# 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/tz/zoocamp.** 

#### **REGISTRATION FEE**

\$385 per child per week.†
This fee includes one full week of camp
programming, behind-the-scenes visits, Pizza Pizza
lunch (Thursdays only), Zoomobile ride, and a unique
Zoo Camp t-shirt.

Zoo Members Save On Camps: All Zoo Members receive a \$40 discount for each week of camp. Not a Zoo Member? Find out about other Member benefits by calling 416-392-9101 or visiting 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 and program offerings are subject to change without notice.



#### TYPICAL DAY

Zoo Camp aims to deliver an action filled week exploring the entire Zoo. 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	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

## AGE APPROPRIATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

3:30 pm

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.

Prepare for Home Time

#### **BEFORE & AFTER CARE**

Our Before & 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 for the entire week of camp. Staff supervise the campers in themed activities, organized games, board games, reading books, and other quiet activities.

\*This program has a rate of \$75 per week.†
\*Rate is per child.

\*Pre-registration is required at least two weeks before the start of the camp session. Space is limited. First come, first served. Before & After Care is offered and charged for the entire week of camp, even if your child does not attend all sessions.

#### LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Campers are responsible for bringing their own litterless and nut-free lunch and snacks for each day of camp. Children will be treated to a Pizza Pizza lunch on Thursdays (all ages).

#### CAMP HOURS

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





## 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 3 – 7** July 10 - 14 July 17 – 21

Week Four July 24 – 28 Week Five Week Six

July 31 – August 4 August 7 - 11\*

\* Camp will take place on the August 7th holiday.

**Week Nine** August 28 - September 1

## **ZOO KIDS**

#### Birth Year 2018 - 2019

\*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 animal growth, play, and babies and visit with our newest additions at the Zoo.

#### Week 2, 5, 8 - Jungle Gym

Investigate the ways animals climb, swing, and run to explore their world.

#### Week 3, 6, 9 - Home Sweet Home

Animals live in a variety of locations. Come discover some of the unique places animals call home.

## **EXPLORERS**

#### Birth Year 2016 - 2017

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 - Walk on the Wild Side

There are lots of ways to get around in the wild! Practice your moves with the animals at the Zoo.

Week 2, 5, 8 - Weird, Wacky, and Wild Pygmy hippos? Giant lizards? Walking fish? Learn about the Zoo's most unusual animals and how they survive.

#### Week 3, 6, 9 - Beastly Feasts

From carnivore to herbivore and everything in between, come along and find out what our animals eat and what senses they use to find their next meal.

## **ADVENTURERS**

#### Birth Year 2013 - 2015

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

Come spend some quality time with your wild cousins! Learn what makes primates so unique in the animal world.

#### Week 2, 5, 8 - The Circle of Life

Every animal has a role to play in their habitat. Learn about the important connections they have in the environment.

#### Week 3, 6, 9 - Animal Grossology

Slime, stink, and spit! Discover the gross things animals use to survive.

## **DISCOVERERS**

#### Birth Year 2011 - 2012

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 - Eco Quest

Uncover the science and creativity behind what the Zoo is doing to help save species at risk.

#### Week 2, 5, 8 - Wildlife Training

Explore the zoo while learning about our animals' special talents and behaviours, which help our keepers to provide them with the best care.

#### Week 6. 9 - Under Pressure

Life in the wild can be tough. Learn about the lengths animals must go to in order to survive in a competitive world.

## **BIOCAMP**

#### Birth Year 2007 - 2010

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 3 - Nature Uncovered

Discover the tools and skills conservation scientists at the Zoo use to help fight extinction.

#### Week 7 - Conservation in Action

Conserving species is why we are here. See first-hand the Zoo's many innovative conservation projects happening on our grounds and in the wild to help the world's most endangered species survive and thrive.



August 14 – 18 Week Seven Week Eight August 21 – 25