penguins on Parade

What walks with a waddle, brays like a donkey, and swims like a dolphin? Penguins! Dive into the wonderful world of penguins through art and hands-on activities and meet one of Como's penguins up-close.

**Saturday, January 11**

**9:00a-10:15a**

### Dinosaur Stomp

Take a journey back in time to learn about these fascinating creatures. Discover how dinosaurs moved, what they ate, where they lived, and what they looked like. We will also meet a living dinosaur relative. It will be dino-mite!

**Sunday, March 22**

**9:00a-10:15a**

### Think Pink

Why are flamingos pink? Why do some flowers stink? Come explore the world of pink in the gardens and grounds of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Play a pink game, read a story, and plant a pink flower to take home in this colorful class.

**Monday, July 20**

**9:00a-10:15a**

### Sparky and Friends

Dive in to the wonderful world of sea lions and tour Como's newest exhibit, Como Harbor! Learn what Sparky's life is all about at the Zoo by smelling Sparky's food (optional!), meeting a zookeeper and watching a sea lion training session!

**Wednesday, August 19**

**9:00a-10:15a**

### Reindeer Romp

What's that I hear up on the rooftop? Just in time for the holidays, discover the magic of reindeer while meeting Como Zoo's reindeer and their zookeeper. Play some reindeer games, sing a reindeer song, and have other frosty fun!

**Friday, December 18**

**1:30p-2:45p**

## FAMILIES

Our family program is designed for *school-aged children ~ kindergarten and up ~ and their grown-ups*. These classes involve all members of the family and include unique Como experiences with live plant and animal encounters.

Cost: \$15/person.

### Polar Pals: Life on the Tundra

Are you ready for an extreme polar adventure?!? Bundle up for this arctic expedition complete with polar bears, reindeer, and arctic fox. Learn about life in this unforgiving climate, meet a zookeeper, create an arctic animal enrichment and more!

**Sunday, February 23**

**8:30a-10:30a**

### An Insider's Peek of Como

Unlock a bit of mystery as we tour the greenhouse, gardens, and a zoo exhibit without the crowds. Chat with a zookeeper and gardener as they work to get ready for guests and meet a few of Como's education animals. Enjoy some family fun in a station rotation and find out what makes Como such an amazing place!

**Saturday, March 14**

**8:30a-10:30a**

### Good Morning Grazers

Wake up on the right side of the bed and spend time with hooved browsers and grazers at the Zoo! Learn all about these amazing creatures while you prepare our animals a morning treat, observe them as they eat, meet a hoofstock zookeeper, and participate in other fantastic family fun. You do not want to miss it!

**Saturday, May 23**

**8:30a-10:30a**

### Big Cat Breakfast

Have you ever made breakfast for a tiger? Get to know Como's big cats as you prepare their breakfast enrichment, observe adaptations and behaviors, and learn about cats in the wild. This class is sure to be a roarin' good time for the whole family.

**Sunday, July 26**

**8:00a-10:00a**

### Primate Potluck

Nothing sounds more fun than spending the 'prime' morning hours with some primates! Work as a family to create the perfect enrichment treats for Como's primate residents, compare your size and shape to primates large and small, and attempt fantastic feats of dexterity. Swing on over!

**Saturday, September 19**

**8:00a-10:00a**



# ADULTS CONTINUED

## ADULTS

Join us for an educational and entertaining program as we explore the wonders of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and Como Zoo. Our classes take you behind-the-scenes or provide an exclusive experience within the zoo and conservatory during non-public hours.

Cost: \$15/person

### Orchid Odyssey

Discover our world of orchids at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory! Visit the gardens before hours, tour the Orchid House, and go behind the scenes in the growing range. Chat with a gardener to learn about Como's innovative methods that exist to provide Como's plants with the best care. Don't forget to bring your camera!

**Saturday, February 29**

**8:30a-10:00a**

**Sunday, April 5**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Animal Training

From tortoises to monkeys and polar bears to giraffes, about 20 different species of animals are trained at Como Zoo. But how and why do the zookeepers train the animals? Learn the basic principles of operant conditioning training, observe a training session and then meet a trainer for Q & A.

**Saturday, March 28**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Japanese Gardens

Nature therapy at its finest! Learn about the fascinating history of Como's garden as well as the basic design elements of Japanese Gardens around the world. Explore "The Ordway Gardens – A Japanese Collection" before public hours and speak with a horticulturist.

