“Zoo camp was wonderful! All the counselors and staff were so friendly and inviting. The program is very organized and well run. My daughter can’t wait for another week of zoo camp next month. This is a great program and I can’t recommend it enough!”
-2019 ZooCamp Parent
Welcome to ZooCamp!
A Place to Make Friends, Connections, Observations & Discoveries

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These pages are full of information that will guide you & your family through the entire ZooCamp experience – from registration to a full week of excitement & learning at the zoo!

Please read all materials carefully. If you have any questions that are not answered in these pages, refer to the camp contact information to be connected with the individual that can best provide you with additional information.
Camp Contact Information

ZooCamp Director
401-785-3510 x 394
(Please note: weekend calls will not be received until 7AM Mondays)

Manager of Family Programs
401-785-3510 x 352
(Please note: weekend calls will not be received until 7AM Mondays)

Program Registrar
401-785-3510 x 358
(Available Tuesday – Saturday)
programs@rwpzoo.org

Time sensitive messages & calls during camp hours only
401-785-3510 x 300
Please ask for the ZooCamp Director

“The best! I always feel like we are at Disney. Such a great staff...all with a smile and a friendly hello. Means a lot...thank you all so very much”

- 2019 Camp Parent
Registration

Registration opens at rwpzoo.org for all 2020 camps at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 8, & ends one week prior to the desired week of camp (for example, registration for Summer Adventures week 5, 7/20 – 7/24 will end at 11:59 pm on Monday, July 13). Camp weeks may sell out before registration deadlines.

To Register

The best way to register for ZooCamp is on-line. Both members & non-members must set-up an account with the new system before registering. Members, be sure to use the same e-mail address you linked to your membership in order to receive your discount! If you need to pay by cash or check, contact programs@rwpzoo.org for a mail-in registration form and medical information form, which are available on the ZooCamp FAQ page at rwpzoo.org.

Discounts for Members

Members receive discounts on all ZooCamps. When you sign-in to your account, this discount will be automatically applied. To become a member, visit our website or call 401-785-3510 x 375 Mon—Fri. You may not receive your new membership number immediately—if it is delayed or you become a member after registering, a credit can be received by providing your new membership number to the program registrar at 401-785-3510 x 358 within two weeks of registration.

Cancellations & Refunds

Complete refunds minus a $25.00 fee will be given up to February 1, 2020 for Winter; April 1, 2020 for Spring; & June 1, 2020 for Summer ZooCamps. Absolutely no refunds will be made after these dates.

Due to the high demand for camp spaces, we must adhere to the above cancellation policy. If your child is enrolled & you must cancel after the above dates for any reason (including illness) your ZooCamp registration is non-refundable unless a child on the waiting list can fill the space. In the event the cancelled slot is filled, a $25.00 fee will be deducted from your refund.

Waiting Lists

Please contact 401-785-3510 x 358 to be placed on a waiting list. If a space becomes available, the first person on the list will be contacted & given 12 hours to respond. If no response is received within 12 hours, the next person on the list will be contacted.

Common Questions

May I enroll my child in a camp for an older/younger age group?

No. Campers must be the minimum age of each camp at the time of attending camp. Requirements are not negotiable and are strictly enforced. RWP Zoo reserves the right to cancel your registration if your camper does not meet the minimum age requirement. Exceptions are made only for children with special needs and must be approved by the ZooCamp Director.

Can my child & their friend/sibling/relative be in the same group?

In order to ensure that all campers receive age-appropriate opportunities, campers are grouped by age. Special requests to pair relatives or friends in the same group may be made at time of registration, but we follow strict guidelines on age ranges.

Can I register my camper for more than one week?

Campers may be registered for a maximum of one session of each camp theme. For Tadpole Academy this is a maximum of one AM & one PM session of each theme. For Summer Adventures and Conservation Heroes this is a maximum of one odd week and one even week. If a duplicate registration is made, RWP Zoo reserves the right to cancel your registration.

May I register other family members & friends?

No. Children must be registered by a parent, legal guardian or grandparent. Please do not register friends, neighbors, etc. as this will make you the primary emergency contact & responsible for all medical & registration information.
Important Information A - Z

Information on all camps — Tadpole Academy, Adventures & Conservation Heroes — is covered in these pages. Please read carefully & share any necessary information with your camper(s). We look forward to a great year of ZooCamp at Roger Williams Park Zoo!

