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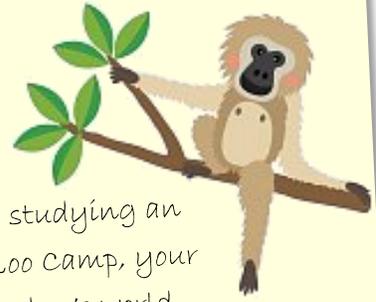
ZOO CAMPS

COLUMBIAN PARK ZOO



Education, cleverly diSguISed as FUN!





Dear Parent,

Imagine your child touching a brilliant blue-and-gold macaw, studying an African giant millipede, or just hanging out with a wallaby! At Zoo Camp, your child will have incredibly unique opportunities just like these. In today's world, when schools are increasingly challenged and the time children spend in nature is more limited than ever, Zoo Camps can give your child the extra boost he or she will love. Our talented Zoo Educators will guide your child on the path to scientific and self-discovery through hands-on STEM activities, science explorations, games, crafts, and hands-on encounters with our amazing Animal Ambassadors!

I hope you'll join us this summer and give your child the educational opportunity of a lifetime...just don't be surprised when she's too busy having fun and making friends to notice how much she's learned!

Sincerely,
Amber Frederick
Zoo Education Director

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Zoo Camp Overview

Zoo Camps are structured and follow a basic format. Each week addresses a theme, with each day focusing on a different element of the theme. A typical day at Zoo Camp includes games, crafts, activities, exhibit tours and free-choice play opportunities - time to allow kids to just be kids!

Zoo Camps are rich in STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) creating opportunities for hands-on, brains-on fun! Each day also includes several encounters with our education Animal Ambassadors. Children are encouraged, but never required, to touch animals whenever it is safe and appropriate. Behind-the-scenes access and feeding/training demonstrations are also included whenever available.



A Sample Day at Zoo Camp

- 9:00-9:15 Welcome, Introduce the day's topic
- 9:15-10:00 Animal Encounter and STEM Activity or Craft
- 10:00-10:15 Snack
- 10:15-10:45 Outdoor Group Game
- 10:45-11:15 Program Discussion and Animal Encounter
- 11:15-12:00 Science Exploration, Activity or Craft
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch and Free Play Recess
- 1:00-1:30 Cool Down with Educational Video
- 1:30-2:30 Behind-the Scenes Tour or Exhibit excursion
- 2:30-3:45 Animal Encounters, STEM Activities or Crafts

Extended Care

An optional Extended Care service is available for Learning Adventures Camps for a flat fee. Once enrolled you may use the service as much or as little as needed on a drop-in basis.

Extended Care hours are 7:30am-9:00am and 4:00pm-5:30pm

Extended Care provides supervised, quiet play time. It is not instructional time.

Registration & Fees

Your camp fee includes all activities and supplies, workbook, daily snack and keepsake photo.

Zoo Sprouts Mini-Camps For Ages 3-4

Fees: \$42 for Members/\$49 for Non-Members

Learning Adventures Camps For Ages 5-7

Fees: \$82 for Members/\$89 for Non-Members.

Morning only extended care available for an additional \$10.

Learning Adventures Camps For Ages 8-11

Fees: \$132 for Members/\$139 for Non-Members.

Extended care is available for an additional \$20.

Learning Adventures Camps For Ages 12-14

Fees: \$142 for Members/\$149 for Non-Members

Extended care is available for an additional \$20.

Priority Registration for Zoo Members:

January 3 - January 17, 2017

General Registration begins January 18, 2017

How to Register:

1. Download a 2017 Zoo Camp Registration Packet from www.columbianparkzoo.org
2. Complete a separate registration form for each child.
3. Submit your materials, along with payment, by mail or in person at the Lafayette Parks and Rec office at: 1915 Scott Street, Lafayette, IN 47904
4. Payment methods accepted: Visa or MasterCard, check or money order. Make checks payable to Lafayette Parks and Recreation.
5. You will receive a confirmation email within 2-3 weeks.
6. Questions? Email the Zoo Education Team at zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov or call (765) 807-1540.

