

BRAMBLE PARK ZOO

Hours of Operation:

Yes, the Zoo is open year-round!

10:00am-4:00pm daily

10:00am-7:00pm Saturdays

(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Daily Admission:

2 and underFree

3-12 years \$11.00 + tax

13 years and older\$13.50+ tax

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For questions about programs, please contact Jaime Stricker, Zoo Educator, at Bramble Park Zoo,

Zoo Educator: Jaime Stricker

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Join one of Bramble Park Zoo's many Education Programs

Classes at Bramble Park Zoo immerse kids in wildlife, the environment, and the need to protect and care for both, all in a unique setting: the Zoo!

- Online pre-registration is required.
<https://secure.rec1.com/SD/watertown-sd>
- Online registration for all Zoo Programs and Roots & Shoots Programs begins April 2nd
- Ages and grades are calculated as of June 1, 2024, no exceptions
- ALL PROGRAMS HELD AT BRAMBLE PARK ZOO
- A minimum of 6 participants are needed to hold each session
- Parents of younger children must assist students with check in before each class
- Students must wear close-toed shoes
- Please do not come if you are feeling under the weather

Zoo kids and parents can count on:

- An immersive experience at the Zoo, including meeting animals up-close
- Learning about the animals they know and love
- Plenty of time outdoors, taking nature hikes and playing
- Meeting other families who have similar interests
- Children bursting with new knowledge and excitement from their days at camp



2-Day Camps

ANIMAL SAFARI: A WORLDLY ADVENTURE AT THE ZOO AGES 5 – 11 / 2 SESSION OPTIONS

Create a passport and learn about the animals and where they are from.

Date: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 11 - 12

Session 1: Mornings, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Session 2: Afternoons, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Fee: \$29 + tax

ANIMAL QUEST AGES 5 – 11 / 2 SESSION OPTIONS

Discover the critters that call Bramble Park Zoo home through games and observations.

Date: Monday & Tuesday, June 24 - 25

Session 1: Mornings, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Session 2: Afternoons 2:00 - 4:00pm

Fee: \$29 + tax

ANIMAL TRAINING AGES 7 – 13 / 1 SESSION ONLY

Learn how and why we train our zoo animals, the basics of behavior modification, and play the training game. Video footage of training sessions may be viewed.

Date: Wednesday & Thursday, July 31 - August 1

Time: Afternoons, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Fee: \$29 + tax



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ZooCamp

Bramble Park Zoo's summer camps are entertaining, educational, and unforgettable! Participants enjoy engaging activities and learning about the diversity of life in specific theme-based camps. Campers will have the opportunity to view live animals up close, explore the Zoo, and everyone will have a "wild" time! ZooCamp 1: "It's a Wonderful (wild) Life" will explore all aspects of wildlife! We'll examine overarching concepts like the web of life and life cycle, and then dive into more focused subjects such as endangered species, urban wildlife, and invasive species, while ZooCamp 2: "Feeding Frenzy Fun" will dive into eating! We'll learn about different types of eaters, the senses and adaptations developed for eating (and avoiding being eaten), and what it's like to be a predator and prey! You can sign-up for them both!

Option 1: A Week of Fun

ZOOCAMP 1

THEME: IT'S A WONDERFUL (WILD) LIFE

AGES 6 - 12 / 2 SESSION OPTIONS

Dates & Times: Monday - Thursday, June 17 - 20

Session 1: Mornings, 9:30 - 11:30am

Session 2: Afternoons, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Fee: \$80 + tax for all 4 days

ZOOCAMP 2

THEME: FEEDING FRENZY FUN

AGES 6 - 13 / 2 SESSION OPTIONS

Dates & Times: Monday - Thursday, July 22 - 25

Session 1: Mornings, 9:30-11:30am

Session 2: Afternoons, 2:00-4:00pm

Fee: \$80 + tax for all 4 days

Option 2: Pick and Choose

Can't commit to four days in a row or want more variety, then sign-up to come one or more days. June dates will be the "It's a Wonderful (Wild) Life" theme and July dates will be "Feeding Frenzy Fun".

