

a zoo primer

You are reading this magazine, so we bet you are as fascinated by animals as we are. And if you have kids in your life, perhaps they are, too. Maybe they even envision a career for themselves in conservation or zoology. We're excited to tell you about a new book, now available here at Brookfield Zoo, called *Zoology for Kids*. An interactive introduction to working with animals, it was cowritten by a Brookfield Zoo alum.

Josh Hestermann worked here from 2010 until last year as a SEVEN SEAS animal care specialist, and he participated in our world-renowned Sarasota Dolphin Research Program in Sarasota Bay, Florida. The book, written by Josh and his wife, Bethanie, also features a foreword by one of our favorite duos: the Kratt Brothers.

Children ages 9 and up will enjoy exploring the animal kingdom through clear information and anecdotes, gorgeous photos, peer-reviewed research, and cool, hands-on activities. They can bake edible animal cells, play a dolphin echolocation game, and construct their own food chain. Plus, they can immerse themselves in the jobs of zookeepers and aquarists, veterinarians, wildlife researchers, and conservationists—including some of those on staff at Brookfield Zoo.

Come to the zoo and you can find the book for sale in Stuffed Animal Kingdom, Wildlife Trading Post, Coast Gifts, Bear Crossing, and Seven Seas Gift Shop.

For home and classroom, *Zoology for Kids* encourages new knowledge and a healthy respect for the animal kingdom, and it shows kids they truly can make a difference to preserve the natural world. 🦎



Animal care specialist Josh Hestermann helps a young guest get to know a dolphin at Brookfield Zoo.