



Summer Safari Day Camp Parent Information Packet

Zoo Atlanta Tax ID #: 58-165-5184

Dear Parents:

Thank you for registering your child for Zoo Atlanta's Summer Safari Day Camp program. We are busy gearing up for 11 fun-filled weeks of Zoo activities! Plans are being made for arts and crafts, games, and of course, lots of animals! Please carefully read this packet to help prepare you and your child for a wonderful experience!

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General Information

Camp Hours: Full Day camp: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Half Day camp: 9 a.m. – Noon (4 year olds-1st graders)
Extended Care: drop-off 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.; pick-up 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Camp Sessions: 11 weekly sessions, 5/26/2009 through 8/7/2009

Dress: Please send campers in weather-appropriate play clothes each day. Pants and shorts are recommended instead of dresses and skirts. Closed-toe, athletic style shoes are preferred, and flip-flops are not permitted. We spend as much time outside as possible, so please send a water bottle, preferably with a strap. We also recommend a "just in case" pair of clothes. Please send child with sunscreen or bug repellent if needed. Please label jackets, lunchboxes, etc. with camper's name.

Lunch and Snacks: We provide a morning and afternoon snack for all campers. We will be happy to work around food allergies; however, we recommend you pack your child a different snack if you prefer. Children must bring their own lunches and drinks with them from home. Campers will not have access to a microwave, nor will they be able to purchase a lunch on Zoo grounds. We use lunch as a down time; the children can relax and enjoy a movie (educational, animal, etc.) while eating their lunch.

What not to bring: Please help us by not sending the following with your child to camp: money, jewelry, electronics, cards (games or collectibles), fireworks, lighters, weapons, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or other inappropriate items. These will be confiscated and given to the parents at the end of the day.

Animal Contact: For the safety of all, direct contact with Zoo exhibit animals is not possible. Campers will have opportunities to have up-close encounters with our education animals (chinchilla, snake, etc.) that the children may touch to enrich their experience.



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Registration Policies & Information

Camp Costs

- Members \$225/session; non-Members \$260/session
- Half day camps: Members \$135; non-Members \$155/session
- Extended Care \$50/session; Half day \$25/session
- Automatic 20% discounted pricing for the Memorial Day session
- Maximum \$10 discount for multiple session registrations per camper OR multiple campers registered per account

Reservations, Deposit and Payment Policy

- Reservations are required at least 7 days prior to the program.
- Full payment is due upon reservation.
- Reservations made online that are unpaid or incomplete are automatically cancelled in our system. An e-mail will confirm a completed and paid reservation.

Date Changes

- Date changes requested two or more weeks prior to the session of camp will be granted without penalty.
- Date changes requested with less than two weeks notice will incur a \$25 administration fee.
- Date changes are granted based on availability.

Cancellation, No-Show, and Absentee Policy

- Cancellations made two or more weeks prior to the week of camp will incur a \$25 fee.
- Cancellations made with less than two weeks notice will result in a loss of 50% of total cost of the cancelled camp.
- Refunds will not be issued for no-shows or for days missed during the week of camp.

Additional Information

- Zoo Atlanta Tax ID #: 58-165-5184
- Please contact Education Reservations if you have any questions about Summer Safari Day Camp or information in this packet at 404.624.WILD (9453) or at education@zooatlanta.org.

Zoo Atlanta Program Waiver

By registering for a Zoo Atlanta program, I hereby authorize Zoo Atlanta to take any steps necessary to ensure my child's health in case of an emergency and understand that Zoo Atlanta is not responsible for any liability arising out of participation in their programs or outings. I also authorize Zoo Atlanta to use my child's name, photograph and/or quotes for education and public relations purposes related to the Zoo.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the themes and topics of each week of camp?

Week of:	Themes	Description
May 26, June 15, July 6, July 27	Passport to the Wild	Travel the globe, arriving at a new destination each day, and fill your imagination and your passport with wild adventures
June 1, June 22, July 13 August 3	Treasures of the Forest	Discover the amazing amphibians, fantastic frogs and their neighbors in a different forest habitat each day
June 8, June 29, July 20	Survivor-Zoo Atlanta	Campers explore the cool characteristics that animal use to survive in the wild

How are the campers grouped?

- Campers are divided into groups by their fall 2009 grade level
- Groups are 4 year olds-1st grades, 2nd-3rd grades, 4th-5th grades, 6th-9th grades

What is a typical day of camp like? Campers will:

- Explore the Zoo, including a diversity of animal exhibits.
- Experience education animals up-close-and-personal through animal encounters.
- Create daily arts and crafts projects.
- Learn about animals hands-on with biofacts (bones, pelts, feathers, etc.)
- Visit the Wildlife Theatre show, Outback Station petting zoo, the train and carousel, and exclusive Zoo locations.
- Play fun environmental education games and activities.

Can my child be in the same group as his or her friend?

