

San Diego Zoo CUB CAMP 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to your first summer of Zoo Camp! Thank you for choosing San Diego Zoo Summer Camp as part of your summer vacation. Our summer programs offer your camper the opportunity to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills, to build meaningful friendships, and to have up-close encounters with animals that help connect them to wildlife and conservation. Best of all, they have so much fun doing it—they forget they're learning! Please read the information enclosed so that you and your camper are prepared for a week of fun!

IMPORTANT DETAILS TO REMEMBER

- **Ticket is required on the first day of camp.**
- Pack a light morning snack and a reusable water bottle.
- Apply sunscreen beforehand, and bring a hat and/or visor.
- Comfortable walking shoes and clothing required (please no flip-flops).
- Standard backpack is required for snacks/water bottle. No backpacks on wheels.
- Label all of your camper's items with their name.
- Have your camper leave all of their favorite toys at home where they will stay safe.

FIRST DAY OF CAMP: MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN PROCESS

- **Ticket is required on the first day of camp.**
- Camp begins at 9:00am for all grades. Please allow extra time for check-in.
- Park your car closest to the "Panda 1" parking lot directional sign so that you are closest to your camper's check-in area. Use the designated camp crosswalks.
- Walking your camper up for check-in is the only method allowed on Mondays so that you can meet your camper's counselors, submit your camper's ticket, and make sure all the necessary paperwork has been completed properly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAMP DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

- Camp begins at 9:00am for all grades. Please drop off your camper between 8:45am – 9:00am. There is no supervision on the Greeting Grass before 8:45am.
- If you arrive after 9:15am for camp drop off, you will need to report to the Education Office at the Dickinson Family Center (formerly known as the Otto Center) to get your camper connected with their group.
- Cub Camp ends at 12:00pm. Please pick up your camper no later than 12:15pm.
- Any camper left beyond 12:15pm will incur a late fee of \$25 per child. After 12:15pm, you park your car and pick up your camper at the Education Office located in the Dickinson Family Center.
- If you need to pick up your camper early, please coordinate ahead of time with your child's counselor for an exact time that corresponds best with our daily schedule.

EXPRESS DROP-OFF and PICK-UP (REFERENCE MAP INCLUDED)

We **strongly** recommend this option as it is the fastest and most efficient option for dropping off and picking up your camper.

- To use this service, you must stay in your car. If you need to apply sunscreen to your camper, put on their shoes, or get into your trunk, you must park in a marked spot.
- Included in this packet is the "Camper Express Information Sheet." Display on your dashboard so staff can easily identify campers and which camp they are attending.
- You must drive into the designated express lane along the Greeting Grass curb as indicated by the arrows on the map included in this packet.
- In the express lane, a camp staff member will come to your car and escort your camper to and from their appropriate location (depending upon drop-off/pick-up).

PARK and WALK-UP OPTION

If you anticipate needing more time for drop off, you can also personally escort your child to and from the Greeting Grass area for camp.



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- Park your car closest to the “Panda 1” parking lot directional sign so that you are closest to your camper’s check-in area. Use the designated camp crosswalks.
- Follow the instructions given to you by our camp staff and Zoo Security Officers.
- For your safety, do not cross in between the cars that are in the express lane.

SUMMER CAMP T-SHIRT

Every camper receives a summer camp t-shirt! We do our best to accommodate sizing. We invite campers to wear their camp t-shirt daily.

EXTENDED FUN

If your camper is registered Extended Fun, please park your car and walk to the Dickinson Family Center (formerly the Otto Center) to access their classroom. Extended Fun hours for Cub Camp are 7:30am – 8:45am. To register your camper for Extended Fun before Cub Camp, please call 619-718-3000.

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

Two weeks prior to your camper’s first day, you will receive an reminder email as well as an invitation to complete an emergency waiver form through DocuSign. **The DocuSign waiver must be completed no less than five days prior to your child’s first day of camp, if not, please be prepared to spend a few extra minutes completing a hard-copy paper version on your camper’s first day.**

GET INVOLVED!

Each camp is assigned a Green Goal for the week. Ask your camper what Green Goal they are working on for the week. These goals are set up to help campers understand the importance of being “green” and adopting earth friendly habits to help our environment.

SUMMER CAMP AGREEMENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEEK

We have five agreements we follow at Zoo Summer Camp. These agreements will be talked about the first day of camp and will be referred to often throughout the week. Please review them with your camper. San Diego Zoo reserves the right to dismiss a camper for consistent behavior that makes it difficult or impossible for staff to meet his/her needs and/or the needs of the other campers in the group.

- Listen when others are talking.
- Follow directions.
- Be kind to humans and animals.
- Stay safe and help your friends stay safe.
- Have fun!