

AMC Vet Camp: Online!

Thank you for enrolling your child in AMC's Vet Camp: Online program this summer! This is a week-long experience where your child will have the opportunity to meet real veterinarians while learning how they care for animals. Each day focuses on a new topic and includes a fun activity your child can do at home on Zoom!

Program Dates: Monday, August 10th – Friday, August 14th, 2020

Program Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm EDT

Web Host: Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>)

Daily Schedule:

- Welcome & Topic Discussion
- AMC Guest Veterinarian
- Activity
- Conclusion & Share Out

Session Themes:

- 8/10 – Different Types of Animals
- 8/11 – Veterinary Tools
- 8/12 – Day in the Life of a Veterinarian
- 8/13 – Keeping Pets Healthy
- 8/14 – Careers in Veterinary Medicine

The link to the daily Zoom session will be emailed out the day before. Make sure your child has the appropriate materials required to participate in the daily Zoom session activity. Caregivers are welcome to join their child each day in the program or may also allow them to participate independently. We ask that all participants listen and behave respectfully towards the staff as well as the other participants attending this program.

Please plan to attend the first ten minutes of Day 1 (Monday, August 10th at 11am) to be present while we review the program rules with participants.

If your child is no longer able to participate in this program, please contact us as soon as possible at UsdanInstitute@amcny.org.

Please sign below that you have read and agree to the terms written in this letter.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child Participant's Name (Print)

Date

Day 1: Different Types of Animals

Goal: To identify major animal groups and the variety of animals that veterinarians treat.

Zoom Activity: Create Your Own Animal

Participants will have the chance to create any animal of their choosing, or even make up their own animal if they wish, using any arts & craft materials.

Recommended Materials List:

Construction paper
Colored pencils/markers/crayons
Glue
Scissors
Clay/Play-Doh/Model Magic
Craft fur
Craft feathers
Faux leather
Googly eyes

All materials listed for Day 1 are recommended ideas, not necessities. Your child can create their own animal using any available craft supplies in the home.

Day 2: Veterinary Tools

Goal: To examine the different tools used in veterinary medicine and learn their importance.

Zoom Activity: Designing X-Rays

Participants will create their very own “x-rays” using household craft materials. Cotton swabs or pipe cleaners can act as bones and be arranged into the shape of their desired animal/body part.

Recommended Materials List:

Black construction paper
Cotton swabs and/or white pipe cleaners
Glue
Scissors
(Optional) White crayons/colored pencils

Day 3: Day in the Life of a Veterinarian

Goal: To explore the day-to-day tasks of a veterinarian and practice a veterinary wellness exam.

Zoom Activity: Veterinary Wellness Exam

Participants will follow along with the instructor on how to perform a veterinary wellness exam.

Recommended Materials List:

Stuffed animal/toy
Pencil/pen
Paper
(Optional) Clipboard

Day 4: Keeping Pets Healthy

Goal: To discuss animal needs and the importance of enrichment.

Zoom Activity: Enrichment Creation

Participants will be creating an enrichment toy for their family pet. We have listed material options for a potential dog toy or cat toy. This is an open-ended activity and is not limited to the toy ideas listed below. If your family has a pet other than a cat or a dog, we have a list of different enrichment ideas here:

<https://www.amcny.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Exotics-Enrichment-Infographic-V4.pdf>

If you do not have a family pet, we have an option to create a bird feeder.

Recommended Materials List: [Dog Rope Toy](#)

Fleece or old t-shirts, scissors, safety pin or rubber band

Recommended Materials List: [Cat Feather Toy](#)

String/yarn, scissors, craft feathers, wooden stick, glue, tape

Recommended Materials List: [Bird Feeder](#)

Bird seed, peanut butter/sunflower butter, cheerios, pipe cleaner, pinecones, toilet paper rolls, string, scissors

Day 5: Careers in Veterinary Medicine

Goal: To explore the different career opportunities in veterinary medicine and understand why they are all important.

Zoom Activity: Surgical Sutures

Participants will practice their hand-eye coordination by learning surgical knot techniques. The techniques can be explored in advance here:

<https://medschoolinsiders.com/medical-student/how-to-tie-surgical-knots>

<http://www.vetsurgeryonline.com/knots>

Recommended Materials List:

Felt/fabric

Yarn/thread

Scissors

(Optional) Sewing or yarn needle

(Optional) Tweezers