

The 2024 Chahinkapa Zoo season will bring some new and exciting features! We have added several new animals to our collection, including two new cougar cubs, African crested porcupines, and more. Volunteers and educators, along with the zookeepers, will meet you on the pathways to enhance your visit.

2024 Zoo Classes

Ages 4 - 5

**This age group must be accompanied by an adult.
Pre-registration is required.**

Here Kitty, Kitty - Thursday, June 6 10:00 - 11:00 am

\$10 member/\$12 non-member

You will learn about the 5 different species of cats at Chahinkapa Zoo.

Roo, Roo, Root for Kangaroos - Wednesday, June 26 10:00 am - 11:00 am

\$10 member/\$12 non-member

You will learn about the unique features of kangaroos and bring some treats to them as you visit them inside their enclosure.

Goofy Goats - Wednesday, July 17 1:00 - 2:00 pm

\$10 member/\$12 non-member Take a walk to Grandpa's Petting Zoo after learning about goats and other farm animals.

Lizards, and Geckos, and Toads.... Oh, My! - Tuesday, July 23 3:30 - 4:30 pm

\$10 member/\$12 non-member

Meet those creatures (and maybe a few more) in the Nature Center.

Z is for Zebra - Wednesday, August 14 2:00 - 3:00 pm

\$10 member/\$12 non-member

Let's visit one of the zoo's striped animals and see what makes them special.

Ages 6 - 8
Pre-registration is required for all classes.
Zoo Classes

This "Otter" be Fun! - Tuesday, June 18 **10:00 - 11:00 am**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Learn about our otters and other members of the weasel family.

Breakfast For the Bears - Tuesday, June 25 **9:00 am - 10:00 am**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Make delicious treats for the grizzly bears and then hide the treats in the bears' enclosure before they come out for the day.

Big Cats! - Thursday, June 27 **10:00am - 11:00 am**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Let's learn about and visit the zoo's big cats.

Mystery Arts and Crafts - Session 1 - Tuesday, July 9 **10:30 am - 11:30 am**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Make an animal themed craft or art work.

If You Can't Trick 'em, Stick 'em - Tuesday, July 16 **10:00 - 11:00 am**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Let's learn about how animals and plants protect themselves from predators with quills or thorns.

Mystery Arts and Crafts - Session 2 - Wednesday, July 24th **1:30 am - 2:30 pm**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Make an animal themed craft or art work.

Young Trainers - Wednesday, July 31 **3:00 - 4:00 pm**

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Meet with a zookeeper to learn the "how" and "why" training is important at the zoo. Watch a training session or two to see it in action.

****Special class for ages 6 - 12**:**

Chalk One Up for the Zoo! - Saturday, July 13 **8:00 am - 10 am**

\$ 10 - Pre-Registration required - Class size limited to 20.

ChalkFest is in town! Let's decorate some animal habitats with chalk art as enrichment for the animals and fun for you.

Ages 9+
Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Lemur Lessons - Tuesday, June 11

10:00 - 11:00 am

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Learn about lemurs and get up close and personal with them inside their habitat

Junior Zookeeping I - (Choose one session) (Bring a sack lunch)

Session 1 - Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Session 2 - Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$45 - Fee includes "Junior Zookeeper" T-shirt

This camp is designed for ages 9 - 14. This two day workshop allows young people to spend time with a Chahinkapa Zoo keeper and learn the responsibilities and tasks of a zoo keeper. Students will get a behind-the-scenes tour of exhibits and learn about habitat planning, preparing zoo diets, explore zoo medicine fields, and design their own zoo. The second day includes a short graduation ceremony where family is invited to share in the program. This workshop is a pre-requisite to being a Junior Zoo Keeper Volunteer.

Junior Zookeeping II - (Bring a sack lunch)

Wednesday, July 10 and Thursday, July 11 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pre-requisite: Junior Zookeeping I

\$35 - Fee includes "Junior Zookeeper II" T-shirt

This second camp puts you in the middle of animal enrichment. How does zoo staff keep the animals active and healthy in their habitat? Help make enrichment treats. Zoo medicine will be explored in more depth and students may learn blow dart procedures. A short graduation ceremony will be held on the second day where family is invited to view the results of your hard work.

Junior Zoo Keeper Club

After graduating from Junior Zookeeping I or Junior Zookeeping II, you may volunteer at the zoo for two hours each week. You will receive a club card and will be invited to the Zoo Friend picnic in September. There is a \$30 supervisor fee. Times are arranged with a zookeeper.

Who Would Win? Bison vs. Rhino - Friday, July 12

12:00 - 1:00 pm

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Let's learn about each of these powerful beasts.

Photo Safari - Thursday, July 18

2:00 - 3:30 pm

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

Bring your camera or use your phone camera to take photos of a wide variety of species at the zoo. Some photography techniques and tips will be shared. We will print some of your photos for you to bring home as keepsakes.

Sssnake Sssense - Thursday, July 25

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

\$10 member/\$15 non-member

We will learn about the special abilities that snakes have to help them to survive.

Special "Back to School" class for ages 6 - 10:

Zoolympics - Thursday, August 15

10:00 am - 11:30 am

\$10 members/\$12 non-members

Let's have some last minute fun. Hop like a kangaroo, run like a cheetah, waddle like a duck and more.

Cooking Classes:

2nd Junior Chef Cooking Class for Teens!

Ages 12 and older

When: Saturday, June 15

10 AM - Noon

Place Wahpeton Community Center 304 5th St. South, Wahpeton

Fee: \$25 – includes “Junior Chefs of America” Cookbook

Make Smokey Hawaiian Pulled Pork Sandwiches and learn slow cooking techniques.

Must bring a crock pot (slow cooker).

Little Chef Baking Class

Ages 8-11

When: Saturday, August 10 from 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Place: Hughes Shelter, Chahinkapa Park

Fee: \$20 – includes recipe book, “Can Kids Cook?” for more summertime fun treats!

You will be making cupcakes for your family and decorating them with flower petals and butterflies!