Not a Member? Join today at www.columbianparkzoo.org

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be made if notification of cancellation is received fourteen (14) days or more prior to the event. For Family and Youth Programs, a \$15 Cancellation Fee applies, per cancellation event. Cancellation fees will be automatically deducted from any due refund. The Zoo reserves the right to cancel an event or program due to insufficient registration with full refunds and notification. Columbian Park Zoo reserves the right to cancel a participant's registration, without refund, if program rules and regulations are not followed by participant. The Zoo reserves the right to cancel a program, at its sole discretion, due to inclement weather which would compromise the health or safety of the animals and/or Zoo staff members or program participants. In the event of cancellation for inclement weather, at the Zoo's discretion, the Zoo will work with you to reschedule, offer a refund or other alternate solution.

ZOO SPROUTS Mini-Camps

Ages 3-4



Two Day Mini-Camps, 9:00am-12:00pm each day

We Like to Move It, Move It!

June 1 & 2

We'll wiggle, leap, slither and run in this active camp as we explore the different ways that animals move.

Hide & Seek Animals

June 12 & 13 -or- July 13 & 14

We'll discover the way animals hide using camouflage, burrowing, and staying still. Day 2 explores how animals find their food using their super senses.

Fantastic Feet

June 26 & 27

Animal feet sure are neat! Flippers, hooves, talons and toes - we'll learn about plenty of paws in this fun mini-camp.

Animal Opposites

July 10 & 11 - or - July 27 & 28

Big & Small, Night & Day...animals are a great way to explore the early childhood learning concept of opposites.

Jungle Journey

June 15 & 16 - or - July 24 & 25

We'll take a day trip to the rainforest - without ever leaving the Zoo! Meet jungle animals from around the world and learn about their very special home.



Sound Safari

August 13 & 14

We'll practice our listening skills to hear all the animal sounds at the zoo - from chattering monkeys to our barnyard friends!

Learning Adventures Camps

Ages 5-7

Week-long Day Camps, 9:00am-12:00pm daily

Zoo Clues

June 5 - 9

Animals leave us clues all the time. We'll learn about tracks, scat, and other evidence wildlife visitors leave behind.

Dino-mite!

June 19 - 23

Travel back in time to the days when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! We'll learn about dinosaurs by studying their living relatives - modern reptiles and birds.

Art & Animals - GRANDPARENT CAMP

July 5 - 7

Ready, set, create! Learn about animals while letting your creative side run wild! Children attend with a grandparent or other adult. Fee covers both participants. *This is a 3 day session due to the July 4th holiday.*

What's for Dinner?

July 17 - 21

Did you ever wonder what the zookeepers feed the animals? We'll study how animals find and catch their meals in the wild, and try our hand at preparing a zoo diet.

PikaZOO Trainer

July 31 - Aug 4

Using real live animals as inspiration, we'll create our own pretend pocket monsters, and train them for battle!



Learning Adventures Camps

Ages 8-11

Week-long Day Camps, 9:00am-4:00pm daily

The Danger Zone

June 12 - 16

From deadly toxins to powerful predators, we'll explore some of the most exciting creatures in the animal kingdom, as well as the threats that are putting wildlife in danger today.

Wildlife Passport

June 26 - 30

Let's take a day camp trip around the world, exploring the wildlife and bioregions of Earth's continents.

Survival Science

July 10 - 14

Survival of the Fittest isn't the whole story. We'll study amazing animal survival strategies, success stories, and some ways people play a part in the epic struggle against extinction.



Mysterious Planet

July 17 - 21

There are mysterious patterns all around us in nature - from symmetry to spheres to Fibonacci spirals. We'll take a crack at nature's hidden mathematical code in this fascinating zoo camp.

Secret Mission: Conservation July 31 - Aug 4

Your mission - save the planet, one endangered species at a time! In this camp we'll discover the natural and human causes of endangerment and easy things we can all do to help.

We are WILD

August 7 - 11

Discover your wild side at Zoo Camp! We'll explore what connects us to the animal world - physically, behaviorally, and through our personal connections.

