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## Summer Adventures Await as Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Announces Registration Open for Zoo Patrol

BRIDGEPORT, CT (Feb 11, 2025) – Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is excited to announce the return of Zoo Patrol, an immersive and educational summer program for kids. Designed for young animal lovers and future conservationists, Zoo Patrol offers seven weeklong sessions filled with adventure, discovery, and behind-the-scenes experiences.

Each day children will explore a different area of the zoo with a custom guided experience. Children spend much of the week outdoors, learning about animals at the Zoo, their enrichment, and veterinary care through staff presentations designed to engage young audiences. There is also an emphasis on learning through play with Zoo-themed games and art-making activities.

This year's sessions run from June 30th through August 15th, with opportunities for children ages 7-11 and 11-13 to explore our environment and the fascinating world of wildlife. Registration is now open at [beardsleyzoo.org](https://beardsleyzoo.org), and spots fill up fast.

### Why Kids Love Zoo Patrol!

- Go Behind the Scenes- Patrollers learn how zookeepers care for animals, from diet and training to enrichment and habitat maintenance.
- Get Hands-On- Participate in fun projects, games, and exclusive animal encounters!
- Explore & Discover:-Each day brings a new adventure in different areas of the Zoo.

"Zoo Patrol is more than just a summer camp—it's an unforgettable experience that brings kids face-to-face with the animal kingdom," says Jim Knox, the Zoo's Curator of Education and proud parent of three former Zoo Patrollers. "My kids couldn't stop talking about it, and we signed up for more!"

### Session Dates

Week 1: Jun 30-Jul 4

Week 2: July 7-11

Week 3: July 14-18

Week 4: July 21-25

Week 5: July 28-Aug 1

Week 6: Aug 4-8

Week 7: Aug 11-15

### What to Expect

Each day, Zoo Patrollers will embark on a new adventure, exploring different areas of the Zoo with expert guides. Activities include:

- Hands-on learning about animal care, training, enrichment, and habitats
- Special presentations from zookeepers and animal experts
- Creative projects and activities designed to inspire a love for wildlife

### **Program Details**

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Drop-off: 8:50-9:10 AM | Pick-up: 12:30 PM)

Cost: \$275 for Zoo members | \$300 for non-members

Where: The Research Station at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

Children should bring a nut-free snack, water bottle, sunscreen, and anything else they may need for a fun outdoor adventure.

Secure your child's spot for summer adventure and Zoo Patrol today! Register at [beardsleyzoo.org](https://beardsleyzoo.org).

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### **About Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo**

Connecticut's only zoo, celebrating 102 years, features 350 animals representing primarily North and South American and Northern Asian species. Guests won't want to miss our Andean bear, maned wolves, Mexican gray wolves, and red wolves. Other highlights include our Spider Monkey Habitat, and a new prairie dog exhibit. As an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participant in its Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, the non-profit Zoo is committed to the preservation of endangered animals and wild habitats. Tickets can be purchased on the [Zoo's website](#).