



John Ball Zoo's 2011-2012 Zoofari Class Schedule

If you have any questions about our classes, please contact us at:
616-336-8951 or guestprograms@johnballzoosociety.org

3-4 year old with parent/guardian

Make your preschooler's next play date WILD! Our Zoofari classes will introduce your little one to the wonderful world of animals through sensory learning! All classes include up-close animal encounters, story time, crafts, plus much more!

1. Friday Sept. 16th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Farm Friends

E-I-E-I-O!! Just like old McDonald, JBZ has a barnyard full of critters! Get a chance to learn through touch, smell, and sound about the animals that live on a hobby farm!

2. Friday Oct. 7th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Birds of a Feather

Fly on over to learn more about our fine feathered friends! We will discover the secrets behind why some birds can fly and others cannot, how they lay eggs, plus meet some amazing birds!

3. Friday Nov. 11th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Rockin' Reptiles & Awesome Amphibians

Slither or hop to the zoo to find out more about our scaly & slimy friends! Frogs & toads are INCREDIBLY important to the world, and we will show you why. Also learn why snakes are not as scary as they seem, the differences between turtles & tortoises, and much more!

4. Friday Dec. 2nd 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Underwater Wonders

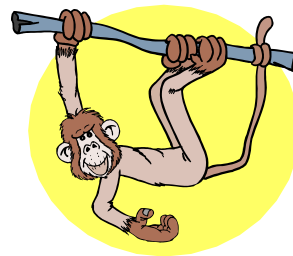
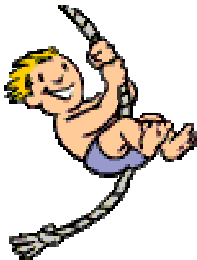
Dive in and explore our underwater world! We'll investigate aquatic habitats, see how animals adapt to living underwater, and even meet a few underwater dwellers!

5. Friday Feb. 10th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Playtime Pals (Class @ GR Children's Museum)

Whether you have fingers & toes or paws & claws bubbles, balls, and bells make wonderful play toys! Join us as we explore the GR Children's Museum (including a couple playful animals!) to learn why playtime is so important for both animals and people through games & hands-on learning.

6. Friday March 2nd 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Mammal Mania

This program will make you feel all fuzzy wuzzy! Discover all the planet's different mammals (including us)! From the lion's thick mane to a porcupine's sharp quills, you'll see all the different types of mammal hairstyles. Plus get a chance to feel some of the softest animals in the world!



5-6 year old

All 5-6 year old classes include an up-close animal encounter, story time, games, craft-making, and zoo exploration (or museum exploration for *The Animal in Me* class)

1. Saturday Sept. 17th 2:00-4:00 pm → African Safari

Have the most WILD trip to Africa without needing a passport! Through games and exploratory learning, we will traverse through JBZ's African region to discover & learn about some of the world's most popular animals.

2. Saturday Oct. 8th 2:00-4:00 pm → Critters of the Night

When you go to bed at night, many animals are just waking up. Explore at the zoo and see what it means to be nocturnal and meet some "creatures of the night."

3. Saturday Nov. 5th 2:00-4:00 pm → Eat or Be Eaten

To eat, or to be eaten – that is the question. Learn more about predator and prey animals, how various animals find or catch their food, and learn why these animals could not survive without one another.

4. Sat. Feb. 11th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → The Animal in Me (Class @ GR Children's Museum)

Swing like a monkey, run like an ostrich, screech like an owl! People and animals share many characteristics with each other. Join us and a couple of our zoo animals at the GR Children's Museum to discover how to bring out your WILD side!

5. Saturday March 3rd 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Trekking America

Rainforests, deserts, swamps, and prairies – the Americas have it all! Trek all over North & South America in just a couple hours to discover some of nature's most unique & interesting animals. See snakes who play dead, large rodents who swim, plus much more!