Learning Adventures Camps

Ages 12-14

Week-long Day Camps, 9:00am-4:00pm daily

Care of Magical Creatures

June 19 - 23

Dragons, unicorns, and much more! We'll explore the fascinating world of mythological creatures and take a look at the real life animals that inspired them.

Nature's Stolen Designs

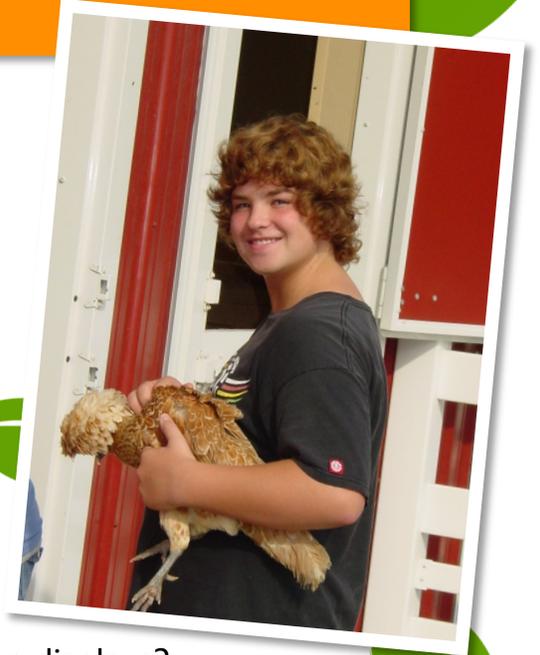
July 5 - 7

Attend with a Friend Session

Did you know animals have inspired countless new inventions from biomedical devices to microrobots to more vivid cell phone displays?

This camp will introduce the next big thing - the field of biomimicry. Campers will work together to reverse engineer a living thing and try their hand at solving some of today's hottest sustainability challenges. *This is a 3 Day Session due to the July 4th holiday.*

Attend with a Friend for no additional cost! See registration form for details.



A Week in the Life of a Zookeeper

July 24 - 28

This camp provides young teens with a sneak peek at zoo operations. Topics include animal husbandry, conservation, public education, and customer service. Participants perform safe, supervised tasks, including animal diet preparation, enclosure cleaning, grooming, and exercise. Students work in groups to design an enrichment for one of the animals in the Zoo's collection. Getting dirty has never been so much fun!

In consideration of the applicant's reservation of a Columbian Park Zoo event, the parties hereby agree as follows:



Rules and Regulations:

- Severe environmental allergies to common zoo items (peanuts, latex, etc.) must be brought to Zoo staff attention at the time of registration. We will make reasonable accommodations whenever possible. We cannot guarantee non-exposure.
 - If your child has special needs for learning or access, please discuss them with the Zoo Education Staff in advance so that we can help make the experience a success.
 - A completed, current *Emergency Contact Information, Medical Authorization and Release Agreement* must be submitted prior to participation. This form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
 - **MEDICATION POLICY** If your child requires medication be taken during a program timeframe, a *Medication Administration Authorization* form with parent signature is required. Zoo staff will only administer prescription medications, according to the prescription label directions. Medications must be brought in an original prescription labeled container (for Epipens and other auto-injectors a copy of the prescription label may accompany the injector). Over-the-counter medications (such as Tylenol) will not be administered unless accompanied by a doctor's note detailing dosage and administration instructions. Parents unable to meet these requirements are permitted to stay in order to administer medication, if necessary. Zoo staff will hold all medications, with the exception of rescue inhalers, which children may carry with parent permission.
- Class size is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is required.
 - Registration and payment must be received at least 48 hours prior to the start of any program. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Columbian Park Zoo staff.
 - Due to the volume of registrations received, the Columbian Park Zoo does not send registration confirmations in the mail. Please plan to attend your session unless you are notified otherwise. It is our goal to send courtesy reminders via email (to the address supplied on the registration form) prior to each program, however we cannot guarantee receipt. To confirm your child's enrollment, please contact the Zoo Education office at zoeducation@lafayette.in.gov or (765) 807-1540.
 - If the program or session you have registered for is full, you will be notified by phone or email so you may choose another session, may be placed on a wait list or may request a refund.
 - Only registered and paid individuals may participate in education program activities, including animal encounters.
 - Children must meet the minimum age requirement of the program selected. Age exceptions will be made at the discretion of zoo staff to accommodate special needs.
 - Children registered for drop-off classes must be fully toilet-trained. Parents are permitted to stay with children who do not meet this specification.
 - Columbian Park Zoo reserves the right to substitute animals/themes without prior notification.
 - Parents will be notified if disciplinary issues arise. Columbian Park Zoo reserves the right to exclude individuals from future participation if disciplinary issues are not resolved.
 - Participation in any Columbian Park Zoo event grants permission for the City of Lafayette to use photos, videos and other images of the participant in promotional materials, including website use.

