

Important Information

Los Angeles Zoo ZooCamp 2010

Who Is Camp For?

ZooCamp is for children independent of their parents. ZooCamp provides a safe and fun social setting where children can focus on making both child and animal friends during spring break. The Zoo's Education Division also offers many family classes and child-parent classes, separate from ZooCamp, if you are interested in taking a class with your child. You may call the reservation office at **323/644-4211** for more information on dates and times or check the Zoo's website at www.lazoo.org.

Our Staff:

Each camp is led by a trained instructor along with trained assistants. The maximum class size is 15 for children ages four and five and 20 for ages six through nine. Each class includes crafts, games, activities, tours, all focused around the theme of the day.

Sign in/Sign out Procedures:

Look for the ZooCamp check-in table at the school group entrance in the main parking lot for check-in. The people you have authorized to pick up your child will be asked to show a photo ID upon pick up **EACH DAY** and will be required to sign them out. For safety reasons we will not release a child to anyone other than the person(s) you designate.

Bathroom Breaks:

Campers use the bathrooms in the new Children's Discovery Center, as well as several locations as necessary out on tour. Our policy is to guide the children to the bathrooms, open the bathroom door, and wait outside, continuing vocal contact with the children. We cannot empty out the bathrooms for our groups because these are public facilities, but we do maintain a safe environment for campers.

Lunch / Snacks:

You MUST provide your child with a snack each day.

Throughout the day we make frequent stops at drinking fountains to keep the campers properly hydrated, but you are welcome to send along water bottles. **NO VENDING!** Please make sure your children come to the Zoo with no money in hand.

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March 29 - April 2, 2010

Critter Club:

Critter Club camps are for children only. If you want to visit the Zoo while your child is at Camp, you may do so during open hours only. If you are a member, you may gain admittance into the Zoo using your membership card. If you are not a member you will need to purchase an admission ticket into the Zoo. Because you may distract your child from his/her class, we ask that you visit the Zoo on your own, separate from the camp group. Campers must be at least 4 years-old by March 29, 2010. Every Critter Club (4 and 5 years of age) registration form **MUST** be accompanied by documented proof of age—either a copy of the child's birth certificate, school registration paperwork, etc. If proof of age is not attached, your registration form will be returned.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Upon signing in your child, you will receive an emergency contact number slip with the numbers for reservations, security, and the ZooCamp cell phone. If you have any emergency where you will be late or need to pick up your child early, please call the designated numbers. Please note that there are extra charges associated with late drop-off and early pick-ups.

Behind-the-Scenes:

Due to the large volume of ZooCampers, the small behind-the-scenes spaces, and the sensitive nature of many of our endangered species, most of our camps do not include behind-the-scenes viewing. Each ZooCamp has a different theme, and campers will have the opportunity to enjoy tours, crafts, games, and activities focused around the theme of their camp.

Animal Contact:

Each class has the opportunity for an animal close-up with one or more of our Education animals. Occasionally an instructor may opt to visit an animal feeding or other options more relevant to the theme of a particular class.

Due to concerns regarding hoof-and-mouth disease, it is critical that you only register for camp if you **HAVE NOT** traveled outside of the U.S. for at least one week prior to the ZooCamp start date.