



Dear Caregivers,

It is a pleasure to welcome your child to the Orlando Science Center's Summer Camps and Pet Vets Camp for grade 1-2. This week will be incredibly fun-filled and provide your child with a variety of hands-on, exploratory learning experiences. In order to help you discuss with your child what he or she has seen and done each day, we would like to give you an overview of the camp for this week.

Sincerely,

OSC Summer Camp Staff

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### **Pet Vets – Peek at the Week**

*What do you do when a crocodile has a toothache? How do you check a shark's pulse? When our furry (and scaly) friends get sick, the veterinarian is there to make them feel better. Spend a week in vet school and get hands-on experience caring for your favorite animals!*

**Monday – We Are Pet Vets:** Welcome to day one of camp! Campers will be introduced to fellow campers, staff, and their model animal patients. To get them ready for a week of animal care, they will decorate their very own white coat! They will also discuss the needs of all animals before predicting and testing the food preferences of live larvae.

**Tuesday – Domestic Medicine:** Get ready to learn how we help our favorite household pets! Campers will create a multicolor bracelet that represents the color spectrum seen by dogs and humans. In addition, young vets will learn more about caring for sick pets before creating colorful sneeze art.

**Wednesday – Exotic Medicine:** Time to get hands-on with our exotic animal friends! Campers will learn about animal husbandry in zoos and aquariums. They will make an EKG based on a shark pulse and discover more about American Alligators through a hands-on chemistry experiment.

**Thursday – Wildlife Vet:** It's time to explore the wild outdoors! Campers will discover what's in our water by using a microscope. Then, using the Engineering Design Process, they will learn to care for the environment by cleaning up an oil spill.

**Friday – Cool Vet Technology:** Vets use lots of technology, old and new, to help heal our furry, feathered, and scaly friends! Campers will work in groups to create a prototype prosthetic leg for an African Elephant. Campers will use their new vet skills to dissect owl pellets and investigate what their owl might have eaten!