

SAN DIEGO ZOO

Teen Adventures Important Information

Dear Parents/Guardians & Teens,

There are lots of changes this year because we know that teens are busy. Because of that we're allowing our young adults the choice of daily enrollment or our standard week-long program. If you take the full week program you get a nice discount, if your busy schedule doesn't allow for all five days, we welcome single day registration. Whether this is your first summer for a teen adventure or if you came last year, please read the following information so you are all prepared for all that awaits. Thanks for choosing to spend some of your summer vacation at the San Diego Zoo. We promise to make it fun and exciting!

DO IT YOUR WAY!

- Choose ONE or BOTH adventures: Epic Teen Challenge and/or Teen Photography!
- **NEW!** Choose a week-long or a daily adventure!
- Choose one week or two weeks!

WHAT TO BRING

- Ticket - Tickets are required day one of camp.
- Light Morning Snack and/or Lunch Money - We do allow our teens to purchase snacks and lunch if you choose to do so each day. You are also welcome to pack your snack and lunch. Your choice!
- Reusable Water Bottle - Hydration is key! We provide water during various breaks.
- Sun Gear - Be sun smart! Remember sunscreen, hats or visors.
- Comfortable shoes and casual clothes for some of the physical challenges we do.
- ***REQUIRED** Cameras or iPhones/Smartphones - Since phone cameras are the camera of choice for most teens we will be learning how to use these like experts.

DROP OFF

Camp starts at 9:00am for all grades-
Please drop off between 8:45-8:55!

DO NOT GO INTO THE REGULAR CAMP DROPOFF/PICKUP EXPRESS LINE!

Monday Mornings ONLY

- Please park your car and walk to the Front Plaza of the Zoo so you can meet the teachers. This is the only method of drop off allowed on the first day of camp.
- Don't forget your camper's ticket!
- Allow extra time for check-in on the first day of camp.

Tuesday through Friday Mornings

OPTION #1: Express Drop Off A camp staff member will come to your car in the express lane and escort your camper(s) to their appropriate grade.

***This method must be used if there is a younger sibling that meets on the Greeting Grass**

Rules for using this service:

- You **MUST** drive into the designated express lane along the Greeting Grass curb.
- You **MUST** stay in your car to use this service!

➤ **OPTION #2: Front Plaza Drop Off** If there are no younger siblings being dropped off, avoid the Greeting Grass altogether and **do NOT get in the Express Lane drop off line**. Instead, head straight to the Front Plaza to drop off (see map with arrows).

➤ **OPTION #3: Drive Yourself** If the camper has driven themselves, they can simply park in the main lot and walk to the Front Plaza to meet their group.

If you arrive late, you **MUST** come to the Education office in the Otto Center and our office staff will take your camper(s) to their class. Please be on time, we don't want your campers missing out on the fun!

PICK UP

**Camp ends at 3:00pm for all grades-
Please pick up between 3:00-3:20!**

*Any campers left beyond this time will incur a late fee of \$22 per camper. You will need to park and pick them up in the Extended Day classroom in the Otto Center.

Monday through Friday Afternoons

➤ **OPTION #1: Express Pick Up** If the teen camper has a younger sibling and you are using the express drop-off and pick-up service, have your teen camper bring a note that says they can be dismissed on your own and walk to the Greeting Grass so you can pick both campers up at the same time. A camp staff member will come to your car in the express lane and bring your camper(s) to your car, including buckling them in.

**We strongly encourage this option!*

Rules for using this service:

- You **MUST** stay in your car to use this service!
- You **MUST** have the pick up form on your dashboard with your camper(s) name(s) (including carpools), their grade level and the name of that grade's program.
- You **MUST** follow the arrows on the map or the signs in the parking lot to get in the pick up line.
- Please continue to move forward in the line as directed by a safety officer or when you see a gap in the line, especially if you have a camper who will need help with seatbelts. Your patience and cooperation is essential to the success and efficiency of this system.

➤ **OPTION #2: Front Plaza Pick Up** If there are no younger siblings being picked up, avoid the Greeting Grass altogether and **do NOT get in the Express Lane pick up line**. Instead, head straight to the Front Plaza to drop off (see map with arrows).

➤ **OPTION #3: Drive Yourself** If the camper has driven themselves, they can check out with their teacher and head to their car.

If for any reason you need to pick up your camper(s) while camp is in session, please coordinate with your child's teacher at least one day prior to your special pickup request. He/she will be able to tell you an exact time that you can pick up your camper in the Education office that will correspond with our daily camp schedule.

If there is an emergency and you need to reach your camper while camp is in session (9:00-3:00), please contact us at (619) 557-3963.

EXTENDED DAY

Although most of the students will be younger than you, we promise to have age appropriate things for you to do. If you registered for our Extended Day option before or after camp, please park your car and drop off/pick up your camper(s) in the Extended Day classroom in the Otto Center anytime during the following hours:

- **Extended Day Morning Hours:** 7:30am-8:45am
- **Extended Day Afternoon Hours:** 3:20pm-5:30pm

*After 5:30, there is a late fee of \$22 per camper

If you need to get ahold of your camper during Extended Day hours, please contact us at (619) 231-1515 x4122.

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

Two weeks prior to your child's start date of camp you will receive an email reminding you of the date(s), time(s), and camp(s) you reserved. Shortly after that email you will receive an invitation to complete a waiver through Docusign. It's very simple to do and it must be completed no later than 3 days prior to camp beginning.

BRING THE FUN HOME!

Adventure seekers will have opportunities to do some work outside of your Zoo time. Feel free to include your family in the take home work (I should say fun!)

If you have any questions about summer camp, please do not hesitate to contact us at (619) 557-3963!

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Pickup Form

Camper Name	Grade/Program Name
	High School