

# Brevard Zoo Camp Information



## What to Wear

Get ready for an adventure! Zoo Camp is an active camp and spends the day in a variety of places at the Zoo, including indoor, outdoor, behind-the-scenes, and walking and hiking on property. We recommend dressing your camper for the weather in comfortable clothes, sneakers or other closed toed shoes only. We do not recommend crocs or sandals. You will be given a more detailed parent letter on the first day which will outline the activities and requirements that pertain to your camp. For safety reasons, campers who do not comply with attire requirements may not be able to participate in certain activities at which time you may be called to bring proper attire, to pick up camper, or your camper will have to miss out on fun!

## What to Bring

- Reusable water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day
- A packed lunch. Camp grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will need to bring lunch every day except Friday, pizza will be provided. Earth Explorers will need to bring lunch Tuesday to Friday, Monday pizza will be provided. Lunches will not be refrigerated or heated. We suggest that lunches be packed in reusable containers with ice packs to minimize waste. Bring AM and PM snacks, unless specified on the weekly parent letter provided on the first day of camp.
- Self-applied sunscreen (preferably not aerosol)
- Self-applied insect repellent (preferably not aerosol)

## What NOT to Bring

- Personal items such as money, games, toys, stuffed animals, etc.
- Electronic devices such as handheld games, iPods, cell phones, etc.
- Items may be confiscated until the end of the camp day if brought.

## Discipline Policy

The Education Department staff want all campers that attend Zoo Camp to have an awesome time at camp! To ensure that everyone has a great experience we have developed a discipline policy, so if there are rule violations these are the steps we will take (if a serious offense, then we will skip to the third and fourth disciplinary action):

- First Offense -- Verbal warning and time out
- Second Offense -- Exclusion from a camp activity
- Third Offense -- Exclusion from activity & parent called
- Fourth Offense -- Camper conference with Camp Principal, parent and child (potentially sent home)

## Behavior Expectations

The Education Department staff's top priority is to have fun in a safe and enjoyable way. The following

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behavior guidelines are expected to be followed by all campers. You and your camper(s) should read over the expectations together. Please contact Zoo Camp staff if you have any questions or concerns.

- There will be no swearing or inappropriate language.
- Camper will stay with their assigned counselor and group at all times.
- Campers will listen to staff and obey any and all instructions provided.
- Campers will clean up after themselves.
- Campers will say only nice things.
- Everyone will respect personal space and keep hands to themselves.
- Campers will raise their hands if they have a question.

## **Drop Off and Pick Up**

For ALL-Day and A.M. camp Drop off:

- Camp will start every morning at 8 a.m.
- Drop off takes place at the Kid Zone gate at the North end parking lot.
- During drop off, on the first day we ask that you park and come into camp to meet counselors and to sign your child in. For the rest of the week you may drive up and drop your child off as long as there is a Zoo staff ready at the Kid Zone Gate.

For A.M. Pick up:

- Pick up will be promptly at Noon at the Kid Zone Gate. If campers are not picked up by 12:15 p.m. their parents will be called and if ride is not close they will be brought to the education office to wait.

For P.M. camp Drop off:

- Camp will start every-day at Noon.
- Monday may require a few more minutes for parking and bringing your camper to the Education Building, located to the right of the main Zoo entrance. The rest of the week you can drive up and drop off at the sidewalk by the loading zone near the Education building as long as a Zoo staff is there waiting.

For ALL Day and P.M. Camp Pick up:

- Pick up will be promptly at 4p.m. at the Kid Zone Gate. If campers are not picked up by 4:15 p.m. their parents will be called and ride is not close they will be brought to the education office.

For All Camps:

- During pick up, we ask that you remain in your car and follow the directions of the camp counselors. We will walk your child(ren) to the car and get them in.
- At pick up, you will need your sign provided by the camp or have a picture ID ready.
- For the safety of your child, we will be signing all campers in and out daily. This is a task that we take very seriously and your patience is appreciated.
- If it rains during the day we will still have camp and drop off and pick up will be in the same places, so please come prepared with rain gear and patience as it may take a little longer to get campers to their vehicles.
- If extreme weather occurs, walking campers to their cars will be delayed, but you can park and walk to the classroom to pick up your camper.
- If you are running late for pick up or drop off please call Zoo Administration at 321.254.9453 extension 489.

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## **Medical Policy and Information**

Please indicate on your registration form any medications, medical conditions, allergies, etc. that your child may be taking or have while at Zoo Camp. The staff will NOT dispense medication of any type (prescription or over-the-counter) to camp participants of any age. We require that all EpiPens/inhalers be carried in a fanny pack or backpack to be worn on the camper at all times. Please label the fanny pack or backpack with your child's name. Campers need to be able and will self-administer inhalers and injectable medications.

## **Camper Illness**

Brevard Zoo reserves the right to refuse entrance to Zoo Camp if a child is exhibiting any symptoms listed below. For the well-being of all our campers and the safety of others in the program and camp staff, if your camper(s) show any of the following symptoms below, you will be asked to pick up your child immediately. In the event a camper becomes ill, camp staff will notify the Parent/Guardian listed at the time of Registration followed by those listed as emergency contacts.

Symptoms:

- Fever
- Severe Headache
- Severe/Persistent coughing
- Pink Eye
- Sore Throat
- Vomiting
- Ringworm
- Open wounds/severe cuts

## **Absent from Camp**

Please notify camp staff if your camper is going to be absent from camp or call 321-254-3453 ext. 219. There are no refunds for camp days missed.

## **Cancellations and Transfers**

Cancellation must occur 2 weeks prior to the booked date. Cancellations after this date are non-refundable. A \$25 administration fee will be assessed on all cancellations and transfers. Payment will not be refunded if participant does not attend. We reserve the right to cancel due to inclement weather or insufficient enrollment. You will be notified and a refund will be issued under these circumstances.

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