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The San Francisco Zoo  
Education Department  
is proud to provide many  
opportunities for all ages.  
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**ZOO CAMP  
FOR KIDS**  
Summer 2020

Family Programs  
Early Childhood Classes  
Teen Volunteer Programs  
Adult Volunteer Program  
Docent Tours ZooMobile  
Close Encounters BikeAbouts

For more information about Zoo Camp,  
please see [www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp](http://www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp) for Frequently Asked Questions.

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Join us at  
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 Ella S.

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!



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**REGISTER ONLINE!**

Visit [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org)

Registration begins February 26, 2020



PROGRAM INFORMATION

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/AGE

Zoo Campers are grouped by the grade level they will be entering in Fall 2020. For the benefit of the campers, we follow strict guidelines on our age ranges and grade levels.

PRE-K THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Themes are offered on a rotating schedule; campers may attend only one week of each course throughout the summer.

6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Campers may attend one session throughout the summer season.

INCOMING GRADE LEVEL	COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C
Pre-K/K (must be at least 4 years old & toilet trained)	<b>Shapes &amp; Patterns</b> Spirals, waves, spots and stripes! Travel along with us as we find patterns in nature.	<b>Hop, Slither &amp; Fly</b> Get ready to move! Explore and try out all the different ways that animals get around.	<b>Animal Tales</b> Connect the Zoo residents to animal characters in popular children’s literature and cultural stories!
1st Grade	<b>Sensational Seasons</b> Investigate how animal behaviors and physical appearances change based on seasonal differences.	<b>Here We Grow!</b> Find out why animal parents and babies look alike but not exactly alike, and how specific patterns of behaviors help babies survive.	<b>Animal Tech</b> Discover how incredible plants and animals have inspired the design of everyday human objects.
2nd Grade	<b>Creature Features</b> Put on your scientist hat and join us to observe then classify animals based on all sorts of characteristics.	<b>Pollinator Party</b> Follow the wind, bees, birds and other animals as they pollinate plants and help grow our food.	<b>Eco-Explorer</b> Explore diverse ecosystems and find out how they support all sorts of amazing plants and animals!
3rd Grade	<b>Tadpoles to Frogs</b> While all animals have common life stages, some species go through extreme and surprising changes. Join us to explore their journey!	<b>Family Ties</b> Lions live in prides, while koalas are solitary. Join us as we compare and contrast the benefits of animals living on their own or in groups.	<b>Natural Selection</b> From dinos to birds, learn how animals have adapted and thrived in changing environments.
4th Grade	<b>Roar &amp; Run</b> Some animals move fast and others make a lot of noise. Find out how energy is transferred by sound and movement in the animal world.	<b>Wacky &amp; Wild</b> Meet animals and plants that have unique and sometimes downright weird physical structures or behaviors.	<b>The Nose Knows</b> Join us as we compare and contrast how people and animals use their senses to process information about the world.
5th Grade	<b>Web of Life</b> It’s all about balance! Find out how all organisms in an ecosystem work to get what they need to survive.	<b>Science Spheres</b> Earth’s systems are interconnected. Explore how the atmosphere, geosphere and hydrosphere influence all living things.	<b>Conservation Community</b> Get to know threatened Bay Area plants and animals and what you can do to help conserve them.
6th/7th Grade	<b>Conservation Camp</b> This two-week program offers curriculum focusing on conservation and science both locally and around the world. Campers will explore the scientific method, genetics, behavior, and adaptations while learning how to take conservation action. Conservation Camp includes 8 full camp days (9am-4pm with extended care available) and ends with a fun and educational overnight experience at the Zoo (on the 9th day, camp will begin at 4pm on Thursday and end at 9am on Friday).		
8th-12th Grade	<b>Wellness 101</b> This program will provide campers with an overview of the mission and purpose of zoos as well as hands-on experience with animal care, wellness, and enrichment. Participants will practice educational interpretation, get involved with conservation projects, and learn about a variety of zoo careers.		
Teen Volunteers (14-17 Years Old)	<b>Zoo Teacher Assistant (ZTA)</b> Assist the Zoo Camp Instructors in helping kids explore the world of animals through zoo tours, crafts, games and other activities at the Zoo. This program helps you gain practical work experience with children. Have a question about the ZTA program? E-mail youth@sfzoo.org or call (415) 753-8123.		

ZOO CAMP SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2020				
Pre-K - 5th Grade			6th-7th Grade	8th-12th Grade
COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C	SESSION 1	SESSION 1
June 8-12	June 15-19	June 22-26	June 15-26	June 29-July 3
June 29-July 3	July 6-10	July 13-17	SESSION 2	SESSION 2
July 20-24	July 27-31	Aug 3-7	July 6-17	July 20-24
Aug 10-14			SESSION 3	SESSION 3
			July 27-Aug 7	Aug 10-14



GENERAL INFORMATION

ZOO CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to qualifying families through a lottery system. Applications will be accepted from February 1 – April 1, 2020. To request an application, email [zoocamp@sfzoo.org](mailto:zoocamp@sfzoo.org).

CAMP T-SHIRTS

**New for 2020!** Camp t-shirts are mandatory; children must wear their designated Zoo Camp shirt each day. Campers automatically receive one t-shirt with registration, additional t-shirts may be purchased for \$8.00 each during online registration or throughout the summer. Children registered for multiple camp sessions receive a t-shirt on the first day of each week they are attending camp.

MEMBERSHIP

To learn more about Member benefits or check on membership status, call (415) 753-7097 or email [membership@sfzoo.org](mailto:membership@sfzoo.org). *SFZS Membership must be active at the time of registration to receive member rates.*

**A TYPICAL WEEK AT ZOO CAMP INCLUDES:**

- Activities based on the weekly theme
- Zoo tours
- Biofact presentations
- Animal encounters
- Art project
- Games
- Wildlife Theatre shows
- Keeper talks



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 2020-2021 school year.

Pre-K/Kindergarten

9 am to noon or 1 pm to 4 pm  
Members: \$225; Nonmembers: \$265

Grades 1-5 / Grades 8-12

9 am to 4 pm  
Members: \$305; Nonmembers: \$350

Grade 6-7 (two-week program)

9 am to 4 pm  
Members: \$585; Nonmembers: \$685

EXTENDED CARE

Early drop-off and late pick-up are available to 1st grade and above. The am Pre-K/K class may only register for early drop-off. The pm 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 to help accommodate busy family schedules.

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 pm

EARLY DROP-OFF

Monday through Friday 8 am to \*8:45 am  
\* No early drop-off between 8:45 am and 9 am  
\$35 for the week  
6th – 7th grade / \$60 for the session

LATE PICK-UP

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

ENROLLMENT POLICY

- Registration for Zoo Camp 2020 is online at [www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp](http://www.sfzoo.org/zoocamp)
- Registration begins February 26, 2020
- Sessions will automatically close when they reach capacity. Additional registrants may place themselves on a waitlist.
- We reserve the right to refuse enrollment to anyone or dismiss any student without refund for behavioral issues
- Summer programs operate rain or shine

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We strive to provide an inclusive environment for all campers; lessons and activities are age-appropriate and designed for multiple learning styles. Zoo Camp staff are able to make activity modifications and appropriate 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 as well. Please call (415) 753-8135 or email [zoocamp@sfzoo.org](mailto:zoocamp@sfzoo.org) to discuss your child’s needs prior to registration.

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 1 session of each course (A, B, C, Conservation Camp, Wellness 101 Camp) of Zoo Camp, the Zoo has the right to cancel those additional courses at any time without advance notice.

Extended care registration is per week only.

Cancellation policy also applies to scholarship recipients and extended care.

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