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Zoo Camp



at the

Bergen County Zoo

Summer 2019

Camp Group	Determined by age as of July 1.	See group information below.
Application	1 per child	Due March 15 st
Fee	\$150 per child (sorry, no multi-child discount)	Due April 30 th (Do NOT send with application)
Selection for Zoo Camp	On March 15, all applications will be put into a lottery and will be randomly picked. .	Applications are randomly selected. You will be notified by mail by April 2 nd if you are chosen.
What if I was in the same camp group already?	You should still apply. If there is room, we will try to accommodate you. Children who have not attended Zoo Camp in your camp group will have priority.	If your application is selected in the lottery and you previously attended camp, you will be put on a waiting list in the order you were chosen in the lottery.
Medical Conditions	If you are selected, you will receive a letter with a link to medical forms for you and your doctor to fill out.	Medical conditions do not affect your chances for the lottery as medical information is collected after the lottery process.
Group size	Lambs, Hawks, and Gators have an 8:1 ratio Condors 10:1	Junior Zoo Keepers have a 5:1 ratio-see separate application

What is Zoo Camp? - Zoo Camp is a week-long, ½ day, program for children ages 5 to 15 years old. It is open only to Bergen County Residents or Bergen County Zoo Members. Campers are organized in the following groups:

Lambs - 5 and 6 years old

Hawks - 7 and 8 years old

Gators - 9, 10 and 11 years old

Condors – 12-15 years old

Junior Zookeepers - 13 to 17 years old – see separate application

Camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm. Zoo Camp costs \$150 for the week and includes a Zoo Camp t-shirt.

Lambs, Hawks, Gators and Condors spend time touring the zoo, meeting animals up-close in the classroom, and other animal-themed activities.

Junior Zookeepers explore different aspects of a career in zookeeping as they learn about our animal collection, prepare their diets, and clean their enclosures (separate registration form). Due to the nature of the tasks, work boots and gloves are strongly recommended. Closed toe, closed heel shoes are needed for ALL camp groups.

My child was in Zoo Camp last year. May she/he come again?

To be fair to other applicants, children who have attended zoo camp in the past in the age/camp group a prior year will be waitlisted until all new children have been chosen for that same age/camp group. You may be selected for the same age group more than once, but only after children whose applications were received by the application date and who have never attended that age group have been chosen.

How will I know if my child is selected?

You will be notified **by mail** by April 2nd if your child is selected. Due to the high number of applicants, we cannot notify anyone who was **not** selected. If selected in the lottery, you will receive a zoo camp information letter with all needed directions. A second round lottery will be conducted for any additional or unaccepted camp spots. Notification for these spots will be throughout April and May, the roster is finalized June 1st, no changes will be made at that time.

The Carpool List

The Carpool List is designed to help families with carpooling and for planning vacation/other family activities around only one week of Zoo Camp. **Note: children admitted in the same group may be assigned to different counselors within the group.** To apply with a friend/sibling, all applications **must** be mailed/dropped off in the same envelope and all names must be written on the Carpool List of the accompanying applications. The list is limited to three friends – only three applications may be submitted together. If more than three applications are submitted they will be divided into groups at the zoo’s discretion.

Confirmation of Attendance and Payment

Payment is due by April 30th. If payment is not made by this date, your spot may be forfeited and you may reapply next year. Payment **should not** be sent with the application.

What if I have questions? Email: zoocamp@co.bergen.nj.us

Or call: (201) 634-3125

ZOO CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

*One form per child, please. This form may be photocopied for additional children. This form is NOT for Junior Zoo Keeper Camp. Forms incorrectly filled out will be sent back and must be received by due date.

Child's Name: _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (Nickname)

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Grade in FALL 2019: _____

Child's Shirt Size *at time of camp* (Please circle. If in doubt, order one size larger.) Shirt size MUST be chosen to be entered into camp lottery.

Child SM (6-8) Child MED (10-12) Child LG (14-16) Adult SM Adult MED Adult LG Adult XL Adult XXL

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Has this child attended Zoo Camp before? _____ If so, what year/group was s/he in? _____

You **must** be a Bergen County Zoo Member YES/NO, **or** a resident of Bergen County YES/NO.

Carpool List*: CHILD'S NAME (applicants name need not be included) **Group** (circle group)

1. _____ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Condors
2. _____ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Condors
3. _____ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Condors

*To apply together, all applications must be mailed/dropped off in the same envelope and all friends/siblings names must be written on the Carpool List of each application. Only three applications may be submitted together. If more are submitted, they will be separated at the zoo's discretion. By submitting your child's application with others, either all will be accepted to camp, or none of them will. Any child placed on the wait list will cause ALL children in group to be placed on the wait list.

ZOO CAMP SESSION REQUESTED

*Please number the weeks in order of preference, and **cross off any weeks you cannot attend**. Please circle age of child on July 1, 2018*

LAMBS Age 5 or 6	HAWKS Age 7 or 8	GATORS Ages 9,10, 11	Condors Ages 12,13,14,15
___ Any Session	___ Any Session	___ Any Session	___ Any Session
___ June 24-28	___ June 24-28		
	___ July 1-5	___ July 1-5	
___ July 8-12			___ July 8-12
___ July 15-19			___ July 15-19
	___ July 22-26	___ July 22-26	
___ July 29-Aug 2		___ July 29-Aug 2	
___ Aug 5-9	___ Aug 5-9		
		___ August 12-16	___ August 12-16

Mail this form to: Bergen County Zoo, 216 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652 Attn: Zoo Camp

Questions: email at zoozoo@co.bergen.nj.us or call at 201-634-3125

JUNIOR ZOO KEEPER CAMP (13-17 years of age) REGISTRATION FORM 2019

*One form per child, please. This form may be photocopied for additional children. Forms incorrectly filled out will be sent back and must be received by due date.

Child's Name: _____
(First Name) (Last Name) (Nickname)

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Grade in FALL 2019: _____

Child's Shirt Size *at time of camp* (Please circle. If in doubt, order one size larger.) Shirt size MUST be chosen to be entered into camp lottery.

Child SM (6-8) Child MED (10-12) Child LG (14-16) Adult SM Adult MED Adult LG Adult XL Adult XXL

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Has this child attended Zoo Camp before? _____ If so, what year/group was s/he in? _____

Have you ever been in Junior Zoo Keeper Camp? _____ YES _____ NO

You **must** be a Bergen County Zoo Member YES/NO, **or** a resident of Bergen County YES/NO.

ZOO CAMP SESSION REQUESTED

Please number the weeks in order of preference, and cross off any weeks you cannot attend.

_____ June 24-28

_____ July 22-26

_____ July 1-5

_____ July 29-Aug 2

_____ July 8-12

_____ Aug 5-9

_____ July 15-19

_____ Aug 12-16

Camper Use: Please give a short answer to each of the following questions.

1. What do you hope to learn by being a Junior Zoo Keeper? _____

2. What will you be doing over the summer when not in JZK? _____

3. What is your favorite animal and why? _____

4. If you were able to change one thing in the world to make the animal from question #3 live a better life, what would it be? _____

5. If you could have any job, what would it be? Why? _____

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