2023 – 2024 Zoo Academy Calendar

August 11 – 16  Staff PD
August 17  First day of school for Students
August 23  Back to School Open House Time at Hughes
**August 25**  SENIORS first day of 1st Quarter lab  Meet the Keepers Social 11:30-1
August 28  TB Testing

**SEPTEMBER**

LABS
Give A Crock Program 1 day/week through November 10
GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC)- Theme
SEEDS of HOPE

Tree identification  Seed Starting  Letters to Local Politicians

September 4  Labor Day-NO STUDENTS
September 5  Juniors first day of 1st Quarter lab
September 9  Midterm Week
Adventure Crew: Kayaking

**September 25**  PD Day-NO STUDENTS
September 26  MEDVET field trip 9-12 SENIORS ONLY
September 28  La Soup begins (every Wednesday) with seniors
Parent Conference Night

**October**

Project Yoga Mondays through end of the quarter 8:30-9:30
GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC)- Theme
TOOLS & TECH
Hydroponics  Solar Power  Natural Plant Dyes  Tool Care

October 2  Boyer Farm Field Trip 9-2:30pm
October 4  SHADOW DAY
October 5  Mill Creek Monitoring with Cincinnati State
October 9  Project Yoga begins (every Monday morning) for all students
October 12  Last day of lab for Juniors
October 13  Last day of Lab for Seniors  End of Qtr 1
October 14  Adventure Crew: Camp Day
October 17  JUNIORS first day of lab quarter 2
October 18  SENIORS first day of lab quarter 2
Parent Conference Night
October 19  Zoo Overnight in Twigga
October 23  Cincinnati Museum Center Junior Aspire IGEN partnership
October 28  PSAT Juniors Only
October 30  Columbus Zoo Field Trip 9-6pm

**November**

Project Yoga continues
GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC)- Theme
HEALTHY HARVEST
Seed Collection and Storage  Local Food Map  Cooking Demonstration  Community Meal

November 6  Midterm Week
**November 7**  Election Day, No Students
November 8  UC Blue Ash Vet Tech program surgery watch- Seniors Only
**November 10**  Veterans Day, No Students
November 18  Adventure Crew: Field Day
**November 22 – 24**  Thanksgiving, No Students
December

Project Yoga continues
GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC) - Theme
ACTS OF KINDNESS
Neighborhood Clean-up/Food & Coat Drive Natural Themed Gifts

December 2
Adventure Crew: Ice Skating

December 6
SHADOW DAY

December 14
Last day of lab for Juniors

December 15
Last day of Lab for Seniors End of Qtr 2

December 18-31
Winter Break- No Students

January

GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC) - Theme
Sustainable Cycles
Natural Cleaning Compost Waste Audit Upcycle “Trash”

January 2
JUNIORS first day of lab quarter 3- School Resumes-

January 3
SENIORS first day of lab quarter 3

January 15
MLK Day, No Students

January 20
Adventure Crew: Skiing and Snowboarding

January 26
PD Day, No Students

February

GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC) - Theme
WATER FOR LIFE
Local Water Quality Assessment Seed Starting Experiment Rainwater Harvesting
Deadly Water Bottles PSA

February 5
Midterm Week

February 5
Krohn Conservatory Field Trip

February 12
No School- No Students

February 19
President’s Day, No Students

February 26
Green Acres Field Trip 9-2pm

February 27
ACT Testing- No Juniors IN lab (tentative)

March

GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC) - Theme
POLLINATOR PALS
Wildflower Field Guide Bee Production

March 4
PD Day No Students

March 5-8
Camping Ed Canoe Boat Build- All Day for the week

March 7
Last day of lab for Juniors

March 8
Last day of Lab for Seniors End of Qtr 3

March 9
Adventure Crew: Roller Skating

March 12
JUNIORS first day of lab quarter 4

March 13
SENIORS first day of lab quarter 4

March 18
MSD Field Trip 9-2pm

March 25 – 29
Spring Recess, No Students

April

GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC) - Theme
SHOUT IT OUT
Transform Your Community Walk & Talk Celebratory Newsletter

April 1
Schools ReOpen

April 15
Midterm Week
Camping Ed Outdoor Day at Burnett Woods
April 20        Adventure Crew: TBD
April 25        Earth Jam @ Cincinnati State- Seniors Only 9:30-2
April 26        Keeper Banquet 12-2 @ ZA

**May**        GREEN TEENS CHALLENGE with Civic Garden Center (CGC)- Banquet at end of May
May 6          Boyer Farm Field Trip 9-2PM
May 13         Awards Ceremony at the Zoo 5:30-7:30pm
May 17         Last Day for Senior Lab (tentative)
May 18         Adventure Crew: Kayaking
May 23         Last day of lab for Juniors
May 24         Staff Final Day

All Field Trips dates/times subject to bus availability. Other opportunities forthcoming.