

JACKSONVILLE ZOO

GARDENS



2010 SUMMER ZOO CAMPS

Spend an entire week at the Zoo this summer exploring the animal kingdom, conservation, zoo careers and the great outdoors. All programs include instruction, behind the scene tours, animal encounters, train ride, hands-on activities, crafts, visits to Play Park and our new penguin exhibit.

One afternoon will include a trip to the Splash Ground to cool off, so bring your bathing suit and a towel.

Special – a souvenir Zoo Camp T-shirt is included with each registration!

All of the following programs are designed to be challenging, fun and developmentally appropriate for children in the age group specified. Students visit different areas of the Zoo each day. Classroom activities and crafts revolve around the theme for the day. Everyday features up-close and hands on opportunities with a variety of animals in the Education animal collection.

For your child's enjoyment, please comply with the age guidelines.

Camp	Grade Completed	Weeks	Offered
KinderZoo <i>Instruction, activities and encounters all appropriate for children completing Kindergarten in the 2009-2010 school year.</i>	Kindergarten	June 14-18, June 21-25 June 28-July 2	
Primary Camp <i>Instruction, activities and encounters all appropriate for children completing 1st & 2nd Grades in the 2009-2010 school year.</i>	1 st or 2 nd	June 14-18, June 21-25 June 28-July 2 July 12-16	July 19-23 July 26-30 August 2-6 August 9-13,
Middler Camp <i>Instruction, activities and encounters all appropriate for children completing 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades in the 2009-2010 school year.</i>	3 rd -5 th	June 14-18, June 21-25 June 28-July 2 July 12-16	July 19-23 July 26-30 August 2-6 August 9-13
Middler Camp 2 <i>If you have already been in Middler Camp, try Middler 2 – Wildlife Science Investigators.</i>	3 rd -5 th	June 21-25 July 19-23	August 2-6
Zookeeper Camp <i>Learn what zoo careers are all about. Be prepared to get "down and dirty" this week! Instruction, activities and encounters all appropriate for children completing Middle School in the 2009-2010 school year.</i>	6 th -8 th	June 28-July 2 July 12-16, July 19-23	July 26-30, August 2-6 August 9-13
Zookeeper Camp 2		July 12-16	August 9-13

If you have already been in Zookeeper Camp, try Zookeeper 2 – learn more about animal training and make an enrichment project for one of the zoo animals.

6th-8th

July 26-30

Class size is limited to 20 children per camp. Camps meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Extended Care is available from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. daily. Children will be in a supervised environment with games, puzzles and quiet activities available. Fees are based on one student per week.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – THURSDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVER! Each week 8 to 14 year olds have the option of spending the night at the Zoo! This unique overnight experience includes dinner, snacks, continental breakfast, and night tours. It is not recommended that this be your child's first experience sleeping away from home. Campers must bring sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, tooth paste, personal items, sleepwear, a change of clothes and lunch for the next day in camp.

****CAMPERS MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE CAMP WEEK IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THURSDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVER.****

Fees: Members - \$175/student/week Non-members - \$200/student/week
Thursday Night Sleepover*: ***\$30/student (optional and in addition to the weekly camp fee)***

Extended Care Fees: Before Care: \$20/week beginning at 8 a.m.
 After Care: \$40/week with last pick-up at 5:30 p.m.
 Before & After Care: \$50/week (8 a.m. drop-off & 5:30 p.m. pick-up)

Registration: Registration for **all camps** will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete a separate registration form for each child. Read waiver of liability, complete the medical information section and sign the form before submitting. Your signature is required for your child to attend camp. Due to the overwhelming interest in our camps we cannot take registrations over the telephone.

Deadline for registration: is 5 PM the Thursday before the week of the scheduled camp. Many of our programs are extremely popular. When classes are full you will be notified immediately that your registration was not received in time to secure a spot for your child.

Payment: Full payment must accompany your registration form. We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. A service fee of \$3 is added when charging your registration. Checks should be made payable to the Jacksonville Zoo.

Mail the Registration Form to:
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
Education Department
370 Zoo Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Hand Deliver the Registration Form to the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus at the south end of the zoo's main parking lot Monday – Sunday 9 am – 5 pm.

FAX the Registration Form to 904-757-2444 24-hours a day. Do not forget to complete all the requested credit card information and sign the registration form. If you have more than one child wanting to attend the same program, please fax all registrations together.

