

Camp Information

ZOO CAMP PARENT HANDBOOK

Want to know more about Zoo Camp before beginning a registration? Check out our comprehensive information handbook which is divided by topic so that finding what you need is quick and easy. Our Parent Handbook can be found at torontozoo.com/EducationAndCamps.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$285 per child per week.

This fee includes one full week of camp programming, behind-the-scenes visits, snacks, Pizza Pizza lunch (Thursdays only), Zoomobile ride, and a unique Zoo Camp t-shirt.

Zoo Members Save On Camps: All Zoo Members receive a \$20 discount for each week of camp. Not a Zoo Member? Find out about other Member benefits by calling 416-392-9101 or visiting www.torontozoo.com.

Family Discounts: Are you hoping to send more than one child to Zoo Camp? We want to help you out! When registering more than one child from the same family for the same week, we will discount \$10 from the camp fee of each additional child!

Kids Can Request to be with Friends: Want to spend your time at the Zoo with your best friends or family members? No problem, just ask! Zoo Camp accepts requests to match campers of the same age category so that they can spend their week(s) having fun together.

*These requests are not guaranteed. If enrolling with friends or relatives please complete separate registrations.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Your week at Zoo Camp would not be complete without some unique opportunities to help connect with nature. Activities may include: animal encounters, creating enrichment devices for animals, and behind-the-scenes visits with Zoo staff to get an up close look at some of the 5,000 animals here at the Zoo! Encounters vary each week and relate to weekly themes. At Zoo Camp, you get the inside scoop!

**All rates are subject to change without notice.*



TYPICAL DAY

Zoo Camp aims to deliver an action filled week exploring the entire Zoo, including some areas of the Zoo not open to the general public. Each week focuses on a special Zoo-related theme and we develop the program to fit to the theme of the week.

HERE IS A SAMPLE OF A FUN FILLED DAY AT ZOO CAMP!

TIME	CAMP ACTIVITIES
9:00 am	Animal Related Games
9:30 am	Visit Eurasia Wilds
10:30 am	Zoomobile Tour
11:00 am	Visit Indo-Malaya Pavilion
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Interactive Biofacts Presentation
1:00 pm	Visit Americas Pavilion and Outdoors
2:00 pm	Go Behind-The-Scenes at the Mayan Temple
2:30 pm	Outdoor Themed Activity
3:00 pm	Snack
3:30 pm	Prepare for Home Time

AGE APPROPRIATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our camp programs are divided by age range. This allows our camp staff to develop the most fun, interactive, and appropriate activities for your child(ren) to best fit with their development and skills. Our camp staff all have experience working with children and are trained in their respective age categories so that your child(ren) receive the best experience possible.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER CARE

Our Before and After Care program is designed for the convenience of those who need to drop off children early or pick them up a little later from camp. This program is available from as early as 7:45 am to as late as 5:30 pm and is offered each day of camp. The children will be in a supervised environment and games, videos, and other quiet activities will be provided.

*This program has a rate of \$5 per morning, \$10 per afternoon, or \$12 AM and PM.
*rate is per child.

OVERNIGHT OPPORTUNITY

(for Discoverers and BioCamp)

Looking to add some camping to your camp? Why not sleepover at the Zoo! Discoverers and BioCamp participants have the option of spending Wednesday overnight in the Serengeti Bush Camp to find out what goes on at the Zoo once the sun goes down.

*This program has a rate of \$70 per child.

LUNCHESS AND SNACKS

Snacks will be provided daily for all age groups and consist of allergen aware foods and beverages. Children will be treated to a Pizza Pizza lunch on Thursdays (all ages). We encourage children to bring a litterless lunch from home on the other days of camp and a re-useable plastic cup and plate for snack time.

HOW ABOUT LETTING THE ZOO MAKE LUNCHESS FOR THE WEEK!

Take advantage of the weekly Zoo Camp Bagged Lunch option. The Zoo Camp Bagged Lunch option covers four days worth of nutritious, allergen aware lunches, in addition to the Pizza Pizza lunch (Thursday) and snacks.