Quick Tips for a Great ZooCamp Experience

★ Clothing should always be appropriate for the weather – all camps spend at least some time outdoors every day.

★ Shoes must always be closed-toe & fit well. We do a lot of walking each day of ZooCamp! No flip-flops, sandals or Crocs, please.

★ Meals – please see “Snacks & Lunches” for details. Snacks are not provided for any of our camps due to the frequency of allergies & special dietary concerns. Lunches are available for pre-order from Service System Associates.

★ Late arrivals or early departures disrupt camp and cause staff to be pulled away from programming. Please make every effort to respect the camp schedule.

Absent Campers
If your child will be absent, please leave a message at 401-785-3510 x 394 with your child’s name & group. There are no refunds or make up days for camp days missed.

Arriving Late & Leaving Early
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Animal Contact

Campers in all ZooCamps will have up-close encounters with education animals. With many, touching is permitted if the situation allows. If at any time ZooCamp staff feels a group is not following ZooCamp Expectations, these animal encounters may be ended & touch opportunities not allowed.

Each camper will also have the opportunity to feed the goats in the Alex and Ani Farmyard. For the safety of all, direct contact with other exhibit animals is not possible. All animal care is done by professionally trained zookeepers.

Go Green for ZooCamp!

- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Pack lunches in reusable containers.
- Instead of purchasing individually wrapped snacks, buy a large bag & put smaller servings in reusable containers.
- Carpool to ZooCamp with friends and neighbors.

After Care

After Care is not an extension of the camp program, but is a supervised playtime designed for those who need additional time to get to & from work or other commitments.

In all camp seasons, After Care is offered Monday – Friday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Campers may be pre-registered or register Monday – Friday morning. There is a $12 fee per day & a $1/minute additional fee after 5:30 pm. It is recommended to send a snack with your camper if they are attending After Care.

Note regarding Before Care: ZooCamp does not offer Before Care.

Camper Information & Special Needs

All children are welcome in Roger Williams Park Zoo programs. Please provide us with the tools necessary to give your child the best possible experience at ZooCamp by informing us of any & all special considerations prior to your child’s first day of camp. This may include information on allergies, accessibility concerns, behavioral, psychological or emotional conditions or other special needs. Details of any Individualized Education Plans (IEP) or Behavior Plans used with your child at school can often be helpful.

To best enable our staff to provide your child with a valuable experience, the information you provide will be shared with ZooCamp staff & teen volunteers unless you request otherwise. Details will not be shared with other ZooCamp participants without your permission.

While we will make every effort to accommodate all considerations, it is not possible for us to offer 1:1 attention. If your child requires an aide at school or a PASS worker, he/she may not attend ZooCamp without a non-parent aide.
Expectations

The Zoo is committed to ensuring that all children who attend ZooCamp are provided an atmosphere where they can learn together free of harassment or intimidation. Fun & safety are only possible when there are behavior guidelines that all campers agree to follow. You & your child are urged to inform any member of the Zoo staff of any conduct that is offensive or in contradiction to the Zoo’s commitment to a harassment-free environment.

All participants are expected to show respect for all animals, teachers, fellow students, themselves, Zoo staff, Zoo guests & Zoo facilities. Disruptive or dangerous behaviors & physical aggression are not acceptable. The following ZooCamp Expectations are displayed in the ZooCamp classroom:

- Raise your hand to talk
- Listen, and follow directions quickly
- Try new things
- Be kind to others and to animals
- Stay with your group
- Keep hands out of the Zoo fountain
- Use walking feet
- Try your best
- Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself
- Clean up after yourself

Our teachers are professionals & they will use sound, positive management tools within their classes. If any camper does not respond to these measures, the camper will be taken to the ZooCamp Director’s office for a reminder of the ZooCamp Expectations. If the problem behavior persists, we will communicate with the parents or guardians & the participant may be removed from the program with no refund of program fees. Extreme infractions may result in immediate dismissal at the discretion of the ZooCamp Director.

This policy will be reviewed with all campers on their first morning at camp. Please see and review the behavior policy in our appendix(1) with your camper, as your understanding and support of these expectations are integral to your camper’s positive experience.

