Zoo Camp 2024 Ecology and Endangered Species of the Chihuahuan Desert

You can download this form, complete it, and bring it to the Living Desert to register your child(ren). Or you can come to the Zoo and fill in the form there.

Zoo Camp is a one-week, half-day (8:30am-12 noon) camp that is for children who have a love and curiosity of plants and animals of the Chihuahuan Desert. Two sessions are held in July.

Zoo Camp daily includes singing songs, a walk to different parts of the Zoo each day, crafts, a snack, a group project, an educational program, and a guest speaker. On Friday, the children present a short program demonstrating what they did that week.

Zoo Camp is for children who have completed 1st grade (and are able to read). Once children have completed 7th grade, they, may volunteer to become Jr. Docents by calling the Zoo (575-887-5516) and speaking with Sandra Cosand.

The fee is $45.00 per child whose family does not have a Friends Membership or $40.00 for families that have Friends of the Living Desert membership. (You may find out about becoming a Friends member by checking out our Membership information on this web-site).

 Zoo Camp Registration Form

Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park

 P. O. Box 100 Carlsbad, NM 88221

575-887-5516

Registration is limited, so please do not disappoint your child by waiting too long.

 Check one:

 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Week July 8-12, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_2nd Week July 15-19, 2024

\*\*Your child must have completed 1st grade and be able to read and write in order to attend Zoo Camp.

Please complete information for each child attending Zoo Camp.

By writing yes or no in the media permission square below you are expressing your wish to allow or not allow your child(ren) to have their picture and name in any press release.

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| Name of child(ren) | Age | Previous Grade | Allergies yes or no \*\*If yes, list below | Media PermissionYes or No |  T-shirt SizeY -S, M, LA-S, M, L, XL |
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\*\*LIST ALLERGIES OR OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW.

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Emergency Contact (Other than parent)

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My child(ren) has/have permission to attend Zoo Camp from 8:30-12:00 noon.

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Payment and these 2 pages must be turned in to the Zoo for registration to be complete.

Please keep these two papers of important information.

\*\*Our campers are divided into 3 groups that contain 10 to 12 children. We find it works better for the campers to be grouped with children of the same age/grade level. Therefore, we request that you do not ask us to put your child with a friend or sibling unless there is a health issue.

If your child is not going to be able to attend camp after he/she has been registered, you must call by *July 1* to cancel if you wish to receive a complete refund. After that date, we cannot refund the fees because of the expenses of t-shirts, craft materials, snacks, etc.

Please make sure your child has a good breakfast before arriving for camp. The campers will be walking the trail, and doing several activities.

It is very important to have your children at the park by 8:30 each day. Zoo camp is packed full of activities and if they are not there on time, they will miss out on some of the fun, and they disturb the other campers and leaders. We ask that the campers be at the park by 8:45 on Monday to insure a smooth running first day.

Please note: We do not have the staff to care for your child after 12:00 p.m. Our workers are volunteers, and are ready to go home after 12:00. Parents, who have not picked up their children by 12:15, will be expected to pay a fee of $10 per each 10 minutes their children remain in the care of a leader. If an emergency occurs and you are going to be late, please call the park at 887-5516, so your children will not worry, and we will not have to try to contact you.

 Suggested Supplies to Bring Each Day

Hat

Sunglasses

Sunscreen

Small canteen or bottle of water

Comfortable Clothes

Walking Shoes (closed toed)

These are the rules of our camp. Please discuss them with your child before he/she comes. *If your child doesn’t follow the camp rules, you will be informed the first time, and if the infractions continue a second day, he/she will not be allowed to return for the rest of the week.* The camp fee will not be refunded.

Zoo Camp Rules

1. Stay on the trail.
2. No running in the visitor center or on the trail.
3. Wear your nametag in its proper place.
4. Always stay with your group.
5. If you need to leave your group to go to the restroom, let your group leader know. A junior docent will take you to the restroom and wait for you.
6. If you are leaving before 12:00, tell your leader. The person picking you up must come inside to get you.
7. No radios, cell phones, or electronic “toys” should be brought to Zoo Camp.
8. Wear closed–toed shoes that are comfortable for walking the trail.
9. No climbing or sitting on the rotunda wall.

 10. Listen & respect each other and the leaders. Picking on other campers

 physically and/or verbally will not be tolerated.

 11. Remain in the rotunda until your parents come to pick you up

 at noon.

 12. Do not visit the gift shop unless you are with your parents.

 13. Do not use the vending machines during Zoo Camp.