**Saturday, June 13**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Primate Enrichment

Prepare breakfast enrichment for Como's apes and monkeys. Learn about the individual characteristics that each primate uses to forage, travel, and communicate, then take home some conservation tips to help primates around the world!

**Sunday, August 9**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Seals and Sea Lions

Ever wanted to work with marine mammals? Test your pinniped knowledge before heading to the new Como Harbor exhibit for a tour. Watch Sparky and friends train with a zookeeper and learn what it takes to care for these flipperific animals!

**Sunday, September 6**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Big Cat Enrichment

Create enrichment items for our big cats and observe the fun without the crowds! Learn more about why we provide enrichment, the dangers big cats face in the wild, and the conservation efforts in place to protect these magnificent animals.

**Saturday, October 17**

**8:30a-10:00a**

### Como: An Insider's Look

Unlock a bit of mystery as we tour the greenhouse, gardens, and a zoo exhibit without the crowds. Chat with a zookeeper and horticulturist as they work to get ready for guests, and meet a few of Como's ambassador animals. You'll discover what makes Como such a magical place!

**Saturday, December 12**

**8:30a-10:00a**

# CAMP COMO

## PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

Spend some time *Monkeying Around* with your primate pals, go for the gold in *Animal Olympics*, take an *African Adventure* without leaving Como, or try on the hat of a zookeeper or gardener in *Behind-the-Scenes!*

Como's camps focus on developing children's appreciation for the natural world through play and exploration, behind-the-scenes experiences, interactions with zookeepers and gardeners, and up-close encounters with plant and animal ambassadors.

Qualified and enthusiastic instructors teach camps for **children in preschool through eighth grade**. Children are accepted into age-appropriate camps based on the grade they will be **entering** for the 2020-2021 school year.

### Join us for half or full-day adventures!

Camps are half-day sessions, Monday through Friday. Combine morning and afternoon camps to create a full-day experience. A supervised lunch period is included for full-day campers.

**Cost:** \$135/ PreK- 6th grade camps

\$155/ 7th-8th grade camps (due to increased staff involvement)

3-day camp option July 13-15 offered at pro-rated cost: \$85 for 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-4th grade camps, and \$100 for 7th-8th grade camp

### Camp Listing Key

\* = 3-day camp

**Como Friends Members receive a 10% discount.**

For more information on Camp Como visit [www.comozooconservatory.org](http://www.comozooconservatory.org) and click on FAMILIES under Programs and Classes.

**See page 12 for Summer Camp 2020 At-a-Glance**



# PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CAMPS

Children entering Preschool or Kindergarten (4 or 5 by September 1, 2020).

## Animal Senses

Snakes smell with their tongues, butterflies taste with their feet, and mammals feel with their whiskers. Have a sensational time at Como as we play games, create art, listen to stories, meet live animals, and explore the zoo and gardens with our five senses.

**July 20-24**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 24-28**

**9:00a-12:00p**

## Nature Playtime

Explore through the trees, collect rocks, and gaze at the clouds on an outdoor adventure! During our journey, we will learn about the natural world through hiking, playing, and observing our surroundings. We will get curious about plants and animals to make discoveries! Learn how to “Leave No Trace” and about all the amazing things nature has to offer.

**June 22-26**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**July 20-24**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**August 24-28**

**1:00p-4:00p**

## Rainforest Rumble

Discover the fascinating tropical rainforest! Explore unique plant and animal relationships while experiencing the rhythm of the rain. Journey through the Gardens and Zoo, meeting rainforest primates, plants, birds and more!

**July 6-10**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**July 27-31**

**1:00p-4:00p**

## Splish Splash!

Splash! Jump on in and get ready for a wet and wild week as we explore the world under the water. Through crafts, games, and awesome adventures, we will learn all about the plants and animals that make the ocean, lakes, and rivers their home.

**July 6-10**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 10-14**

**9:00a-12:00p**

## Zoo Babies

Kits, infants, calves, cubs, and hatchlings—welcome to the world of zoo babies and ultimate cuteness! Through crafts, games, and stories, we will learn how animal moms and dads care for their young and go on a special adventure to visit Como’s newest arrivals.

**June 22-26**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**July 27-31**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**August 10-14**

**1:00p-4:00p**



## 1ST & 2ND GRADE CAMPS

Children entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall of 2020.

### Adventures in Art

Discover your wild and creative side! Use your five senses to explore nature and art through sculpting, drawing, and painting. To inspire the artist within, campers will get up close visits from Como's plant and animal ambassadors.

