



Christmas Zoo Club: Aged 5-8

All days will include a brief health and safety talk and also a morning tour of the animals for new comers each day.

Please arrive at 9.45am for a prompt 10am start please.

Monday	<p>Today will start with a tour of the Zoological Gardens and woodland trail in the morning followed by feeding the animals and helping the zoo keepers carry out their afternoon tasks. You will need to check on all the animals and help feed the donkeys and Shetland ponies before helping out in the wetlands where you can help count all the birds. In the afternoon you will make feed crackers for the rabbits and guinea pigs, and then start to make special festive shaped cookies ready to feed the monkeys the next day.</p>
Tuesday	<p>First thing - you will spend time feeding the cookies that you made yesterday to the marmosets and lemurs. You will then spend some time today working with the reptiles. Here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens we have a wide range of reptiles which you will be looking after. Your day will include conducting very important health checks on our resident reptiles, including handling them and ensuring they have enough food and water for the day.</p> <p>This afternoon you will go and find some browse and create festive wreaths to feed the goats and wallabies.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Today you will become a groom for the day, grooming is very important to ensure the animals are happy and healthy so you will be helping our zoo keeper look after our donkeys and Shetlands ponies by giving them a pampering session and ensuring they have had their lunch. This afternoon you will be wrapping up presents to give to the meat eaters of the zoo, making nice tasty presents for our Civet, Bush Dogs, Raccoon Dogs and Coati; you'll watch them open their pressies before heading home.</p>
Thursday	<p>Today you will start off by helping the keepers with their morning feeds to make sure the animals are in a good mood for the public arriving. You will then prepare fat balls to feed the birds while you go off and do some wildlife spotting in the flower meadow and the woodland trail. In the afternoon you will then help the keeper look after our marmosets and lemurs, making enrichment to help all the animals enjoy their day. You will then make a Christmas dinner fit for Santa himself, setting up a dinner table in the centre of the lemur enclosure before serving them their tea along with crackers!</p>
Friday	<p>Bugs and stuff, today we will be looking at creepy crawlies and insects, handling some of the species we have here at Kirkley and then head out into the woods for a hedge row survey and then an insect hunt in the woods. You will be helping Santa this afternoon by filling some stockings with goodies for our squirrels, coati and civet. You'll then watch them opening the stockings, and enjoying eating their presents. At the end of the day you will help feed the animals in the zoo and check them all before they settle in for the night.</p>

Please note this agenda is subject to change.