

Racine Zoo Girl Scout Programs

Looking for a unique way for your Girl Scouts to earn their badges while having fun? The Zoo offers unforgettable live animal programs specifically tailored by our experienced staff to be engaging, educational, and, of course, fun! These programs allow Scouts to complete badge requirements through games, activities, art, and more! *Please note that it is ultimately up to the discretion of the Troop or Pack Leader to determine if all badge requirements are completed.*

If you are interested in booking a Scout program, please fill out the Scout Program Booking Sheet (*available on the Scouts page of the Racine Zoo website*) and send it to us at least two weeks prior to your planned program date. You can also reach us at education@racinezoo.org or by phone at (262) 636-9580 to discuss your program. All programs are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so book today!

What We Offer:

- □ 2.5 hours of hands-on learning
- □ \$15.00 per scout (Minimum payment of \$150.00)
- Cost includes admission to the zoo
- □ First adult is free! Additional chaperones \$6.00/person.
- □ Maximum 25 people to ensure each Scout has the best possible experience

Daisy (Grades K-1)

Animal Observer Badge

Observation is essential to caring for animals! Learn what the difference is between looking and observing, play an animal observation game, then put your new knowledge to use by observing animals at the Zoo!

Eco Learner Badge

Learn ways to protect the environment when going outdoors. Explore the zoo through games, drawings and get up close and personal with animals that call the zoo home. Learn to identify animals near your home and at the zoo.

Outdoor Art Maker Badge

Explore the colors and sounds of nature at the zoo with one of our conservation education specialists. Meet some animal ambassadors up close. Use watercolors to help create animals you see around the zoo. Share your experiences through songs and pictures!

Pets Badge

Brownie (Grades 2-3)

Become a responsible pet owner. Interact with animal ambassadors from the zoo and learn how each animal is cared for. Create a cozy sleeping space for an animal and create enrichment for animals that live at the zoo. Calculate how much it would cost to own a pet and create a pet budget.

Eco Friend Badge

Hike around in search for nests in the wild and meet some of our zoo animals while learning about the different and super cool homes that they make. Learn what is needed to build a campfire. Design a poster showing ways to care for the environment. Draw or paint pictures of animals at the zoo and learn how we can help protect them.





Bugs Badge

Bugs are super cool! Search for little friends around the Zoo and learn what makes them extraordinary. Get up close and personal to our insects at the zoo, create bug-themed crafts, and make a poster about your favorite bug!

Animal Habitats Badge

Junior (Grades 4-5)

Learn about animals at the zoo through experiences like exploring and up-close animal encounters. Observe native wildlife on a hike and travel through different endangered habitats while learning about the animals that live in them. Create your own animal habitat using boxes, clay, and other fun craft supplies!

Outdoor Art Explorer Badge

There is art everywhere you look! Travel around the zoo in search of art and meet our artistic animal ambassadors. Listen for sounds and create them yourself with items found in nature. Let nature be your guide as you use your creativity to make an outdoor project.

Cadette (Grades 6-8)

Animal Helper Badge

Do animals help you in your daily life? Explore the many connections between humans and animals! Learn how animals keep people safe, help people emotionally, and help people with disabilities. Meet animals up close that help us and discuss how animals might help us in the future.

Outdoor Art Apprentice Badge

Explore the work of artists inspired by nature and use different tools to mimic sounds heard in nature. Meet animals up close that also love to paint! Draw the animals you find around the zoo and learn how some animals use color to help them survive.

Senior (Grades 9-10)

Voice for Animals Badge

Meet some animals often associated with the pet industry and discuss the positive and negative sides of having animals as pets. Dive into the complex relationships between animals and humans and investigate animals used for science, sports, husbandry, and domestic animals to create a better understanding of animal issues worldwide.

Eco Explorer Badge

Meet a conservationist from the zoo. Learn about newly discovered, invasive, and endangered species and meet some firsthand. Research success stories of animals brought back from the brink of extinction!

Other Educational Opportunities (Grades K-12)

Create-Your-Own Scout Program

Looking for a Scout program not listed above? Our Conservation Education Specialists are ready and willing to build a program to suit your needs! Email education@racinezoo.org or call (262) 636-9580 to learn more!



Slumber Safaris

Looking for an unforgettable camping trip? Sleep under the stars at the zoo with a Slumber Safari! Explore the zoo after-hours with a guided tour and meet animals behind the scenes. See <u>https://racinezoo.org/product/slumber-safari</u> for dates and cost details!

Are you hoping to enjoy a sleepover with just your Scout group? You can do that, too! Scout groups of 30 or more people can book a private Slumber Safari, with the option to include badge activities during the experience. Please email us at education@racinezoo.org so we can work with you directly!