Campers work with Zoo veterinarians and live animals to explore different aspects of veterinary medicine.

- The Zoo’s staff leads all classes; most take place in the Zoo’s Fredric Moir Hanes Veterinary Center.
- Campers use the Center’s treatment rooms, X-ray and lab facilities during hands-on experiences with endoscopes, microscopes, and other equipment.
- Campers learn basic veterinary first aid, including CPR, by working with life-size, lifelike mannequins.
- Tuition covers all Zoo based expenses—snacks, lodging, supplies and behind-the-scenes tour.
- For an extra $59, campers can opt to take a pre-camp tour of the Veterinary School at NC State.
- Campers stay at the Valerie H. Schindler Wildlife Learning Center, a stone’s throw from the Veterinary Center.
- Campers scrub and glove before performing a mock surgery on a sedated milk-jug pig and repairing a damaged “turtle” shell—favorite camp activities!
- Campers ride a flatbed trunk into the Zoo’s elk and bison exhibit to practice observational skills.
- Counselors are selected from among the top students at the N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Campers leave with scrub shirt, name tag, journal, stethoscope, new friends and amazing memories.

Our Mission:
To invite young people to explore science and, especially, veterinary medicine as it applies to wild animals living in zoos or in their native habitats.
Highlights

**Hands-on experiences**

Campers visit the Zoo’s X-ray and laboratory facilities for hands-on experience with some of the digital technology veterinarians use to diagnose and treat medical problems.

**Interacting with animals**

Campers learn the correct way to handle small animals and get some practice giving basic animal exams.

**Tuition covers all camp expenses**

Fees cover meals, lodging, take-home materials, including a stethoscope, Zoo camp ID and surgery scrub shirt for each camper. Tuition can be paid in installments & non-member fees provide a family membership to the camper’s family.

**2017 Sessions**

**Eligibility:** Qualified applicants must have a B or higher average for the current year.

**Camp dates:**
- Girls: June 16, 17 & 18
- Co-Ed: July 14, 15 & 16.

Counselors are top-tier students attending N.C. State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Selection:** If we receive more than 22 qualifying applicants for admission, we select campers by lottery on March 15. We also offer an early admission option for five qualified applicants in each camp. (See details below)

**Tuition:** Covers all camp expenses
- $589 (Zoo Society members)
- $639 (Non-members) *

**Pre-Camp Tour of Veterinary School**
Senior Campers can join an optional tour of NC State’s Veterinary School in Raleigh. The $59 add-on for this option covers transportation cost, lunch and a staff tour of the veterinary school.

**Logistics:** Campers reside in the Valerie H. Schindler Wildlife Learning Center, a Zoo residence next to the veterinary hospital.

Zoo veterinary staff leads the camping sessions with assistance from veterinary school camp counselors.

**Photo Sharing:** Staff posts photos on a password protected Website so that families can share in camper activities.

**Scholarships:** A small number of scholarships are available for deserving students. Learn more at **nczoo.com** by clicking on “Veterinary Camps.”

**Early Admission Guarantee:**
For an additional $100 application fee, qualified campers can secure guaranteed admission when their application is completed. Limited to five campers per session. (This fee is in addition to the standard tuition fee.)

*Family membership is included with camp acceptance.*