

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

\$300 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 keepsake 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 \$75 per child.

LUNCHES 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.

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:

Toronto Zoo
361A Old Finch Ave.
Toronto, ON
M1B 5K7
phone: 416-392-5947
(Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)
email: zoocamps@torontozoo.ca

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THIS
SUMMER AT
ZOO CAMP!



Ages 4 -16
Register at torontozoo.com



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
Week Two
Week Three

July 1 – 5*
July 8 – 12
July 15 – 19

Week Four
Week Five
Week Six

July 22 - 26
July 29 – August 2
August 5 – 9*

Week Seven
Week Eight
Week Nine

August 12 – 16
August 19 – 23
August 26 – 30

* Camp will take place on the July 1st and August 5th holidays.

ZOO KIDS

Birth Year 2014 - 2015

**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 - Growing Up Wild

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

Week 2, 5, 8 - Yikkity Yak

What's that sound? Come to the Zoo and you'll find out how animals communicate!

Week 3, 6, 9 - Animals in Action

If it hops, runs, or swims, you'll find it here at the Zoo!

EXPLORERS

Birth Year 2012 - 2013

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 - Weird and Wacky Wildlife

No matter how "weird" a creature might seem, each has special features that help it survive.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Feathers, Fur, and Scales

Explore the differences among birds, mammals, insects, and everything in between.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Creature Communities

Discover the many wild neighbourhoods that animals share.

ADVENTURERS

Birth Year 2009 - 2011

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 - Proud Primates

Swing on over to the Zoo to discover more about our fantastic primates.

Week 2, 5, 8 - The Hunter and the Hunted

See what it takes to survive in nature, whether you are the hunter or the hunted.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Underwater Wonders

Join us for a water-logged week full of aquatic worlds and wildlife.

DISCOVERERS

Birth Year 2007 - 2008

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 - Protecting Our Planet

Explore the different habitats of the planet and learn what you can do to help conserve them.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Under Pressure

Come and explore the fascinating world of adaptation caused by changes in nature.

Week 3, 6, 9 - If You Ran the Zoo

Find out just exactly how our Zoo takes care of so many animals.

BIOCAMP

Birth Year 2003 – 2006

BioCamp is your chance to experience what it is like to have a zoo career. Our 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 - The Amazing Zoo Race

Accept the challenge to discover what it takes to help win the race against extinction.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Zoology 101

Build your knowledge of the science and research behind successful animal conservation.

Week 3, 6, 9 - Animal Conduct

Animals do many things that seem odd. Find out the answers to why they act the way they do.