<b>June 29 - July 3</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>July 20-24</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>August 10-14</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>August 31 - September 4</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>

### Animal Engineers

People aren't the only ones who build things! Many animals are excellent engineers, too. In this camp, we'll meet some of Como's animal engineers and try our hand at building nests, tunnels, dens, and even art, using nature as our guide.

<b>June 15-19</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>July 13-15*</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>August 3-7</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>

### Bugmania

If you are big on bugs, then this is the camp for you! Get ready to get your hands grubby as we search for and examine worms, millipedes, spiders, butterflies, and more. Campers will learn the parts of an insect, discover how bugs grow, and meet Como's bug friends up-close.

<b>June 22-26</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>July 6-10</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>July 27-31</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>August 17-21</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>

### Dinosaur Times

How are ostriches, giraffes, and turtles like dinosaurs? How do paleontologists know what dinosaurs were like? Investigate clues from prehistoric times as we learn about our favorite fossilized friends and meet some of Como's modern dinosaur relatives!

<b>June 15-19</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>July 6-10</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>July 27-31</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>August 17-21</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>

### Fantastic Flyers

Flap your wings and fly on over to Como for this fantastic, fun-filled camp! We'll meet a variety of nature's best flyers, from birds to bats to bugs! Conduct flight experiments, make bird feeders, play games, and experience other fabulous flying fun.

<b>June 29 - July 3</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>July 20-24</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>
<b>August 10-14</b>	<b>1:00p-4:00p</b>

### Monkeying Around

Go bananas with your friends as we monkey around during this camp! Sure, monkeys have tails and apes don't, but there is so much more to know! Meet a primate zookeeper, observe feeding time, and participate in the Banana Olympics as we explore the world of primates.

<b>June 22-26</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>July 13-15*</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>August 3-7</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>
<b>August 31 - September 4</b>	<b>9:00a-12:00p</b>



## 3RD & 4TH GRADE CAMPS

Children entering 3rd or 4th grade in the fall of 2020.

### African Adventure

Get your passport in order – it's time to take an adventure to remember! Africa is a large continent with many things to do and see. Learn about sand dunes, savannas, and rainforests, explore Africa's many countries, and meet Como's African plants and animals.

**July 6-10**  
**August 31 - September 4**

**9:00a-12:00p**  
**1:00p-4:00p**

### Animal Olympics

If the Olympics were held for animals, what would the events be and who would take home the gold? Join Team Como as we sprint like cheetahs, power-lift like rhinoceros beetles, and take aim like archer fish. Get ready to carry the torch to world record-setting fun!

**June 15-19**  
**August 3-7**  
**August 24-28**

**1:00p-4:00p**  
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### Big Cats

Go cat crazy! Discover the special adaptations wild cats use to survive, explore where cats live around the world, and see how Como's keepers care for our resident felines. Campers will make enrichment for some of Como's big cats and observe each animal's unique reaction!

**June 15-19**  
**July 13-15\***  
**August 3-7**  
**August 24-28**

**9:00a-12:00p**  
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### Plant and Animal Pals

Did you know that some plants help raise frog tadpoles? Come learn about the fascinating partnerships between plants and animals. We will also explore the many different textures, shapes, and colors of plants and animals alike! You might even make some new pals of your own!

**June 22-26**  
**July 13-15\***  
**August 10-14**

**9:00a-12:00p**  
**1:00p-4:00p**  
**1:00p-4:00p**



### Polar Expedition

Bundle up because we've got a polar expedition with your name on it! Imagine traveling through the harsh, polar regions of the planet to observe polar bears as they search for seals, reindeer as they tussle on the tundra, and penguins as they swim the seas. For extra fun, make an enrichment treat for an arctic animal on exhibit!

**June 22-26**  
**July 20-24**  
**August 17-21**  
**August 31 - September 4**

**1:00p-4:00p**  
**9:00a-12:00p**  
**1:00p-4:00p**  
**9:00a-12:00p**

### Scaly and Slimy

What's the difference between a reptile and an amphibian? Hop, slither, or swim over to Como to encounter the coolest cold-blooded creatures at the zoo! Campers will meet live reptiles and amphibians, discover their amazing adaptations, and play scaly and slimy games.

