Zoo Camp

Zoo is a one-week day 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 ages 7-12 and who have completed 1st grade and are able to read.

You may register on line or download the Registration Form for the week you want or come to the Zoo to fill one out.

Registration Form

Registration Zoo Camp –Reptiles and Amphibians

Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park Carlsbad, NM 88220

 Fee $45.00 (Friends members $35.00)

Registration cutoff date is July 1. There will be no names added to the list after that date.

Circle one: 1st Week July 2nd Week July

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

My child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to attend Zoo Camp from 8:30-12:00 daily.

(Additional children names may be filled out on the reverse side.)

Child’s Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade the child has just completed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: Circle one: Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL

\*\*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.

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Emergency Contact (Other than parent)

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Health: Please let us know if your child has any allergies or health problems that we need to be aware of. Snacks will be served.

None or Yes: please list

My child has permission to attend Zoo Camp at the Living Desert Zoo and Garden State Park.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Release

My child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Please check one.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has your permission to use his/her name and/or picture in the

 newspaper, other publications, or our website.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_does not have your permission to use his/her name and/or picture in

 the newspaper, other publications, and our website.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Additional children

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| Name | Age | Previous Grade | T-shirt Size | Allergies  | Media Permission |
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Please keep this paper and read this important information.

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, doing activities, and depending on the group may not get a snack until 10:30.

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 8:15 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)

Parents, 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. Stay with your group at all times.
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 others

 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.