Grouping

Tadpole Academy, Adventures & Conservation Heroes are separate camps and will not overlap or interact throughout the week. Tadpole Academy and Conservation Heroes have a low maximum enrollment and will not interact with other camp groups at any time throughout the camp week.

The overall maximum is higher for Winter, Spring & Summer Adventures, so in order to ensure that all campers receive age-appropriate opportunities, Adventures campers are grouped by age. Special requests to pair relatives or friends in the same group may be made at time of registration, but we follow strict guidelines on age ranges and may not be able to honor all of these requests. There will be occasions throughout the day when siblings and friends from different groups will be participating in activities together.

Requests are not guaranteed & no changes to groups will be made less than one week before camp. This includes during morning check-in.

“I liked that the camp experience was one of inclusion. This week she learned about animals and being compassionate towards others. This was an wonderful unexpected learning opportunity. Thank you for this inclusion model and for doing it well.” -2019 ZooCamp Parent
Illnesses
Roger Williams Park Zoo reserves the right to refuse entrance to ZooCamp if a child is exhibiting symptoms listed below. In the event a camper becomes ill while at ZooCamp, camp staff will notify the registering parent/guardian, followed by those listed as emergency contacts. For the well-being of your camper & the safety of other campers in our program, if your child(ren) shows any of the following symptoms, you will be asked to pick up your child immediately:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Pink eye
- Severe headache
- Ringworm
- Lice
- Severe/persistent coughing
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Other contagious illnesses

A doctor’s note must be provided before campers with signs of any contagious illnesses or lice may return to camp. No refunds will be issued for any missed days of camp.

Lost and Found
Items are turned in to the central Zoo lost & found at the end of each camp week. To check on lost items after your child’s week at camp, call 401-785-3510 x 300.

Lunches & Snacks *NEW LUNCH OPTIONS FOR 2020
Due to the high frequency of allergies & special dietary restrictions, Roger Williams Park Zoo does not provide any snacks during ZooCamp. For all camps, please send at least one snack. For all After Care, please send one snack.

ZooCamp does offer pre-paid lunch options for all full-day campers. For $8.00/day, choose from a pizza roll, macaroni & cheese, a turkey & cheese sandwich, or a hotdog, all with a bag of potato chips, a piece of fruit and a drink, packaged in recyclable & compostable containers. Advanced ordering is required and no substitutions may be made. Allergen lists for all lunches can be found on the ZooCamp FAQ page at rwpzoo.org.

If not pre-ordering, please be sure to send a nutritious lunch for all full-day campers. No foods will be refrigerated or heated. We suggest that all items be packed in reusable containers to minimize the amount of waste generated at ZooCamp. All campers will participate in the ZooCamp Trash Challenge, with trash being weighed at the end of each day’s lunch. Our goal is to recycle, compost and reuse as much as possible!

Most camps will eat lunch & snack in outdoor areas. If your camper would prefer not to eat on the ground, please feel free to send a small blanket or towel.

In most instances, ZooCamp does not place restrictions on the types of food that can be sent to camp. However, if a high number of participants scheduled to attend a week of camp have food allergies, parents may be asked in advance to refrain from sending the item(s) in question for that week. We appreciate your understanding of these requests.
Medications—Including emergency medications
Any medication that is to be administered to a camper – including in an emergency (i.e. epinephrine, inhalers, etc) - must be given to the zoo Nurse at check-in on Monday in a prescription bottle with the following information clearly displayed: child’s name, name of medication & specific directions for administering medication. A “Medication Permission Slip” must also be completed at that time.

Staff
Staff are screened for excellence in programming for children. ZooCamp staff are required to have previous experience with children & many staff return year after year. All staff working with children undergo a federal background check prior to employment. Counselors are 18+ & are assisted by Junior Counselors age 16+. Staff are supported by volunteer Counselors-in-Training (CITs) ages 13-17. To ensure high quality supervision, the camper-to-staff ratio is 6:1 or better.

Supervision & Safety
At no time is any child left unsupervised. All camp staff are first aid, CPR & AED trained. In addition, the Zoo’s full-time security staff are certified first responders & will respond immediately to any emergency situation. As an added security, a zoo Nurse is on zoo grounds from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

T-shirts
Spring and Summer Campers are required to wear ZooCamp t-shirts every day. This is a safety precaution & allows us to recognize campers easily among other visitors. Each child receives one t-shirt with each week’s registration & extra t-shirts are available for purchase. T-shirts will be distributed the first day of camp (Please Note: Only full-week Winter Adventures campers will receive a t-shirt).

