# 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

\$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
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.

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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 \$66.37+HST 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





# 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 June 29 - July 3\* July 6 - 10 July 13 - 17

Week Four Week Five Week Six July 20 - 24 July 27 - July 31 August 3 - 7\* Week Seven Week Eight Week Nine Week Ten August 10 – 14
August 17 – 21
August 24 – 28
August 31 – September 4

# **ZOO KIDS**

## Birth Year 2015 - 2016

\*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, 8 - Peek-A-Boo Zoo Search the Zoo like a wild detective for animals that are masters of disquise.

Week 2, 5, 9 - 'Tis the Season Learn about seasonal change in animals and plants.

# Week 6 - Zooper Hero Week!

Join us for a special week of action packed adventure where we discover the greatest heroes of the animal kingdom.

Week 3, 7, 10 - Growing Up Wild Learn about growth, play, and babies in the animal world.

# **EXPLORERS**

## Birth Year 2013 - 2014

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, 8 - Beastly Feasts

Find out what animals eat and how they find their food.

## Week 2, 5, 9 - Ewww at the Zoo

Discover the sometimes misunderstood ways that animals survive.

# Week 6 - Zooper Hero Week!

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# Week 3, 7, 10 - Mini to Mighty Discover the smallest to the tallest animals

# **ADVENTURERS**

## Birth Year 2010 - 2012

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, 8 - The Hunt

Discover the relationships between predators and prey.

# Week 2, 5, 9 - Jitter Bugs

Explore the world of those creepy crawly creatures we call "bugs".

# Week 6 - Zooper Hero Week!

Join us for a special week of action padadventure where we discover the greatest heroes of the animal kingdom.

# Week 3, 7, 10 - Party Animals Learn how different animal "packs" get along and protect their own.

# **DISCOVERERS**

#### Birth Year 2008 - 2009

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, 8 - circles of Life

Explore factors affecting the natural balance of ecosystems.

#### Week 2, 5, 9 - EcoQuest

Uncover the Zoo's initiatives being used to help save species at risk.

# Week 6 - Zooper Hero Week!

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# Week 3, 7, 10 - Wildlife Training

Explore the Zoo and meet some of the animals as they display some very special talents.

# **BIOCAMP**

#### Birth Year 2004 - 2007

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, 8 - Inquisitive Nature

Discover the scientific techniques used to study wildlife.

#### Week 2, 5, 9 - Wild Careers

Find out about the many careers found in zoos.

# Week 6 - Zooper Hero Week!

Join us for a special week of action packed adventure where we discover the greatest heroes of the animal kingdom.

#### Week 3, 7, 10 - Designing Nature

Discover how zoos design exhibits to meet the needs of animals.

<sup>\*</sup> Camp will take place on the July 1st and August 3rd holidays.