Note: *Morning and afternoon sessions on the same day will be the same activities.*

Dates & Times:

Monday mornings: June 17 and/or July 22, 9:30 - 11:30am

Monday afternoons: June 17 and/or July 22, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Tuesday mornings: June 18 and/or July 23, 9:30 - 11:30am

Tuesday afternoons: June 18 and/or July 23, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Wednesday mornings: June 19 and/or July 24, 9:30 - 11:30am

Wednesday afternoons: June 19 and/or July 24, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Thursday mornings: June 20 and/or July 25, 9:30 - 11:30am

Thursday afternoons: June 20 and/or July 25, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Fee: \$21 + tax per class



S.T.E.A.M. Based Camp ENRICHMENT CAMP

AGES 8 AND UP / 2 SESSION OPTIONS

Voted the most unique program at the zoo! This wildly popular summer program lets kids have fun, hands-on learning at the Zoo! Campers create and build enrichment toys for zoo animals, take special tours, and observe animal behaviors up-close. This memorable zoo camp will focus on keeping captive animals healthy and the role of zoos as conservation organizations.

Dates & Times: Monday & Tuesday, July 29 - 30

Session 1: Mornings, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Session 2: Afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Fee: \$55 + tax per session includes materials

Bring your own snack and water bottle!

Toddler Time

AGES 2 - 4 / 15 CLASSES

Enjoy an activity and animal related interaction during this one-hour program designed for our youngest fans and an adult. In each class we will learn about a different animal through meet and greets, books, songs, activities, and/or games. We'll explore textures, colors, numbers and more! Sign-up for one or all of the classes, and make sure to plan time to tour the zoo on your own before or after.

Session 1: Mornings, 10:00 - 11:00am

June 7, 13, 14, 21, 26, and/or 27

July 8, 10, 12, 19, and/or 26

August 2, 15, and/or 16

Session 1: Afternoons, 2:30 - 3:30pm

June 6

August 2

Fee: \$12 + tax for each class

Register Online
@watertownparkandrec.com

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Preschool Zoo

AGES 3 – 5 / 7 WEEKS

*Parent or trusted adult must attend for ages 4 and under.
Older students should try it on their own!*

Nurture your child's love for animals and nature with Bramble Park Zoo's programs for young children. With the Zoo as their classroom, teachers encourage children to investigate, play and learn through exploration activities.

Theme: Animal Artists

Dates & Times: Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; Thursday, June 13, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, June 14, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: Otter Adventures

Dates & Times: Thursday, June 20, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, June 21, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: And That's the Tooth

Dates & Times: Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Thursday, June 27, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: For Goodness Snakes

Dates & Times: Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; Thursday, July 11, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, July 12, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: Marvelous Metamorphosis

Dates & Times: Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 - 3:30pm, Wednesday, July 17, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; Thursday, July 18, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, July 19, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: Move it, Move it

Dates & Times: Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; Thursday, July 25, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, July 26, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Theme: Bear Necessities

Dates & Times: Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 - 11:30am or 2:00 - 3:30pm; Thursday, August 15, 2:00 - 3:30pm; or Friday, August 16, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Fee: \$16 + tax for each class

Meet the Manager

AGES 10 AND UP / 1 TIME ONLY

Attend a special after hours tour with our new Zoo Manager Stacy! Learn about Bramble Park Zoo, AZA, and all the behind-the-scenes tasks required to operate a zoological facility. Stacy is a wealth of knowledge and she can't wait to share it all with you!

Date & Time: Thursday, May 30, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Fee: \$10 + tax



Jane Goodall's
Roots & Shoots

Roots & Shoots

Join Roots & Shoots today and make a difference for tomorrow! Roots & Shoots is the Jane Goodall Institute's community-based environmental and humanitarian program for youth. Roots & Shoots groups plan and participate in service-learning projects showing care and concern for animals, the environment, and the human community. The Roots & Shoots mission is to foster respect and compassion for all living things, promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs, and inspire everyone to take action, to make the world a better place!

