

# COOL ZOO

## SUMMER SERIES

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### What's NEW at the Zoo?

**Sunday, May 25: Noon – 3pm**

See what the zoo has been up to all winter long! New animals, new exhibits and new zoo babies. Meet in our Events Tent for guided tours of the Zoo's many attractions, and education animal presentations.



### Conservation Celebration

**Sunday, June 1: Noon – 3pm**

Join the Zoo and other conservation organizations as we host a Party for the Planet. Explore the many ways that we can be a part of helping the environment. The zoo is proud to host this annual event bringing together a variety of different education demonstrations, live music, crafts and a greater awareness of the health of our planet.



### Wild About Birds

**Saturday, June 7: Noon – 3pm**

There is no better place to explore the world of birds than the ZOO ... with over 200 individual birds representing over 80 different species, you will meet birds from every part of the world! Meet the largest birds on earth. Greet over 40 free-roaming peafowl, pheasants, quail, and guinea fowl. Discover the Zoo's numerous species of raptors and water birds, and we will introduce you to all of our fascinating feathered friends. Exhibit talks, bird craft and animal presentations will complete this experience. Meet in our Event's Tent!



### The Mighty Rainforest

**Saturday, June 14: Noon – 3pm**

Join the ZOO for an in-depth exploration of the most bio-diverse place on the planet. Let's unlock the secrets of the rainforest where over half the species of plants and animals on earth live. Did you know rainforests are the "lungs of the planet" producing 40% of the world's oxygen? Learn more through education exploration stations, eco-crafts, and discover ways to help our rainforests ... of course, meet the animals of the rainforest, too!



### Atka the Wolf visits the Zoo

**Sunday, June 22: Noon - 1pm and 2pm - 3pm**

The Wolf Conservation Center presents Atka the wolf: two one-hour presentations about wolf education, conservation and the future of wolves in the United States. The ZOO is proud to host a visit from Atka the wolf and will provide wolf crafts and activities. Meet in our Event's Tent.



### GYOTAKU

**Sunday, June 29: Noon – 3pm**

Traditional method of Japanese fish printing used by fishermen to record their catches. Join local artist and conservationist, Joe Mullins, as he discusses both sustainability issues as well as instructing students on print making. Freshly caught specimens will be used to discuss the types of fish that can be found in local waters whether it be the Hudson River or the Long Island Sound. Everyone attending will participate in a hands-on gyotaku session. Mulberry paper will be provided for take home rubbings or bring your own plain t-shirt to create art to wear! Meet in the Zoo's Event's Tent.



### ZooQuest!

**Saturday, July 5: Noon - 3pm**

Zoo wide scavenger hunt, trivia and activity game. Form teams or play as an individual. Prizes for the winners. Can you complete all the questions? Find all the items? Complete all the activities?



### Dinosaurs and Fossils

**Saturday, July 12: Noon - 3pm**

Dinosaur enthusiast, Richie Mirassis -- using fossil evidence -- will take you back several million years when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Fossil digs and rubbings as well as a display of authentic relics will be available. Speak to the experts about the fossil rich history in our area. Did you know that a crab fossil dating back 65 million years was found on Staten Island and named kleinfelderi after Walter Kleinfelder, the Curtis High School student who found it?



### Penguin Visit

**Sunday, July 20: Noon - 3pm**

What most of us think we know about penguins is probably not true. Few species live in ultra-cold climates like Antarctica. Penguins seem to have no special fear of humans. Penguins do not all look alike. Learn about the penguin biology, geography, care and feeding, and conservation from this waddling creature visiting the Zoo from Jenkinson's Aquarium's Penguin Habitat.



### Origami USA

**Sunday, July 27: Noon - 3pm**

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, which has evolved into a modern art form. The goal of this art is to transform a flat sheet of paper into a finished sculpture through folding and sculpting techniques. OrigamiUSA is the largest origami organization in the US and is located at the American Museum of Natural History. Participants will be led through the process that will create different origami animals simply by skillfully folding. Each person can make 2-3 animals each.



### Serpent Day

**Saturday, August 2: Noon – 3pm**

Come see the snakes of the zoo outside of their glass tanks. Keeper talks and presentations of our exhibit snakes will thrill even the most seasoned snake lover. Guess the weight and length of our biggest and smallest snakes for fantastic prizes. Lots of snake feedings and opportunities to touch these beautiful creatures.



### Animal Photography

**Saturday, August 9: Noon - 3pm**

A workshop presented by John Ares. Improve your photographs of Animals. Well-travelled professional photographer, John Ares, will show you how, using any equipment from cell phone cameras to DSLRs. Staten Islander, John Ares, is a uniquely versatile photographer: underwater, nature, travel, lifestyle and fine art. Animal subjects and animal behavior will be discussed and basic animal photography techniques that apply no matter your equipment. We will also focus on likely places to find animal subjects starting at home with your pets, the backyard and expand to Zoos, the Park, Wilderness Expeditions and a brief overview of Underwater Photography. An opportunity for live photography will be provided.



### Forensic Entomology

**Sunday, August 17: Noon - 3pm**

Learn how some of the most notorious crimes are solved by the smallest clues – botanical evidence and invertebrates. Using microscopes, magnifying glasses, tweezers and specimen collection bags, we can look for clues to a variety of "crimes". Various crime scenes are provided and participants can solve the crime by looking for clues in nature. Larva, pollen and even bird nests can help us solve these crimes.



### Animal Training Demonstrations

**Sunday, August 24: Noon - 3pm**

In our zoo, it's really important to keep our animals healthy and engaged through enrichment "toys" and behavioral training programs. Animal behavior training is an important part of zoo life so our animals are able to interact with their keepers and YOU in a special way. Enjoy watching our animals show off their new tricks!



### Monkey Monkey Music

**Sunday, August 31: Noon - 3pm**

Monkey Monkey Music ... began in 2001, when educator/songwriter Meredith LeVande – acting on the way that music engaged the "whole child" – began writing and performing songs that supported children's natural curiosity and desire to learn. Since then Monkey Monkey Music, has been a kiddie staple, framing such iconic shows as Sesame Street and Curious George, on more than 100 public television stations in 80 plus markets.