*The Bagged Lunch option has a rate of \$48 per child.

CAMP HOURS

All camps are full-day Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Before and After Care is available.

Contact Us:

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(Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)

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This Summer, Go WILD!

2018

Ages 4 - 16

Register at torontozoo.com

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We are an accredited member of the Ontario Camps Association, part of a unique group of camps who maintain the highest standards of safety, food services, leadership, programs, and administration.

Join Us For The "WILDEST" Time In Toronto!

This summer is the perfect time to connect with nature at Zoo Camp, a unique opportunity to explore wildlife from around the world. A variety of themes are offered unique to the Zoo setting including baby animals, zoo careers, adaptations, and more. Adventures include indoor/outdoor activities, behind-the-scenes opportunities, games, crafts, and safe, rewarding fun!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Week One July 2 – 6*
Week Two July 9 – 13
Week Three July 16 – 20

Week Four July 23 - 27
Week Five July 30 – August 3
Week Six August 6 – 10*

Week Seven August 13 – 17
Week Eight August 20 – 24
Week Nine August 27 – 31

* Camp will take place on the July 2nd and August 6th holidays.

ZOO KIDS

Birth Year 2013 - 2014

**must be age 4 at start of camp.*

Our youngest campers will be introduced to the wild world of animals and nature. Children will engage their curiosity as they explore the Zoo and develop an awareness of the wonderful world all around them.

This year, Zoo Kids will build their skills with the following topics:

Week 1, 4, 7 - Zoo Clues

Who is who in the Zoo? To find out, use your senses to follow the clues.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Growing Up Wild

Learn about growth, play, and babies in the animal world.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Eye Spy

Use your detective skills to compare the varieties of animals found in the Zoo.

EXPLORERS

Birth Year 2011 - 2012

Explorers begin to learn about ecology and how it applies to the animal kingdom. Children will discover the classifications of wildlife and the great variety of animals found in each grouping.

This year, Explorers will build their skills with the following topics:

Week 1, 4, 7 - Furry Friends

Discover the creature features that make mammals marvelous.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Scaly Superstars

Slither and swim to explore the scaly creatures found over land and sea.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Birds and Bugs

Let your adventure take flight as you visit the world of birds and insects.

ADVENTURERS

Birth Year 2008 - 2010

Adventurers take investigation to a whole new level as they discover the scientific side of nature. Children learn to identify the major parts and processes involved in the cycle of life. From plants and animals to entire habitats, no detail is left out.

This year, Adventurers will build their skills with the following topics:

Week 1, 4, 7 - Cool Cats

Prowl the Zoo and meet our fantastic felines.

Week 2, 5, 8 - The Real Raptors

Learn about the powerful hunters of the skies.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Super Snakes

Discover the unique abilities of serpents and their reptile relatives.

DISCOVERERS

Birth Year 2006 - 2007

Discoverers know how important animals are to the health of the planet - but what can we do to help? Discoverers learn about what zoos are doing to conserve wild spaces and find out what they can do to protect our planet's biodiversity.

This year, Discoverers will build their skills with the following topics:

Week 1, 4, 7 - Saving Our Species

Uncover some of the new techniques being used to help save species at risk.

Week 2, 5, 8 - What Makes a Home

Learn about the habitats of the world and how animals adapt to their homes.

Week 3, 6, 9 - My Own Backyard

Experience how the Zoo protects the natural world and how you can get involved.

BIOCAMP

Birth Year 2002 – 2005

BioCamp is your chance to experience what it is like to have a zoo career. Campers will learn about the different jobs that exist in a zoo from the day-to-day care of the animals and veterinary services to exhibit creation and public education.

This year, BioCamp will build their skills with the following topics:

Week 1, 4, 7 - Keepers World

Explore the world of zoo keeping and learn about the skills required in caring for wildlife.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Zoo ER

Explore the preventative care and treatment of animals in a zoo.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Zoo Boss

Find out just exactly how a zoo takes care of so many animals.