LITTLE SPROUTS GRADES K - 2ND

Dates & Times: Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:30am,
June 12, 19, 26,
July 10, 17, and 24

Fee: \$50 + tax for 6 weeks

YOUTH LEADERS GRADES 3RD - 6TH

Dates & Times: Thursday mornings, 10:00-12:00pm,
June 13, 20, 27,
July 11, 18 and 25

Fee: \$50 + tax for 6 weeks

Zoo Crew

GRADES 7TH – 12TH

Are you a hard worker? Dependable? Do you love animals AND working with the public? Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? If you answered yes to all of these questions this program is for you! You can assist with special events, act as an interpreter, help with education programs, perform zookeeping duties in the Big Red Barn and go on outreach trips. Pick up an application at the Zoo or online at www.brambleparkzoo.com. Mandatory training will be June 4th or 5th. Program is limited to 40 participants. All candidates will be interviewed prior to acceptance. You will be required to volunteer at least 8 hours per week.

Dates & Times: June, July and August (and throughout the school year as needed/available)

Fee: \$75 + tax includes Zoo Crew T-shirt and materials

Deadline for application: Friday, May 17th, 4:00pm

For more information, contact Jaime at jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com.



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Teddy Bear Tea Party

AGES 3 – 10 / 3 CLASS OPTIONS

Participants can bring their favorite stuffed teddy bear and join us for a very special party. Zoo Crew “veterinarians” will be on hand for free medical check-ups for your bear. Children will go on a bear hunt, help a zookeeper prepare breakfast for the bears, and watch the bears eat.

Option 1: Thursday, June 6, 9:30 - 11:30am; or

Option 2: Wednesday, July 3, 9:30 - 11:30am; or

Option 3: Monday, August 5, 9:30 - 11:30am

Fee: \$15 + tax

Cooking Creations

AGES 5 – 12 / 2 CLASS OPTIONS

Do you like to measure and mix ingredients to make yummy concoctions? Do you like to learn about nutrition and new foods? During this class we will do all of this, but we won't be cooking for us we'll be creating tasty treats for the animals!

Option 1: Monday, June 10, 2:00 - 4:00pm; or

Option 2: Tuesday, July 16, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$15 + tax

EcoEXPLORE

AGES 5 – 10 / 2 CLASS OPTIONS

Let's use our five senses to explore nature together! Come prepared to get dirty!

Option 1: Monday, July 1, 1:30 - 3:30pm; or

Option 2: Tuesday, July 9, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$15 + tax

Farmyard Friends

AGES 5 – 12 / 2 CLASS OPTIONS

Get to know our barnyard buddies and discover the important jobs these animals have that help humans!

Option 1: Monday, July 8, 1:00 - 3:00pm; or

Option 2: Wednesday, August 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$15 + tax

Awesome Adventures

AGES 5 – 12 / 1 CLASS ONLY

Games, hikes, and animal meet and greets!

Date & Time: Saturday, July 13, 10:00 - 11:30am

Fee: \$15 + tax

Zookeeper for a Day

AGES 10 AND UP / 2 CLASS OPTIONS

It's all in a day's work for a zookeeper, and now visitors can try "the best job in the world" too. Here is your chance to work with a zookeeper and discover this rich and rewarding career. You will experience how to prepare food, clean up, and interact with the animals. Learn about animal husbandry techniques and much more about the inner workings of a zoo.

Please wear old clothes and close-toed shoes/boots.

Option 1: Monday, July 15, 8:30am - 12:00pm; or

Option 2: Tuesday, August 6, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$25 + tax

Flashlight Fun for Families

ALL AGES / 1 TIME ONLY!

Families can come to Bramble Park and take a special after-hours flashlight tour of the zoo. Many of the animals at the zoo are nocturnal, so they will just be waking up when you arrive. Bring a flashlight and your sense of adventure!

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 13, 8:15 - 10:15pm

Fee: \$25 + tax per immediate family

VIP: Behind the Scenes

AGES 5 AND UP

Enjoy this unique 1 ½ hour program in which visitors spend time touring with a zoo biologist. This tour allows participants to go behind the scenes, get face-to-face with exotic animals in off-exhibit areas, prepare meals and feed the animals at Bramble Park Zoo.

Date & Time: Call to schedule a time that works for you. (We must have at least two weeks advance notice. Tours are subject to staff availability. Minimum of 2, maximum of 10 people. Participants under 13 years of age must be accompanied by a paying adult. Walking is required.)