Other THINGS to KNOW

Camp Location

All camps have home base in the DeFouw Education Center on Zoo grounds. Drop-off and pick-up using the Education Programs gate in the Wallace Street parking lot. During a typical camp day, participants will take excursions outside to visit zoo exhibits, go behind-the-scenes or to zoo exhibits, and take advantage of the beautiful Columbian Park setting.

What to Bring

Campers should bring a positive attitude and their sense of curiosity! Dress in comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting a little dirty. Bring a light jacket for the air-conditioned classroom. Campers staying for full day camps should bring a lunch. All campers should bring a reusable water bottle. Campers may bring a camera if they wish to take pictures of the animals. Games, books, and toys may be used during recess or extended care time only. These items must be put away during instructional time. Please label all items. Campers are expected to keep track of their own items - we highly recommend NOT sending valuables. The Zoo cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to any personal property.

Lunch and Snacks

A daily snack will be provided for all camps and may include crackers, pretzels, fruit, or other similar items, along with water. You may choose to pack an alternate snack. Parents of full-day campers are expected to pack a lunch for their child daily. Please avoid including nut-based food items due to allergy concerns. Refrigeration and reheating are not available. We encourage children to bring a litterless lunch and a reusable plastic cup or water bottle.

Camp Paperwork

On the first morning of camp, parents will be required to complete camp paperwork, including a *Medical Background* form and *Behavioral Expectations* acknowledgement. If you are short on time these forms can be filled out prior to camp, by downloading them from the link in your final confirmation email (sent about 1-2 weeks prior to each camp).



Other THINGS to KNOW

Behavioral Expectations

Campers will complete a Behavioral Expectations acknowledgement form with a parent on the first day of camp. Children and camp counselors will draft together a set of camp rules that must be followed throughout the week. The exact wording of these rules will vary to allow for child input and ownership, but the rules will always include the following concepts: make safe choices, be respectful of others (including animals), following directions. Camp staff use a Disciplinary Action Plan to respond to behavioral issues (copy provided.)

Allergy Alert

All allergies should be disclosed on the registration form. Indicate if food allergies are environmental or ingestion-only. Please note that Zoo facilities are NOT peanut-, tree nut- or latex-free. Despite our best efforts, we cannot guarantee your child will not be exposed to an allergen. Although contact allergies with zoo animals are rare, please discuss any previous animal-related allergies with Zoo staff prior to camp.

Medication Policy

If your child requires medication be taken during camp, a *Medication Administration Authorization* form with parent signature is required. Zoo staff will only administer prescription medications, according to the prescription label directions. Medications must be brought in an original prescription labeled container (for Epipens and other auto-injectors a copy of the prescription label may accompany the injector). Over-the-counter medications (such as Tylenol) will not be administered unless accompanied by a doctor's note detailing dosage and administration instructions. Parents unable to meet these requirements are permitted to stay in order to administer medication, if necessary. Zoo staff will hold all medications, with the exception of rescue inhalers, which children may carry with parent permission.

Animal Contact

Each day includes encounters with live animals. Touching opportunities are offered whenever safe and appropriate. Unless otherwise instructed by a parent, we will offer these opportunities to all campers. Children are never forced to touch animals if they don't want to. An alcohol based hand sanitizer is provided after animal contact, with soap and water hand washing prompts given periodically throughout the day and before mealtimes.