

**Los Angeles Zoo  
Camplette  
PreK - 2nd Grade**



Elephants are the **LARGEST, LIVING LAND ANIMAL ON EARTH**. They are so **BIG**, they shape their homes all across **AFRICA, ASIA**, and right here at the **ZOO**.

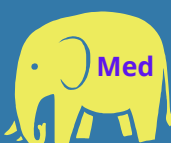


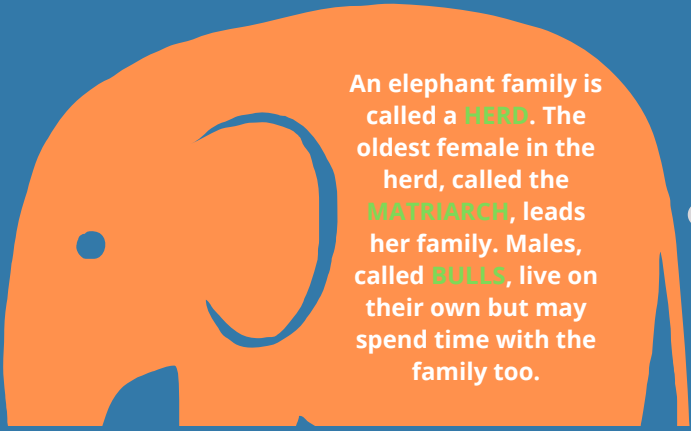
## WELCOME!

Zoo Camp is one of our favorite times of the year. We love getting to know our campers as we investigate animals, go on adventures, and – maybe most of all – have sing-alongs at the end of the day. We’re privileged to act as mentors in exploring nature for the children in our care.

This summer is a little different, but kids still need animals, adventures, and mentors to inspire them. We’re pleased to share Zoo Camplettes: four fun activity packs that each explore a different Zoo theme. All of us can be nature mentors, and we hope you use them as inspiration for your own adventures this summer. Just don’t forget to join us for a sing-along at the end of the day.

Parent involvement will be indicated by the baby elephant at the top of each page:

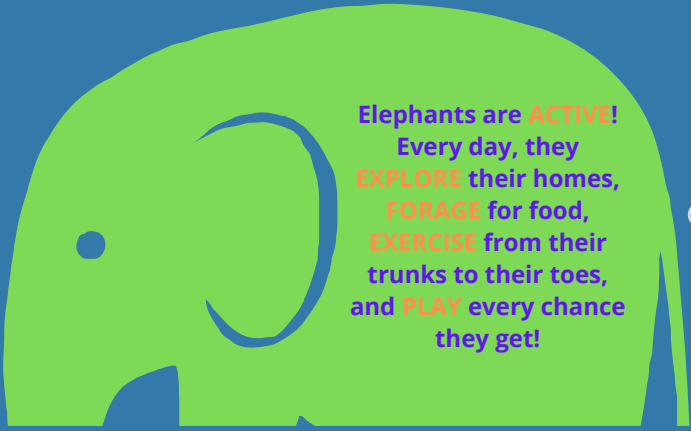




An elephant family is called a **HERD**. The oldest female in the herd, called the **Matriarch**, leads her family. Males, called **BULLS**, live on their own but may spend time with the family too.

## MEET OUR HERD





Elephants are **ACTIVE!**  
Every day, they  
**EXPLORE** their homes,  
**FORAGE** for food,  
**EXERCISE** from their  
trunks to their toes,  
and **PLAY** every chance  
they get!

# PACHYDERM PLAYTIME

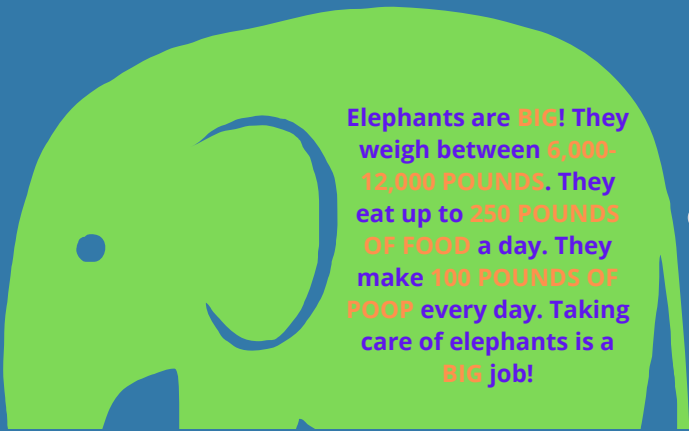
[Click here to see our elephants exploring their home](#)



[Click here for a video of Billy making a SPLASH!](#)



[Click here for a video of Tina playing in the pool!](#)



Elephants are **BIG!** They weigh between **6,000-12,000 POUNDS.** They eat up to **250 POUNDS OF FOOD** a day. They make **100 POUNDS OF POOP** every day. Taking care of elephants is a **BIG job!**

## CARING FOR GIANTS



[Click here for a video about caring for our gentle giants!](#)

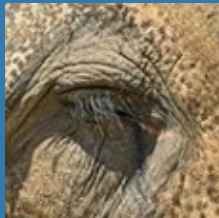


Elephants may be **BIG**,  
but they have **LITTLE**  
**DETAILS!** Take a closer  
look at the following:

- Titanic **Toes**
- Spotted **Ears**
- **Trunk** "Finger Tip"
- Long **Eyelashes**
- **AND** Tiny **Tusks**