Confirmation: Within 10 to 14 business days of receiving the registration form, you will either receive in the mail or receive an e-mail (if an e-mail address is provided) confirmation of your child's registration. Please do not call to check on your registration before that time. If there is a problem with your registration, you will be notified immediately.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Staff: All staff educators are screened for excellence in children's programming. All have had previous experience with children and have cleared nationwide, state and FBI Level 2 background checks as prescribed by the State of Florida's Jessica Lunsford Act.

Supervision and Safety: At no time is any child left unsupervised. The number of staff and volunteers ensures thorough supervision and monitoring. The zoo's full time security staff responds immediately to any emergency situation. Security staff is first aid, CPR and automatic emergency defibrillator trained. The Jacksonville Fire Department will also respond within minutes of being contacted.

May parents stay with their children? Our programs are designed for children who are able to be successful in group oriented programs without parent involvement.

Where is Camp? All camps are held at the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus located at the south end of the zoo's main parking lot. Paying Zoo admission is not necessary to participating in class. In your confirmation materials, you will receive a map showing you the location of the campus.

My child has a younger friend. Can they attend this camp together?

We have been conducting Zoo Camps for over ten years. Our camps are designed for the ages specified after experimenting with a variety of age combinations. If they must attend together, then please register both children for the younger age category.

Is lunch included? Spring & summer are extremely busy times in the park, which means sometimes long lines and crowded seating in our food areas (a nice problem to have). But because your child's time is better spent learning about our natural world and exploring the zoo, we ask that you send a lunch with your child each day. Be sure to pack a drink and any snacks your child may need during After Care if he or she is staying after 3 p.m.

POLICIES

Behavior: To ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all children, the zoo's staff manages child behavior. All children are expected to behave appropriately, and in the event of disruptive behavior, a child may be timed-out and removed from the group. If the disruptive behavior continues, the child-care provider (parent, guardian or chaperone) will be called to help find a solution. If improvement is not realized immediately, the child-care provider may be asked to pick up the child early from camp

and the child may be asked not to return. In this situation, there will be no refunds for any days missed.

Behind the Scenes: The unique and special part of zoo camp is the opportunity to go behind the scenes, meet keepers, get up-close and learn more about the exotic animals in the collection. To be able to offer this experience, ***it is imperative that children comply with all safety directions when behind the scenes and wear the prescribed footwear – shoes must completely cover the feet; sandals, heellies, crocs and all other shoes that expose the bare skin of feet to the environment or interfere with walking are never permitted during behind the scene tours.*** Children who do not follow the behavior policies and safety directions or wear the prescribed shoes will not be permitted in behind the scene areas.

Lost & Found: Items left behind are placed in a box in the lobby of the Administration Building at the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus. To check on lost items after your child's week of camp, please contact the Education department at 904-757-4463 ext. 122. Two weeks after the close of camp, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

Medication: Staff cannot administer or dispense medication to children. Campers must be able to take their own medication. Staff can carry medications and help children to remember to take their medication. Every camp is staffed with educators trained in basic first aid and CPR and the zoo's Security staff is first aid, CPR and automatic emergency defibrillator trained.

Special Needs: Please indicate on the registration form any special needs our staff must be made aware of prior to your first day. Special needs such as physical, academic, social and/or dietary will be accommodated to the best of our ability. Please note that the zoo does not employ specific individuals certified and trained to handle special needs.

Children Attending Together: If your child wants to attend a specific camp with a friend, please fax both registrations together, put both registrations in the same envelope when mailing, or hand deliver both registrations to the PepsiCo Foundation Education Campus. This is the only way to ensure that they will be in the same program. Due to the popularity of our programs, we cannot save spaces.

Waiting Lists: Due to the overwhelming popularity of our Zoo Camps, we do compile waiting lists if preferred programs fill. If an opening becomes available, we will contact you by telephone. Please make sure the registration form includes daytime, evening and cell contact numbers.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION: Cancellations received 10 business days or more prior to the first scheduled day of a program/camp will receive a full refund less a 10% administrative fee. Cancellations made 9 to 5 business days prior to the first day of a program/camp will receive a 75% refund of fees. No partial refunds will be given for missed days of camp except in extraordinary circumstances. Exceptions to the refund policy will be made on a case by case basis and at the sole discretion of the Director of Education.