

# Session Themes for Our Animal Kingdom Summer Camp

## ◆ Session 1A & 1 - May 29\* - June 8

### Pampered Pets



EAC will begin a summer-long celebration of the Animal Kingdom with a humorous look at the domesticated cut-ups that provide households with laughter, loyalty, and love: our pampered pets. Literature for this unit will include *The Birthday Pet* by Ellen Javernick, *Bunnica* by Deborah and James Howe, and *The Fast and the Furiest* by Andy Behrens.

## ◆ Session 2 - June 11 - 15

### Down on the Farm

With oinks and clucks and moos and quacks: ee i ee i oh! Farmers have been raising animals for food and labor since the earliest humans grew weary of the hunter-gatherer lifestyle. Campers will discover animal life on the farm through puppets, papier-mâché, and books such as *On the Farm* by David Elliott, *Barnyard Slam* by Dian Curtis Regan, and the classic, *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White.



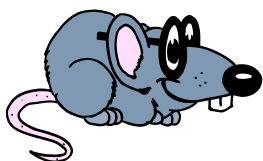
## ◆ Session 3 - June 18 - 22

### Pony Tales

Saddle up for some galloping fun with stick pony races and organized horsing-around as campers learn about the equine beauty of the domestic horse and the wild stallion. Literature will include *A Friend for Einstein: The Smallest Stallion* by Charlie Cantrell, *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* by Paul Goble, and *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.

## ◆ Session 4 - June 25 - 29

### Rodent Roundup!



Pets or pests? Cartoon cute or creepy crawly? From the 2" pygmy mouse to the 150 lb. capybara, these mammals share one gnawing similarity – their teeth! Groups will craft mice, squirrels, beavers and porcupines as they explore the resilient rodent family with the aid of literature such as *Mouse Was Mad*

by Linda Urban, *Town Mouse Country Mouse* by Jan Brett, and the Newberry Medal winning *Poppy* by Avi.

## ◆ Session 5 - July 2 - 6

### Watch and Listen

Young naturalists will find inspiration this week with intriguing true stories of pioneering conservationists who became obsessed with observing the wildlife around them. Literature will include *Talk, Talk, Squawk! A Human's Guide to Animal Communication* by Nicola Davies, *The Watcher* by Jeanette Winter, *For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson* by Peggy Thomas, and *Wild Wings* by Gill Lewis.



## ◆ Session 6 - July 9 - 13

### Animals Gone Wild!

Growling grizzlies, rollicking rhinos, terrifying tigers and hilarious hyenas all join the animal parade as mask-wearing prowling pouncing campers investigate the untamed population of the animal kingdom. Rip-roaring texts accompanying the curriculum include *My Big Book of Wild Animals* by Patricia A. Pingry, *In the Wild* by David Elliott, *Pinduli* by Janell Cannon, and *The Secret Zoo* by Bryan Chick.

## ◆ Session 7 - July 16 - 20

### Surprising Friendships

Activities this week will support literature that introduces students to symbiosis, unusual partnerships, and unlikely BFFs in the animal world! Adorable, informative, and heart-rending literature includes *Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships* by Catherine Thimmesh, *How to Clean a Hippopotamus* by Steve Jenkins, and *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.



## ◆ Session 8 - July 23 - 27

### Creatures of the Deep

Half the earth lies beneath the surface of the ocean more than a mile deep, but most of this watery world remains a mystery. Some scientists believe that we've seen fewer than half the large animals in the sea! Jiggly Jell-O jellyfish and sharp-tooth shark crafts will supplement fascinating non-fiction such as *Down Down Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea* by Steve Jenkins and *Journey Into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures* by Rebecca L. Johnson. For fantasized fictional fun, older groups will read *Shark Wars* by E. J.



## ◆ Session 9 - July 30 - Aug. 3

### Woodland Wonders

Scurrying furry foxes, rabbits, squirrels, badgers, and hedgehogs complete a cast of woodland animals that sets the stage for a thrilling parent presentation of The Great Cross-Country Race with supporting literature that includes *The Really Groovy Story of the Tortoise and the Hare* by Kristyn Crow and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl.



## ◆ Session 10 - Aug. 6 - 10

### Real or Imagined?

The only creatures stranger than *101 Freaky Animals* by Melvin and Gilda Berger are the ones students will create from their own imaginations using clay and mixed media, following inspiration from *Animals That Ought to Be* by Richard Michelson and *The Prince's New Pet* by Brian Anderson.



## ◆ Session 11 - Aug. 13 - 17\*\*

### Leapin' Lizards!

Curriculum exploring the resplendent reptile family from the 1" gecko to the one ton crocodile will close out the summer with a line-up of lizard crafts and slithering sporty snake games sure to captivate potential herpetologists! Literature will include *Snake and Lizard* by Joy Crowley, and *Nic Bishop Lizards* by Nic Bishop.