## ELEPHANTS UP CLOSE





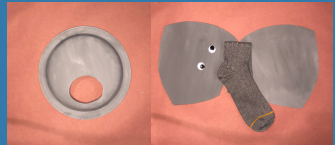
#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Large paper plate
- Cup for tracing a circle
- Pencil
- Gray paint
- Paint brush
- 2 sheets of gray cardstock paper
- 2 large googly eyes
- Gray sock
- Glue gun\*
- Craft knife\*

# PAPER PLATE ELEPHANT PUPPET

## Step 1

- Trace circle on back of paper plate large enough to slip hand through
- Cut out circle with craft knife
- Paint plate gray and let dry



## Step 2

- Cut elephant ears out of cardstock and set aside

## Step 3

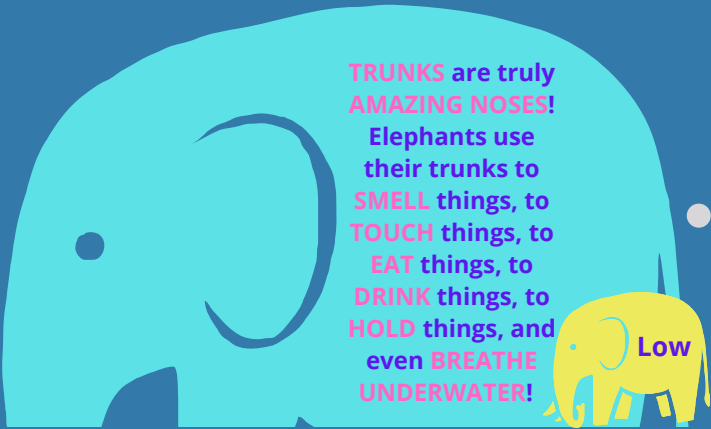
- Glue gray sock to paper plate. 1) Feed open end of sock into cut hole. 2) Stretch sock to cover opening. 3) Glue down edges of sock until firmly attached.



## Step 4

- Turn plate over and glue on ears and eyes
- OPTION: Make 2 puppets to start your own herd & play together!



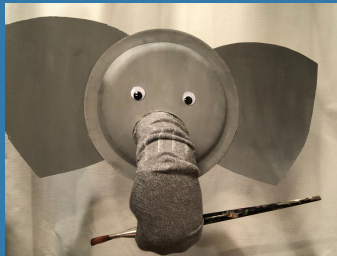


**TRUNKS** are truly  
**AMAZING NOSES!**

Elephants use  
their trunks to  
**SMELL** things, to  
**TOUCH** things, to  
**EAT** things, to  
**DRINK** things, to  
**HOLD** things, and  
even **BREATHE**  
**UNDERWATER!**

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## TERRIFIC TRUNKS!



[Click here for  
a video of  
how Billy uses  
his trunk!](#)

What can you do with **YOUR** trunk?

Can you pick up something **SMALL/BIG**?

Can you **EAT/DRINK** something?

Can you make **TRUNK SHADOW  
PUPPETS**? All you need is a **flashlight!**

Look around to find tools that do all the  
amazing things trunks do!

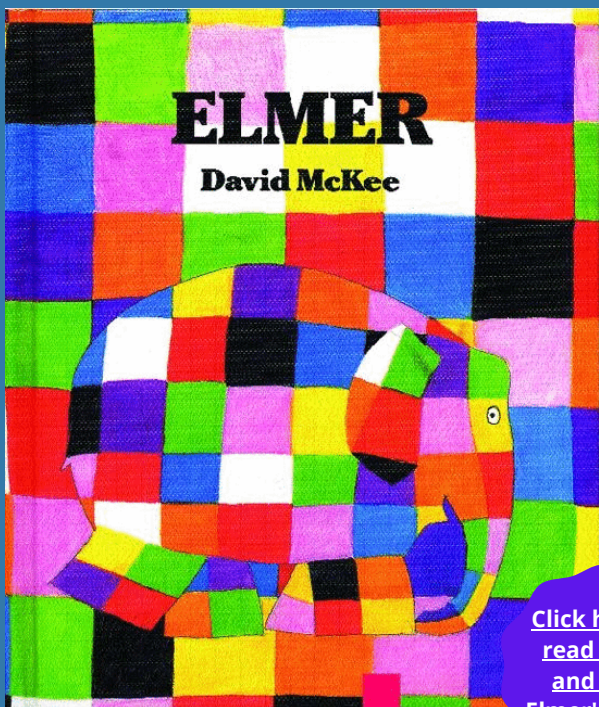




Elephant skin is incredibly tough and can be up to **1 INCH THICK** in places. Elephant skin is also **WRINKLED** to help them stay cool longer after a shower or a mud bath.



## STORYTIME



[Click here to read along and hear Elmer's story!](#)



#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Milk bottle
- Scissors
- Color paint
- Gold Paint
- Googly Eyes
- Pom poms
- Glue
- Sequins
- Marker Pen

# MILK BOTTLE ELEPHANT

## Step 1

- Draw a line around the whole bottle slightly higher than the bottom of the handle
- Draw an arch off this line on both sides of the bottle
- Cut along the lines you have drawn and remove bottom half



## Step 2

- Paint your milk bottle

## Step 3

- Decorate your elephant and make it your own!





# CAMP RALLY WITH YOUR ZOO CAMP TEAM



**Thank-you for joining us!**  
**We hope to see you soon!**