7-8 year old

All 7-8 year old classes include an up-close animal encounter, games, craft-making, and zoo exploration (or museum exploration for *Animal Time Warp* class)

1. Saturday Sept. 17th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Expedition in da' Kitchen

Jell-O popsicles for the bears? Mirrors for parrots? Just like people, animals love treats & toys! Join us in learning what special enrichment food items & toys we give to the animals here at the zoo, plus get a chance to make a treat for your own backyard buddies!

2. Saturday Oct. 8th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Animal Paparazzi

All over the world researchers and camera crews follow wild animals in order to learn more about them & get that perfect snapshot. Join us at the zoo where we will learn what it is like to be an animal researcher/photographer. Personal cameras are welcome but not required.

3. Saturday Nov. 5th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Zooper Heroes

Spiderman, Batman, the Penguin! All sorts of super heroes and super villains have used animals as an inspiration or source for their incredible powers! Learn how AMAZING and almost SUPERNATURAL our critters can be!

4. Saturday Jan. 14th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Animal Time Warp (Class @ GR Public Museum)
Throughout history, people and animals have interacted with each other in many different ways. Join us at the public museum for this WILD class as we travel through time and see how people & animals together built cities, survived wars, and became life-long friends. Also learn how taxidermy makes museum exhibits come alive (don't confuse them with the live animal ambassadors that will also be present)!

9-10 year old

1. Saturday Oct. 1st 10:00 am-12:00 pm → What's for Lunch?

Are you hungry to learn about what animals eat? Find out what we feed all of the animals by getting a behind-the-scenes look at our zoo kitchen, and be prepared to “whip-up” something while you're here!

2. Saturday Nov. 12th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Jr. Zookeeper

Come to the zoo to find out what the day in the life of a zookeeper really means! Get ready to be hands-on with exhibit cleaning and having an up-close look at our zoo animals.

3. Saturday Dec. 10th 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Dr. Zoolittle

Do you want to be a veterinarian when you grow up? Come to the zoo to see some tools of the trade, and what type of treatments zoo animals receive when they get a cut or a toothache.

4. Saturday Jan. 21st 10:00 am-12:00 pm → Caught Red Pawed (Class @ GR Public Museum)

A crime has been committed at the museum in the habitats exhibit – and you are our WILD detectives! By use of forensic science, figure out “who-done-it”, and solve the mystery of this CSI (creature scene investigation) case!



JBZ's Zoofari Classes Registration Form

Call (616) 336-8951 if you wish to register over the phone

3-4 year old classes (includes 1 child and 1 adult) – 2 hour class

Members: \$20 (per class), additional children \$12 each, additional adults \$8 each

Nonmembers: \$22 (per class), additional children \$14 each, additional adults \$8 each

5-6 year old, 7-8 year old, 9-10 year old classes (child only) – 2 hour class

Members: \$16 per child (per class), \$20 for parent/child class at GR Children's Museum (5-6 yr old)

Nonmembers: \$18 per child (per class), \$22 for parent/child class at GR Children's Museum (5-6 yr old)

Are you currently a John Ball Zoo Member? (circle one) YES NO

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Add. Phone # (wrk, cell): _____

E-mail: _____

1st Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

2nd Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

3rd Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

Accompanying Adult (if applicable): _____ Relationship _____

Please list all animal or food allergies any participants have: _____

Class Title(s): (if signing up multiple children, please indicate which class each child is attending)

Payment Method: (circle one) Cash Check Credit **Amount:** \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "John Ball Zoo Society" **Check #:** _____

Please charge my credit card (please fill out all information below)

Type: Visa MasterCard Discover **Name on Card:** _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ **Expiration:** _____

3-Digit Code # (located on back) _____ **Signature:** _____

Please Mail / Fax Form & Payment To:

Mailing Address: John Ball Zoo Society – Zoofari Classes
 P.O. Box 2506
 Grand Rapids, MI 49501

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Payment Deposited: _____ Input on Class List: _____ Confirmation Sent: _____