Duration: 1.5 Hours

Fee: \$35 + tax per person (includes admission)

Sloth Encounter

AGES 5 AND UP

Hang with our two-toed sloth in our Sloth Encounter Program! Meet and speak with our sloth keepers for Sloth 101! Participants will be able to get a face-to-face hands-on experience, so bring your cameras for unforgettable moments!

Duration: 1/2 hour

Date & Time: Call to schedule

Fee: \$25 + tax per person (includes admission)

**Call to
Schedule!**

Register Online
@watertownparkandrec.com

Wild Birthday Parties

Celebrate your birthday at the Bramble Park Zoo.

Please call the zoo at 605-882-6269 (at least 2 weeks in advance) to arrange your party. Subject to staff and facility availability.

Birthday in a Bag

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3+

Party includes admission to the Zoo for 12 youth and 2 adults, a special backpack for the birthday child containing: a \$10 gift certificate for the gift shop; petting zoo pellets for the KidZoo animals and corn for the waterfowl; scavenger hunt; and a \$5 off coupon for a cake at the Hy-Vee bakery. You will be responsible for ordering and picking up the cake, food, decorations, clean up and chaperoning the participants during the entire party. Two parents or guardians must attend (there must be one chaperon for every 6 children).

This party is unstaffed. Picnic tables are available on grounds on a first come, first serve basis. Inside accommodations may be made in case of inclement weather, if available.

Fee: \$160 + tax (maximum of 12 children, 12 years and under, and 2 adults). Additional guests: \$13.50 + tax each. Memberships do not apply.

Traditional Zoo Birthday

FOR CHILDREN AGES 7+

Party includes admission to the Zoo for 12 youth and 2 adults, private party room for two hours, a special animal encounter, zoo games and \$5 off coupon for a cake at the Hy-Vee bakery. You will be responsible for ordering and picking up the cake, food, decorations, clean up and chaperoning the participants during the entire party. Two parents or guardians must attend (there must be one chaperon for every 6 children). Party subject to staff availability.

This party is staffed for approximately 1 hour.

Fee: \$210 + tax (maximum of 12 children, 12 years and under, and 2 adults). Additional guests: \$13.50 + tax each. Add a Backpack: \$20 + tax. Memberships do not apply.

Room Rental

FOR ALL AGES

Rent a room at Bramble Park Zoo and host your own party or get-together. The classrooms/multi-purpose rooms in the Terry Redlin Environmental Center or the Big Red Barn can be reserved for \$25 per hour. In addition, each person attending the function in the classroom would be charged regular admission. LAZS memberships do allow members to attend the party at no charge. The room rental option is perfect for birthday parties, meetings, showers, reunions and more!

Fee: \$25/hour + tax, plus admission fees or current LAZS membership for everyone

KidZoo Picnic Shelter Rental

FOR ALL AGES

Rent the Prairie Porch Picnic Shelter within the AWC Family Foundation's KidZoo. Call 605-882-6269 for availability and reservations.

Fee: \$25 + tax, plus admission fees* or current LAZS membership for everyone
**If all admissions are paid in one transaction, you will receive \$1 OFF of each admission with shelter rental.*



2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

Dates, times and fees are subject to change without notice. Please call 605-882-6269 for more information on these events and other activities presented by Bramble Park Zoo.

Earth Day/Party for the Planet

Celebrate the earth and create toys for the animals at the Zoo!

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm

Sippin' Safari

21 and over fundraiser highlighting food, drink, entertainment and animals from around the area.

Date: Friday, June 28

Time: 6:00 - 9:00pm

Food Truck Festival

Sweet and savory food trucks and entertainment.

Date: Saturday, July 27

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

LAZS Member Appreciation Event

A special night for Zoo members.

Date: Monday, August 5

Time: 6:00pm

Midco Free Day

Free admission, popcorn and drink.

Date: Thursday, August 8

Time: 10:00am - 7:00pm

Community Chili Cook-Off

Chili contest, music and awards - reduced admission.

Date: September 28

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

ZOO BOO

Community supported trick-or-treating in a fun and safe environment.

Memberships not valid for youth.

Date: Saturday, October 26

Time: 2:00 - 6:00pm /
1:00pm express entrance

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast, photos with Santa and activities.

Date: Saturday, December 14

Time: 8:00 - 10:00am