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The San Francisco Zoo
Education Department
is proud to provide many
opportunities for all ages.
To learn more about these
exciting programs, please
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**ZOO CAMP
FOR KIDS**
Summer 2018

Children's Classes Scout Programs

Early Education Classes

Teen Volunteer Programs

Adult Volunteer Program Wild Walks

Docent Tours ZooMobile Overnights

Close Encounters BikeAbouts

For more information about Zoo Camp,
please see www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp for Frequently Asked Questions.

SUMMER 2018



SUMMER • WINTER



Come to San Francisco
Zoo Camp to play,
explore, discover and have
a really wild time.

*The mission of the San Francisco Zoo is to
connect people with wildlife, inspire caring for
nature, and advance conservation action.*



Drawing by Chinglam Fang

Get ready for the wildest place around!

The San Francisco Zoo and Gardens offers one of the
most educational and entertaining
summer day camp adventures in the Bay Area.

Your child will go "wild" while learning,
playing, and exploring
at the San Francisco Zoo!



REGISTER ONLINE!

Visit www.sfzoo.org

Registration begins February 21, 2018



Surrounded by more than 250 species of animals, Zoo Campers learn about the wild world of animals and gain an appreciation of our natural world through fun and interactive activities.

INCOMING GRADE LEVEL	COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C
Pre-K/K (must be 4 years old)	Because I'm Young Some hatch from eggs, some live in a pouch, learn about baby animals as we visit the Zoo's newest residents.	Shape of Things Spirals, waves, spots and stripes; travel along with us as we find patterns in nature. Create your own patterns with fun art projects.	Imagine Connect the Zoo's animals to animals in popular children's literature and cultural stories!
1st Grade	Day In and Day Out Meet some 'early birds' and some 'night owls' as we discover the difference between diurnal and nocturnal animals.	Growin' Up It's not easy being small. Find out how baby animals are born and how they grow up!	If You Can See Me Is that a moth or an owl, a penguin or an orca? Wander through nature with us as we discover how animals hide.
2nd Grade	Fantastic Voyage No need to bring your passport as we "travel" around the world and meet animals from across the globe.	Wild is the Wind Follow the wind, bees, birds, and other animals as they pollinate plants and help grow our food.	Real Cool World Explore an ecosystem and find out how different environments support a variety of organisms.
3rd Grade	A Better Future Discover how humans affect our natural world and ways we can help preserve the environment.	Move On Move along with the animals as we explore migration: which animals travel, how they move, and why.	Speed of Life From dinos to birds, learn how animals have adapted and thrived in changing environments.
4th Grade	Looking for Water Water is life. Find out how and why animals use it and learn what you can do to conserve it.	Scary Monsters and Super Creeps Cool! Come explore some 'gross' habits as we meet some of nature's more unique animals and plants.	Sound and Vision Join us as we compare and contrast how people and animals use their senses to process information about the world.
5th Grade	What's Really Happening What is energy, where is it from and where does it go? Follow the path of energy through the earth's ecosystems.	Brilliant Adventure Investigate, observe, and record; explore the techniques scientists use to better understand our wild world.	Neighborhood Threat Get to know the threatened animals and plants in our Bay Area ecosystem and what you can do to help conserve them.
6th/7th Grade	Conservation Camp This exciting two-week program will offer a structured curriculum focusing on conservation and science both locally as well as around the globe. Students will explore the scientific method, genetics, behavior, and adaptations while learning how to take conservation action.		

In case of a combined grade class, the two themes would be merged.

ZOO CAMP SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2018			
4 years old - 5th Grade			6th-7th Grade
COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C	SESSION 1
June 11-15	June 18-22	June 25-29	July 9-20
July 2-6*	July 9-13	July 16-20	SESSION 2
July 23-27	July 30-Aug 3	Aug 6-10	July 23-Aug 3
Aug 13-17			SESSION 3
			Aug 6-17

*No Zoo Camp on Wed., July 4, 2018 – 20% off camp fee for 4-day week.

PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Register your camper for up to three different courses of Zoo Camp! Each week of camp has fun and exciting themes to be explored by your children. Above are examples of the themes that your children will experience while at Zoo Camp. For each grade level, we offer three different courses on alternating weeks. Choose either Course A, Course B, Course C or take them all for three weeks of Zoo Camp!

