



Zoo Camp – Supplementary Information Sheet for Children with Special Needs

Please complete this form only if your child has special needs and/or will have a caregiver accompanying them to camp. The completed form can be emailed to zoocamps@torontozoo.ca or brought on the first day of camp.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Zoo Camp this summer! Campers of all abilities attend Zoo Camp each year and we strive to create a positive and inclusive environment. By providing us with some additional information about your child, Zoo Camp counsellors can modify the program to ensure your child has a fun and safe experience at Zoo Camp.

If your child requires a caregiver to provide one-on-one support for health, behavioural, and/or safety reasons, please complete Page 3 and ensure that the caregiver you send to camp with your child has read and understood their responsibilities. *Please note: We require that a child who has an Educational Assistant in their school setting have a caregiver accompany them at Zoo Camp. Caregivers must check in at the Education Office with the camper on the first day of camp.*

Name of camper: _____ Age: _____

Week of camp: _____

Group: _____ Group #: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Has your child attended Zoo Camp before? Yes No

Does your child require a caregiver? Yes No

Is your child aware of their special needs? Yes No

Briefly describe your child’s special needs:

Does your child use any assistive aids?

Abilities	
Challenges	
Effective Strategies	

Is there any additional information you would like us to know so we can provide the best possible Zoo Camp experience for your child (please attach additional pages if necessary)?



Zoo Camp – Roles and Responsibilities of Caregivers

Caregivers must check in at the Education Office with the camper on the first day of camp.

As a caregiver:

1. You are only responsible for the child in your care.
2. Assist in providing a positive and supportive environment for the camper and if necessary, provide support in managing potential behavioural issues for the child in your care.
3. Communicate any concerns, needs, issues, and/or feedback that may arise in regards to the child in your care to Zoo Camp Counsellors and/or Education Office staff.
4. Please remain with the camper's designated group at all times during camp. Unfortunately, visits to restaurants, gift shops, and/or any other areas of the Zoo not included in the daily Zoo Camp schedule cannot be accommodated.
 - a. If the camper requires quiet time, please liaise with your Zoo Camp counsellors to find an appropriate location. Counsellors must be aware of the whereabouts of both the camper and caregiver at all times.
5. To ensure your full attention and to limit the distractions for other campers, the use of electronic devices (including cell phones, cameras, tablets, iPods/MP3 players, etc.), unless being used as an assistive aid for the camper, is strongly discouraged at Zoo Camp. Additionally, photographs of any camper, other than the camper in your care, are not permitted.
6. Please meet the Zoo Camp Counsellors on time at the Passenger Drop-off Loop, unless pre-arrangements are made with Zoo Camp staff. Zoo Camp runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.
7. Please wear the name tag provided at all times so that Toronto Zoo staff can recognize you as a caregiver.

I have read and understand the roles and responsibilities of a caregiver at Zoo Camp as outlined above and will abide by them at all times.

Name of camper: _____

Week of camp: _____

Name of caregiver (print): _____

Signature of caregiver: _____

Date: _____

TZ staff initial: _____