



Serengeti Bush Camp Group Information Package

Jambo! We are looking forward to seeing your group at Serengeti Bush Camp.

Here is some important information about your group's stay including:

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: WAIVERS TO BE COMPLETED

A Serengeti Bush Camp participant waiver for each participant must be completed and submitted to us via email at bushcamp@torontozoo.ca at least four weeks in advance of your overnight in order for your group to participate in the program.

All participants, including leaders and any other adults, must complete a participant waiver. Any individual who does not sign a waiver in advance of the overnight will NOT be admitted to Bush Camp. Original waivers MUST accompany group leader to Bush Camp.

5 Weeks Before Program Date:

- ☐ Email bushcamp@torontozoo.ca with final numbers a minimum of **5 weeks prior to program date**. Final participant numbers affect catering, staffing, and programming arrangements.
 - If your participant numbers have changed (increased or decreased) from your original registration, an updated account statement will be issued at this time. This updated account statement can be found on your [online portal](#) and reflects your final payment due, based on your final confirmed participant numbers (minus the deposit).
 - Final payments will be collected via the same method of payment that was used for placing the initial deposit. Should an alternative payment method be required, notification must be made, in writing, to bushcamp@torontozoo.ca at the time that final numbers are submitted.

4 Weeks Before Program Date:

- ☐ Toronto Zoo will automatically process final payment based on the final participant numbers confirmed at the 5-week mark, using the same credit card as when the deposit was placed.
 - **No refunds (full or partial) will be granted if the group wishes to cancel or participant numbers decrease 4 weeks or less before the program date.**
 - If paying by school cheque (payable to "Toronto Zoo"), final payment must be **received** by the Toronto Zoo a minimum of **4 weeks before** the program date. Personal and business cheques are not accepted.
 - Payment for Bush Camp is calculated based on the number of participants, minus the initial deposit. *Fees can be found on the website.*
- ☐ All participant waivers are complete and, along with the participant summary list, are scanned and emailed to bushcamp@torontozoo.ca. ****Note: any person who has not completed waiver will not be admitted into Bush Camp.***
- ☐ If your group requires storage space for your gear during your extended visit (either the day of or after your camp date), please email bushcamp@torontozoo.ca.

Day Before Program Date:

- ☐ Remind all participants to bring epipens, inhalers, puffers, or other medications if needed.
- ☐ Remind all participants wishing to purchase souvenirs to bring appropriate cash/debit/credit cards. (Souvenirs may include magnets, caps, T-shirts etc.)
- ☐ Distribute 'Supervisor Duties' list to all adult supervisors attending with your group to ensure they know their role.



Supervisor Duties

Please distribute this information to all adult supervisors participating in the Serengeti Bush Camp visit. These are some guidelines to ensure a safe and successful camping experience.

1. Know the exact number of participants present in your group.
2. Be aware of children in your group who have life-threatening allergies and the possible triggers for these, as many public areas can contain nuts and other allergens.
3. Please help to keep the children together and within hearing distance of the Bush Camp Guides.
4. We ask your assistance in ensuring all participants act in a courteous and respectful manner to both the animals and other guests of the Zoo.
5. Please, no visits to the restaurants, rides, or gift shops during Bush Camp.

Together we can make your Bush Camp experience a memorable and enjoyable time.

Bush Camp Program Information for Parents of Participants

We are looking forward to seeing your child at Serengeti Bush Camp.

Here is some important information about your child's stay. **Please complete the participant waiver and return it to your child's Group Leader at least four weeks prior to your child's overnight.** The waiver must be completed in full (front and back) in order for your child to participate in the program.

Things to Bring: EpiPen/inhaler/puffer/other medication, flashlight, pillow, sleeping bag, rain gear, camera, sleeping apparel, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, water bottle, toiletries, jacket, hat, extra blanket & warm clothes, clothing for the next day.

Things to be Left at Home: Electronic devices, valuables (money/jewelry), air mattresses, non-battery power lanterns, candles, and alcoholic beverages.

***IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please do NOT send ANY food items as they attract raccoons and other wildlife to the site and the tents. Another concern is the life-threatening nut allergies of some of our campers. This is a rain or shine program. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Please refer to the Toronto Zoo's By-Laws for further information on items restricted on site.

Tents, foam sleeping mats and cots are provided. All meals (dinner, campfire snack and breakfast) are also included. Showers are not available.

For everyone's enjoyment and safety, smoking is not permitted on Zoo grounds.

Late Arrivals and/or Early Departures cannot be accommodated.



Serengeti Bush Camp Participant Summary List

Contact Name: _____ Group Name: _____

Program Date: _____ Total Number of Participants: _____

Please list below all participants (youths, supervisors, teachers, etc.). Please complete this form and submit along with all completed Participant Waivers. ***NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Teacher/Group Leader to ensure all forms are completed in full and submitted together FOUR WEEKS prior to your Bush Camp night. Any individual who arrives without a signed waiver will NOT be admitted to Bush Camp. Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Name	Form Completed	Name	Form Completed

Submit all forms along with the enclosed Participant Summary sheet completed AT LEAST four weeks prior to your camp date via email to bushcamp@torontozoo.ca.

I certify that I have read and understand all of the information included in this package AND I hereby confirm that completed waiver forms are included for ALL participants.

Name

Signature

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Serengeti Bush Camp Participant Waiver

IN CONSIDERATION of the permission granted to me, or, in the event the participant(s) is/are a minor(s), for whom I acknowledge I am legally responsible, permission is granted for the names listed here to participate in the SERENGETI BUSH CAMP program held at the Toronto Zoo.

[name of minor(s) (if applicable) participating in the program/event]

I, for the participant, myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby release, waive, and forever discharge, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo, the City of Toronto, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and all their respective employees, agents, servants, contractors, representatives, elected and appointed officials, successors, and assigns, ("Zoo Parties"), of and from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action, whether in law or equity in respect of death, injury, loss, or damage to my or their person or property, arising or to arise by reason of my or their participation in the said program/event, whether as spectator, participant, or otherwise and whether prior to, during, or subsequent to the participation in the program/event, except to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Zoo Parties. I further hereby undertake to hold and save harmless and agree to indemnify all of the Zoo Parties from and against any and all liability by any or all of them arising as a result of, or in any way connected with, the participation in the said program/event, unless resulting from the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Zoo Parties.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED to the above RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY. I WARRANT that I am (or the participant is) physically fit to participate in the program/event.

☐ I have read and understand all policies as outlined by Toronto Zoo in the Bush Camp Overnight Information Handbook and agree to these terms and conditions.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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*to be completed by all participants (children and adults) **



Serengeti Bush Camp Participant Waiver

Date: _____

Group Name (if Applicable): _____

Participant Information

Name: _____

Age at time of Program (for Participants under 18): _____

Medical and Emergency Information

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to participant: _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Cell () _____ Work () _____

Special Needs / Allergies (or any other medical or dietary information or concerns we should be aware of):

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*to be completed by all participants (children and adults) **