6TH AND 7TH GRADE

For the 6th and 7th grade classes we have a special two-week Conservation Camp. This exciting and innovative program includes 8 full camp days (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with extended care available) and ends with a fun and educational overnight experience at the Zoo (on the 9th day, camp will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday and end at 9 a.m. on Friday). Campers will learn about conservation here in our own backyard, as well as efforts happening around the world. They will practice some conservation strategies and have the opportunity to teach others what they've learned.

Zoo Campers are grouped by the grade level they will be entering in Fall 2018.

For the benefit of the campers, we follow strict guidelines on our age ranges and grade levels. (Depending on enrollment, we may offer multiple or combined grade level classes.)

TEENS TOO! AGES 12 -17

Wellness 101 Camp will provide campers ages 12 -17 an overview of the mission and purpose of zoos; hands-on experience with animal care, wellness and enrichment; participation in education interpretation and conservation projects; and introduction and exposure to zoo careers. This week-long camp will be offered: June 18-22, June 25-29, and July 9-13.

Zoo Teaching Assistants (ZTA) Program

For more information on the ZTA program call (415) 753-8123 or e-mail us at youth@sfzoo.org.

ZOO CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to qualifying families through a lottery system. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 1 - April 20, 2018. To receive an application by e-mail contact zoocamp@sfzoo.org.

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Small morning and afternoon snacks of crackers and water will be provided for each class. Please make sure to pack a low-waste lunch for your child if they are entering 1st grade and above.

MEMBERSHIP

To learn more about Membership benefits or to check on your Membership status, contact our Membership Office at (415) 753-7080 x7071 or e-mail membership@sfzoo.org.

A TYPICAL WEEK AT ZOO CAMP INCLUDES:

- Activities based on the weekly camp theme
- Zoo tours
- Classroom lessons with pictures and biofacts
- Animal encounters or animal enrichment
- Arts and crafts projects
- Group games
- Animal shows
- Educational videos
- Keeper talks and feedings



FEES AND HOURS

Children must be **at least 4 years old** to participate in Zoo Camp and should be registered for the grade level they will be entering in the Fall of 2018.

Pre-K/Kindergarten

9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Members: \$220; Nonmembers: \$260

Grades 1-5 / Wellness 101

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Members: \$300; Nonmembers: \$345

Grade 6-7 (two-week program)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Members: \$580; Nonmembers: \$680

EXTENDED CARE

Early drop-off and late pick-up are available to 1st grade and above. The a.m. Pre-K/K class may only register for early drop-off. The p.m. Pre-K/K class may only register for late pick-up.

Extended care is not an extension of the camp program, but rather a supervised playtime designed for those who need additional time to get to and from work or other commitments.

Registration is per week only; we are unable to offer a daily option and are unable to accommodate drop-ins.

There is a charge of \$5 for every 5 minutes your child is picked up after 5:35 p.m.

EARLY DROP-OFF

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
\$35 for the week
6th – 7th grade / \$60 for the session

LATE PICK-UP

Monday through Friday 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
\$60 for the week
6th – 7th grade / \$90 for the session

ENROLLMENT POLICY

- Registration for Zoo Camp 2018 is online at www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp
- Registration begins February 21, 2018
- Each session has limited space and is closed when filled. A waiting list is kept for each session
- We reserve the right to refuse enrollment to anyone or dismiss any student without refund for behavioral issues
- Summer programs operate rain or shine
- If you are unable to register online, please contact our Education Office

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Zoo Camp is inclusive; our lessons and activities are age-appropriate and designed for multiple learning styles. While we encourage campers to participate in all activities as designed, we are able to provide modified activities and some accommodations for campers with special needs. The Zoo is wheelchair accessible and a limited number of wheelchairs are available for Zoo Camp's use. If your child has a one-to-one aide in school, you will be required to provide one pre-approved, certified aide for Zoo Camp. Please call (415) 753-8135 to speak with the camp coordinator about your child's needs prior to registering.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing by email or fax.

A 75% refund will be issued for cancellations received more than 7 days in advance of the event. The non-refundable 25% will be forfeited completely and is non-transferable.

No refunds will be issued within 7 days of the event. No refunds or transfers will be issued for missed days. In the unlikely event the Zoo has to cancel, you will be issued a full refund.

If you register for more than 3 courses of Zoo Camp, the Zoo has the right to cancel those additional courses at any time.

Extended care registration is per week only.

Cancellation policy also applies to scholarship recipients and extended care.