**July 6-10**  
**August 10-14**

**1:00p-4:00p**  
**9:00a-12:00p**

### Wild Things

During this wild week, campers will start in Minnesota and then embark on a journey around the world. From South America to Africa to Asia, campers will encounter amazing plants and animals and construct a wild craft to take home. Passports not necessary!

**July 20-24**  
**August 17-21**

**1:00p-4:00p**  
**9:00a-12:00p**



## 5TH & 6TH GRADE CAMPS

Children entering 5th or 6th grade in the fall of 2020.

### Exhibit Design

Join the Exhibit Design team at Como! Explore the zoo's exhibits, meet live animals, visit with zookeepers, and work to design your own model of an animal exhibit. Participate in an exhibit showcase and share your creative designs with our zookeeping and horticulture staff!

**June 29 - July 3**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 17-21**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 31 - September 4**

**9:00a-12:00p**

### Intro to Animal Care

The wellbeing of Como's animals is extremely important. Learn about the valuable work zookeepers do every day including diet prep, animal training, enrichment, exhibit design, and animal first aid. Then it's your turn to try some of these tasks firsthand. Do you have what it takes?

**June 15-19**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**July 27-31**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 17-21**

**9:00a-12:00p**

### Mammal Madness

Lions and tigers and bears ... and more! This camp focuses on the wonderful world of mammals. Investigate what makes mammals unique, learn how mammals are trained at the zoo, and visit with a variety of Como's mammal residents, both large and small.

**June 15-19**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 31 - September 4**

**1:00p-4:00p**

### Primate Explorers

It's the closest thing to being a primate keeper! Explore the lives of primates in the wild and here at Como. Meet a primate zookeeper, participate in food preparation, design enrichment, observe ape training, and learn what you can do at home to help primates around the world.

**June 29 - July 3**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**July 27-31**

**9:00a-12:00p**

## 7TH & 8TH GRADE CAMPS

Children entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2020.

### Behind-the-Scenes (ABC)

Do not miss out on this unique camp! Learn the basics of zookeeping and gardening through hands-on experiences. Assist Como's horticulture staff, participate in animal care, and tour behind-the-scenes. This camp focuses on the Aquatic Animal Building, Polar Bear Odyssey Exhibit, and Cat Building.

**June 29 - July 3**

**9:00a-12:00p**

**August 3-7**

**1:00p-4:00p**

### Behind-the-Scenes (A-Z)

Do not miss out on this unique camp! Learn the basics of zoo keeping and gardening through hands-on experiences. Assist Como's horticulture staff, participate in animal care, and tour behind-the-scenes. This camp focuses on animals from Apes to Zebras and includes the Primate Building, Tropical Encounters Exhibit, and Hoofstock Building.

**July 13-15\***

**9:00a-12:00p**

**August 24-28**

**9:00a-12:00p**

### Conservation Champs

Explore the field of conservation in this hands-on camp. Get to know the zookeepers and horticulturists who have traveled the world and meet the species they are trying to save. Discover ways you and your friends can help endangered plants and animals and work on a photo project that will inspire people to care for Planet Earth!

**June 29 - July 3**

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 24-28**

**1:00p-4:00p**

### Water Worlds

Meet zookeepers, feed fish, and tour behind-the-scenes as you dive deep into the underwater world at Como. Find out what it is like to care for aquatic animals and their environments, both saltwater and fresh. Go fishing, collect aquatic insects, and set up an aquarium. From sting rays to sea horses, you'll see it all.

**July 13-15\***

**1:00p-4:00p**

**August 3-7**

**9:00a-12:00p**

# SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE (\*3 DAY CAMP)

Week 1: June 15-19	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	5th & 6th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Animal Engineers	Big Cats	Intro to Animal Care
1:00p-4:00p	Dinosaur Times	Animal Olympics	Mammal Madness

Week 2: June 22-26	PreK & K	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Zoo Babies	Monkeying Around	Plant and Animal Pals
1:00p-4:00p	Nature Playtime	Bugmania	Polar Expedition

Week 3: June 29- July 3	1st & 2nd Grade	5th & 6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Fantastic Flyers	Primate Explorers	Behind the Scenes (ABC)
1:00p-4:00p	Adventures in Art	Exhibit Design	Conservation Champs

Week 4: July 6-10	PreK & K	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Rainforest Rumble	Bugmania	African Adventure
1:00p-4:00p	Splish Splash	Dinosaur Times	Scaly and Slimy

