



Summer 2023

Zoo Discovery Days

For Youth ages 6- 9

2023 Summer Program Rates

Full Day Camp	\$190 Members/ \$210 Non-Members	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Half-Day Camp	\$120 Members/ \$130 Non-Members	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Each Additional Sibling \$15 OFF *Full DAY ONLY*		
Before Camp Care	\$20/Day	Starts at 7:45 AM
After Camp Care	\$20/Day	Ends at 5:00 PM
Lunches Not Available		

Registration Packet & Program Guide

Zoo Discovery Days, formerly Zoofari, is where campers can explore their wild side! Our day program is designed to provide campers with a variety of unique wildlife and conservation themed activities in a safe and nurturing atmosphere. Our goal is to foster a desire to preserve, conserve and learn about wildlife and the world around us while providing fun and interactive programs.

Program activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Tours of Zoo habitats
- Animal enrichment making
- Keeper chats
- Up-close encounters with animal ambassadors*
- STEAM projects
- Themed games and activities
- Nature walks and outdoor exploration

Programs are based upon weekly themes and parts of the day are a classroom setting. Please be mindful that a theme will have related activities and may not include all activities listed above. Half day sessions will receive half a day worth of program, so we do encourage a full day selection where possible.

****Up-close encounters: Campers will have the opportunity for up-close encounters with small animal ambassadors. Touching of these animals may or may not be permitted.****



Camp Theme Schedule

Session 1 (July 10-14): Animals and Us

Humans and animals have long held a relationship. Dog is man's best friend, and that's straight out of the horse's mouth, but there is much more going on. Investigate and learn about our relationship with animals, both wild and domestic, present, and historic.

Session 2 (July 17-21): Ponds, Pollywogs, and Puddle Jumping

Dragonflies, tadpoles, rain, mud, and muck! Jump in the puddles with us and explore some fun pond life, animals that live there, and even some that jump from pond to pond!

Session 3 (July 24-28): Nature in Disguise

Do you know what that is? Camouflage, mimicry, disguises, and illusions are everywhere in nature. Become a detective and help us find out what looks, smells, and sounds have been used for disguise, or even dinosaurs.

Session 4 (July 31- August 4): Animal Professionals

Do you have a passion for animals? Are you curious about jobs that work with animals? What about animals that have jobs? Spend this week with us looking at jobs that have animals as a highlight. Groomers, Zookeepers, Wildlife Technicians and more!

Session 5 (August 7-11): Aliens Around Us

Are aliens real? Is that a UFO? Or is it a snail's mouth? Join us as we explore some of the "aliens" among us. We will look at invasive species as well as some of the unique species around us. Up-close encounters may seem alien but can be mind-blowing.

Session 6 (August 14-18): Dem Bones, No Bones

Dem bones, dem bones, dem no bones? What animals have no bones? Join us as we find out all about the creatures called INVERTEBRATES, that don't have a spine! Check out the places they live and a lot of critters in between.

Session 7 (August 21-25): Flying Around

Did you see that? What is in the air? On wings of a feather or that buzz and flutter together, there are many things that fly around. We will be taking a deep falcon dive into our local birds and explore a few other critters with wings.

Registration and Admission Policy

Pre-registration & medical authorization is required for all campers. Pre/After camp care must be reserved during the initial registration period. All registrations are processed on a first come, first served basis.

Registration and medical release forms can be found on our website at www.zoonewyork.org/zoo-discovery-days/ and in this packet.

Please submit your registration packet by mail, e-mail, or in person at the Zoo's admissions desk:

Zoo New York

e-mail: sylvan@zoonewyork.org

Attn: Zoo Camp

1 Thompson Park

Watertown, NY 13601

Refunds will not be issued for no-shows or cancellations made less than two weeks from the first day of the session for which you are registered. All cancellations need to be submitted in writing.

A \$50 non-refundable processing fee applies for any requested changes made to, or cancellation of, any confirmed registration. All other changes/refunds will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. If you need to change camp sessions or make cancellations prior to two weeks before your session, please call 315-755-0896.

Lunch Guidelines

Campers must bring their own lunch and beverage. This is a new policy.

The Zoo will provide mid-morning snacks for all campers. Examples of snacks are animal crackers, pretzels, fruit gummies, go-gurt and juice.

We would like to be able to provide freezer pops or cupcakes to children depending on birthdays, and allergy information will help with that.

*** Please note in your registration form if your child has any food allergies. ***

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Discipline Policy

Please be advised that Zoo Discovery Days is an education program that runs a schedule similar to a day camp. Being that we are based around education themes, there is a fair amount of time spent in a classroom setting and attendees/campers are asked to listen to our instructors.

To provide a safe and enjoyable experience, campers exhibiting disruptive or potentially harmful behaviors may be asked to leave the camp. These behaviors include but are not limited to: repeatedly not following directions, bullying, hitting, kicking, biting, inappropriate language or other harassment. In the case of a minor behavioral issue, we will work with the child to help them understand the importance of appropriate behavior. If repeat issues occur, then parents/guardians will be contacted.

While the discipline policy & Zoo rules will be reviewed with all campers on the first morning weekly, please discuss the policy with your camper beforehand. We believe that your support and understanding of these expectations is integral to your camper's positive experience. We appreciate your help in making this year's Zoo Discovery Day's experience a success for your child and fellow campers.

Thing to Keep in Mind

Do remember to send your child with sunscreen and insect repellent if necessary. The Zoo cannot provide these items. Medical forms are required if you would like staff to help apply these items or administer any medication.

Do send your child in comfortable shoes and clothing appropriate for the day's weather. Activities will take place rain or shine and campers will do a lot of walking. Please also include swim wear or clothing to get wet as we do visit the splash pad at times and play with water to keep cool.

