COLCHESTER ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY Home Education Sessions 2025-2026

Sessions for age 11-16

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	Торіс	Session Description	Key Points Covered	
Sept Wed 3 rd Thu 4 th Fri 5 th	Conservation	Explore the critical challenges animals face in the modern world during this thought-provoking conservation session. Learn about key threats to wildlife and discover the innovative in-situ and ex-situ strategies being employed to safeguard their future.	Conservation threats; extinction; In-situ and ex-situ projects.	
Oct Wed 1 st Thu 2 nd Fri 3 rd	Music	Explore the fascinating link between animals and music in this session. Delve into how animals have inspired the creation of music and uncover their influence throughout the history of music.	History of animals in music; conservation; animal trade.	
Nov Wed 5 th Thu 6 th Fri 7 th	Maths	Participants will get hands-on to practice maths skills in a fun, interactive way as they rotate around maths activity stations. Activities include real world job skills, and other hands-on practical maths! Stations will have a few different options so you can select the appropriate level of difficulty to try and solve.	Ratios; percentages; currency calculations; area; speed; volume.	
Dec Wed 3 rd Thu 4 th Fri 5 th	Avian Biology	Delve into the fascinating world of avian biology in this engaging session. Explore the anatomy, behaviour, and adaptations of birds.	Bird body parts; bird adaptations.	
Jan Wed 7 th Thu 8 th Fri 9 th	Marketing	Learn about how the zoo markets itself in this insightful session. Learn about the strategies and schemes used to engage visitors while discovering how the zoo operates as a business.	Zoo as a business; marketing techniques	
Feb Wed 4 th Thu 5 th Fri 6 th	Animal Behaviour	Dive into the intriguing world of animal behaviour in this engaging session. Explore how animals interact with their environment and each other, uncovering the science behind their actions and reactions.	Animal behaviours (e.g. stereotypical behaviours); management of zoo animals; animal training	
Mar Wed 4 th Thu 5 th Fri 6 th	Wildlife Forensic Workshop	Step into the world of wildlife forensics in this hands-on workshop. Engage in practical activities to uncover the tools and techniques used to solve mysteries and protect endangered species.	Wildlife conservation; careers in conservation.	
Apr Wed 15 th Thu 16 th Fri 17 th	Native Wildlife	Delve into the rich diversity of native wildlife in this engaging session. Learn about the challenges faced by local species and explore ways to protect and conserve their habitats for future generations.	Endangered species; native and invasive species; in-situ projects.	
May Wed 6 th Thu 7 th Fri 8 th	Enrichment	Get hands-on with animal enrichment in this interactive session. Learn why enrichment is vital for animal welfare, explore examples used at the zoo, and create your own enrichment items to support the animals' well-being.	Stereotypical behaviour; animal welfare; enrichment.	