Week 5: July 13-15*	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Monkeying Around	Big Cats	Behind-the-Scenes (A-Z)
1:00p-4:00p	Animal Engineers	Plants and Animal Pals	Water Worlds

Week 6: July 20-24	PreK & K	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Nature Playtime	Adventures in Art	Polar Expedition
1:00p-4:00p	Animal Senses	Fantastic Flyers	Wild Things

Week 7: July 27-31	PreK & K	1st & 2nd Grade	5th & 6th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Zoo Babies	Bugmania	Primate Explorers
1:00p-4:00p	Rainforest Rumble	Dinosaur Times	Intro to Animal Care

Week 8: Aug 3-7	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Monkeying Around	Big Cats	Water Worlds
1:00p-4:00p	Animal Engineers	Animal Olympics	Behind-the-Scenes (ABC)

Week 9: Aug 10-14	PreK & K	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Splish Splash	Adventures in Art	Scaly and Slimy
1:00p-4:00p	Zoo Babies	Fantastic Flyers	Plant and Animal Pals

Week 10: Aug 17-21	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	5th & 6th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Dinosaur Times	Wild Things	Intro to Animal Care
1:00p-4:00p	Bugmania	Polar Expedition	Exhibit Design

Week 11: Aug 24-28	PreK & K	3rd & 4th Grade	7th & 8th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Animal Senses	Big Cats	Behind-the-Scenes (A-Z)
1:00p-4:00p	Natural Playtime	Animal Olympics	Conservation Champs

Week 12: Aug 31-Sept 4	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	5th & 6th Grade
9:00a-12:00p	Monkeying Around	Polar Expedition	Exhibit Design
1:00p-4:00p	Adventures in Art	African Adventure	Mammal Madness





# BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Calling all party animals! Celebrate your special day with us here at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory! Zoo parties can be tailored for all ages and include a variety of themes, each with unique and specially designed activities. An interactive program complete with animal visitors, or a tour of a featured zoo exhibit (public area) will kick your party off right. A dedicated Education staff member will be on-hand for the entire 90-minute duration of your party.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY THEMES

### AGES 1-3

- **Lil' Zoo:** Meet live animals and enjoy hands-on activities designed for toddlers.

### AGES 4+

- **Scaly and Slimy:** Meet live reptiles and amphibians.
- **Rainforest Romp:** Meet live plants and animals from the tropical rainforest.
- **Safari Party:** Meet live plants and animals from the African savanna.

### AGES 6+

- **Crazy about Cats:** Personal tour (public area) of lion, tiger, cougar, and snow leopard exhibits.
- **Party with the Primates:** Personal tour (public area) of orangutan, gorilla, lemur, and monkey exhibits.
- **Aquatic Adventures:** Personal tour (public area) of sea lion, penguin, puffin, and polar bear exhibits.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

### BASIC PACKAGE

- 90-minute use of birthday room, table cloths, table topper decorations, room decorations.
- Cost: \$250 for up to 15 guests. Everyone in the room is counted (children under 12 months are free with paid adult). \$6 for each additional guest

### PARTY PLUS PACKAGE

- Includes all parts of the "Basic Package" as well as: Pizza, cake, beverages, candles, and birthday themed paper products. An additional "smasher" cake is included for one-year-old birthdays only.
- Cost: \$325 for up to 15 guests. Everyone in the room is counted (children under 12 months are free with paid adult). \$8 for each additional guest.

### ADD-ONS

- Gift Bags - \$5 each
- Sponsor-an-Animal Certificates - includes a fact sheet and picture of selected animal - \$5 each

*A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a date. Due to time constraints and the safety of our animals, additional decorations are not allowed.*



## SPECIAL EVENTS 2020

### **Music Under Glass**

Sunday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd  
Sunday, March 1st

### **Minnesota Bonsai Society Show**

Saturday, May 9th & Sunday, May 10th

### **Valentines Dinner in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory**

Thursday, February 13th; Friday, February 14th  
Saturday, February 15th

### **Como Friends Bouquets A wine, beer & food event**

Thursday, February 27th

### **Groovin' In The Garden**

Wednesday, June 10th, 17th, 24th  
Wednesday, July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

### **Como Sunset Affair**

Thursday, July 16th

### **Japanese Obon Festival**

Sunday, August 16th

### **Opening Day of Flower Shows**

Saturday, January 18th  
Saturday, March 28th  
Saturday, May 9th  
Saturday, October 10th  
Saturday, November 7th  
Saturday, December 5th



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