Please do not send your camper with cell phones, video games, music players, or other electronics. Backpacks and water bottles are acceptable; however, your child is responsible for carrying those items throughout the day. Water bottles are encouraged, especially during the warmer days.

Our Zoo has several animal ambassadors, majority of which are native species, and as such cannot be touched by the public. Animal encounters are scheduled weekly but are subject to change and not guaranteed.

Submitting the registration form and additional documents is agreeing that you have read through the registration packet.

Splash Pad

We would like to allow as a part of our program for the group to go to the Thompson Park Splash Pad in the care of Zoo Camp or designated Zoo staff on extremely hot days. This splash pad is not associated with Zoo New York and is an outside entity. Hence, we need a parental consent form for youth to participate in that activity.

Zoo Discovery Days Registration Summer 2023

Youth's name: _____ Preferred Pronoun: _____
Last Name First Name

Birth Date: _____ Age as of July. 1st: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ (Youth/Adult)
MM/DD/YY Limited Adult

Youth's Address: _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last Name First Name

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
(Cell) (Work) (Home)

E-mail Address: _____

Please select the session(s) you are interested in. Session descriptions are found earlier in this packet

- Session 1: July 10-14 Session 2: July 17-21 Session 3: July 24-28
 Session 4: July 31- Aug 4 Session 5: August 7-11 Session 6: August 14-18
 Session 7: August 21-25

Check here if payment Information below is for multiple children (additional registration forms attached)

****For each additional sibling, a \$15 discount on Full Day is offered****

Full-Day Camp (\$190 Members, \$210 Non-Members) # _____ of sessions @ \$ _____ each = \$ _____

Sibling Registration (\$175 Members/\$195 Non-Members) # _____ of sessions @ \$ _____ each = \$ _____

Half-Day Camp (\$120 Member/\$130 Non-Member) # _____ of sessions @ \$ _____ each = \$ _____
 [9AM-12:30PM ONLY]

Before Care (7:45-9:00am) # _____ before care @ \$20/day = \$ _____

After Care (4:00-5:00pm) # _____ after care @ \$20/day = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

****Any additional discounts for 3rd party groups will be applied after curator confirmation of availability.****

- I will mail a check payable to "Zoo New York"
 I have paid in person or over the phone

Receipt Number: _____

Zoo Staff Use Only:
Date Received _____
Staff Initials _____

Youth's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Contact Persons

(Circle which number to call first in an emergency)

EMERGENCY/PICK-UP CONTACTS	Full Name/Address	Relationship to Child	Authorized to Pick Up Child	Primary/Secondary Phone
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/>	()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text ()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/>	()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text ()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/>	()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text ()- - <input type="checkbox"/> Ok to text

Other adults authorized to pick up child: _____

Individuals not permitted contact with child: _____

Any additions to your child's authorized pick-up list must be submitted in writing, in person to the Zoo Camp Counselors. This is a safety measure the Zoo is taking to protect all youth. All pick up personnel must be prepared to show photo ID until they are known by the Zoo staff. We will also be having adults physically sign for their child daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medical Form Required with Registration
2023 Medical Authorization Form

Identify any medications your child is currently taking (purpose & dosage): _____

If your child has a medical condition(s) we should be aware of/or requires special accommodations, please describe them: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Physician: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Allergies: _____

Immunization Dates (MM/YY): Tetanus (DTAP) _____ Measles (MMR) _____

Coronavirus / COVID-19 Warning & Disclaimer

The Zoo has developed policies and procedures for our educational programs and operations based on state and CDC guidelines. However, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend physical distancing to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in camp programs or accessing Zoo facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The Zoo in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in camp programs or accessing Zoo facilities.

I agree to follow the following procedures established by the Zoo. Please initial below:

____ I will alert the Zoo if camper or anyone in campers' household has potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, shortness of breath or persistent dry cough, in the 72 hours prior to the start of camp or during the camp session.

____ I will alert the Zoo if anyone in campers' household is diagnosed with COVID-19.

____ I understand that camp may need to close on short notice due to government order, child or staff illness, or another emergency.

____ I can return to the camp within one hour of being notified by phone if the child must be picked up.

____ I will take camper(s) temperature each morning prior to camp drop off and alert staff if the camper has a fever (temperature of 100.4° or higher).

____ I understand if camper has taken any fever reducing medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen in the past 24 hours, they may not attend camp.

Program Parental Consent:

I, _____, am aware that while participating in a program or activity arranged by the Zoo New York, certain risks and dangers may be present, including but not limited to those generally associated with certain activities, accidents, illness, and forces of nature. I agree to indemnify and defend Zoo New York and hold it harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, liabilities and expenses, including attorney's fees and the Zoo's costs of defense in connection with the loss of life, personal or bodily injury and/or damage to or loss of property that arises from the participation of _____ (name of participant) in Zoo Discovery Days 2023 except to the extent that such loss or damage is occasioned by the negligent act or omission of the Zoo, its officers, agents or employees and no negligence on the part of the Participant. Zoo New York has my consent to secure treatment at the closest hospital in the event of a medical emergency.

Splash-Pad Parental Consent:

I, _____, give consent to allow _____ (name of participant) to participate in going to and playing at the Thompson Park Splash pad. I understand that the Zoo, its officers, agents, or employees are not responsible for the splash pad and any related risks or dangers in participating on the splash pad.

Thompson Park Consent:

I, _____, give consent to allow _____ (name of participant) to participate in going to and playing at Thompson Park. I understand that the Zoo, its officers, agents, or employees are not responsible for the Park, Playground and any related risks or dangers associated with its property.

X Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____