- Prior to the first day of camp, we can *try* to place friends together in the same group if they are similar ages and you have stipulated this in their registration.
- With or without notice, we cannot guarantee that campers are in the same group.
- We cannot adjust camper groups after each camp session begins.
- We do not make exceptions to the grade requirements. All of our activities and lessons are age-appropriate. Placing children in the incorrect group can compromise the activities.

Who are the camp counselors?

- Camp counselors are selected based on experience working with children in a camp, school or environmental education setting, and they must have at least 2 years of college or professional experience in a related field.
- Counselors must be at least 20 years of age and pass a background and drug test.
- Counselors are energetic, responsible, and dependable and have an enthusiasm for wildlife and children.

What is the camper/counselor ratio?

- We have a one counselor to approximately 10 children in each group.
- We utilize Zoo Atlanta Volunteers (ages 14-17) who may assist the instructors



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What do I do with my child's medication?

- All medications, including over-the-counter medications and inhalers, must be given to his instructor during check-in daily.
- Please send only the amount of medication needed for that day with detailed instructions, along with the child's full name.
- Do not send medication with the child; we will confiscate and report any unauthorized medications found with the camper.
- You are responsible to take back any medication you gave the instructor when you pick up your child each day.
- If your child has severe allergies or conditions that require special attention, please contact us prior to camp to ensure we are meeting all of your child's needs.

Drop-Off and Check-Out Procedures

For your child's safety, please follow these procedures when picking up and dropping off:

Check-Out Code

Each week, parents are given a check-out code to check-out their children. We require this code, a combination of numbers and letters, during check-out on each day of camp. Campers will not be released unless the appropriate check-out code is given at time of checkout.

Drop-off & Check-Out Times

- Morning drop-off is from 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.
- Drop off for extended care is 7:30 a.m.
- Half day check-out from 12:00 p.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Afternoon pick-up is 4 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Check-out for extended care is 5:15 p.m.

Procedures

1. Drive up to the C5 gate in the main parking lot on Cherokee Avenue.
2. At drop-off, a counselor will greet your child and help him/her from the car.
3. During pick-up, give the check-out code for your child and an instructor will bring your child to you.
4. Please pull out of line to adjust car seats, etc. to keep the line moving.
5. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's counselor during the drop-off and pick-up hours, but please park and walk up to the gate to have your discussion.
6. Please be patient. We need to properly check in/out each child before he or she leaves.

Late Fees

- 4:31 p.m.-4:45 p.m. \$10; \$1 per minute after 4:46 p.m.
- Half day: 12:16 p.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10; \$1 per minute after 12:31 p.m.
- Extended Care: 5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. \$10; \$1 per minute after 5:46 p.m.
- Please use the call box at the C-5 gate to check out your child after 5:45 p.m.

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All About Summer Safari Quest Day Camp

Summer Safari Quest Day Camp is our brand-new weekly camp for rising 6th to 9th graders. Safari Trackers discover their wild side by partaking in a weekly “Quest” concerning issues including conservation, biodiversity, endangered species and the environment. Come join the Quest!

Exclusive Quest activities include

- Designing your own group logo and nametag
- Dynamic team-building activities
- In-depth animal observations and data collection
- Weekly projects to be displayed throughout the Zoo
- Other fun and exciting information to be determined!
- Optional overnight for specified weeks

Themes and Sessions

May 26, June 15, July 6, July 27	Wildlife Detectives	Find out what it's like to be a scientist investigating animals in the wild!
June 1, June 22, July 13 August 3	Global Heroes*	Lead the fight to preserve and protect our wildlife and endangered species.
June 8, June 29, July 20	Exhibit Design	Become an architect for the animals. From floor plans to furnishings, plants and enrichment, create cool habitats for your favorite wildlife.

*Optional overnight available Friday to Saturday during all Global Heroes camps!

Summer Safari Quest Overnight

Upgrade your Global Heroes program with a unique overnight quest!

Logistics

- Campers continue their Quest Friday night through Saturday at 9 a.m.
- \$50 Members; \$55 non-Members
- A pizza dinner and continental breakfast included
- Pick-up 8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m.
- Indoor sleeping locations with separate locations for males and females
- Late fees: 9:16 a.m.-9:30 a.m. \$10; \$1 per minute after 9:31 a.m.

What to Bring

- Sleeping bag, pillow and pajamas
- Necessary toiletries (tooth brush, hair brush, deodorant, etc)
- A change of clothes
- Flashlight

Overnight Contacts

- 404.624.5670—Zoo Atlanta Security 24/7
- 404.624.5947—Emergencies Only

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Directions to Camp

From I-20, take exit 59A. Travel south on Boulevard to Atlanta Avenue, and turn right. Make your next right onto Cherokee Avenue. Zoo Atlanta's main parking lot (Cherokee lot) will be on your right. Turn right into the Cherokee Avenue parking lot. The C5 gate is the first gate located to your right as you enter the Cherokee Avenue parking lot. Follow camp signs. All campers will be dropped off / picked up from the C5 gate.

If you arrive late for drop-off or early for pick-up, please use the call box located at the C5 gate to check in with security. An education staff member will come to the gate to assist you.