If a camper does not come to camp with his/her t-shirt Tuesday – Friday, the shirt must be brought to camp or a new one purchased for $12. This is to ensure your camper’s safety and exceptions will not be made.

Available sizes: Youth XS, S, M, L, Adult S, M, L & XL

ZooCamp Access Pass
Each camper will receive a ZooCamp Access Pass for use during a return visit. Campers may choose from one of many Zoo paid experiences (a full list of options will be printed on the pass). All 2020 ZooCamp Access Passes expire Labor Day 2020 and do not include Zoo admission.
Tadpole Academy is a great introduction to camp at Roger Williams Park Zoo! Each session is three hours & includes stories, crafts, games, encounters with animal ambassadors & Zoo exploration in a safe, small group of 15 campers per week. Morning (8:30—11:30 am) & afternoon (12:30—3:30 pm) sessions are available. Campers may be registered for both a morning & afternoon session for a full day of Tadpole Academy (with supervision provided between sessions). Campers may be registered for a maximum of one morning & one afternoon session of each theme per camper (for a total of two morning & two afternoon sessions). Duplicate registrations will be cancelled.

Each Tadpole Academy camper will receive a ZooCamp t-shirt, a chance to feed the goats in the Alex and Ani Farmyard, & a ZooCamp Access Pass for future use.

**Note:** Tadpole Academy campers must be completely toilet trained (requiring no assistance in the bathroom).

### Winter
February 17—21
$170/members; $195/non-members
*Theme: Story Book Adventures*
AM: Michael Dahl
PM: Denise Flemming

### Summer
$170/members (Full Day $340); $195/non-members (Full Day $390)

**Odd Weeks:** Home Sweet Habitat
**Even Weeks:** What’s Size Got To Do With It?

*Please note that the AM & PM registration option is still available*

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To Bring
☐ A reusable water bottle.
☐ At least one snack each day.
☐ A lunch for full day campers.
Lunches will not be refrigerated or heated. We suggest that lunches be packed in reusable containers to minimize waste.
Pre-paid lunches are available for $8.00/day. See A-Z section or website for details.
☐ A complete change of clothing.
☐ Raingear every day—just in case!
☐ Medications—see Important Information for details on medications.

To Leave at Home
★ Books & toys. RWP Zoo is not responsible for lost items.
★ Money for food or gifts. Concessions & gift areas will be off limits during camp.

To Wear
☐ ZooCamp t-shirts will be distributed the first day of Tadpole Academy. These must be worn daily to allow Zoo staff to easily recognize campers.
☐ Shorts or pants. No skirts or dresses. Campers will get dirty.
☐ Closed-toe shoes. No flip-flops.
☐ Weather appropriate accessories. Campers will take a zoo tour each day.

Beating the Heat
In summer Tadpole Academy, we have many ways of staying cool on scorching hot days:
★ Most Tadpole Academy activities can or do take place in an air-conditioned classroom.
★ Staff members carry misting bottles & frequently mist all campers when outdoors.
★ Stops are made at misting areas set up throughout the zoo when on tour.
★ Camper water bottles are refilled frequently—please don’t forget to send a reusable one!
★ On days when a heat advisory is issued, all of PM Tadpole Academy will take place indoors.

“Tadpole Academy is according to a parent...”

Make it a Family Affair
Check your e-mail for daily Tadpole Academy ZooCamp Newsletters, including photos, activity information, ideas for books to read.
When & Where (see “Finding Your Way” for directions)

8:20 – 8:40 am  Drop-off for AM & Full Day Tadpole Academy at ZooLab through Gate #5.
★ For your safety, please do not remain in the Zoo after dropping off your camper. Prior to the Zoo opening, preparations are underway that require the Zoo to be free of visitors. If you would like to visit the Zoo, please enter through the main admission gate at 10:00 am.

11:30 – 11:45 am  Pick-up for AM Tadpole Academy at ZooLab through Gate #3.

After 11:45 am for AM Tadpole Academy:
★ There is no After Care for AM Tadpole Academy. If there is an emergency that results in your camper being picked up after 11:45 am, there will be a $10 late fee at pick-up. An additional $1/minute will be assessed after 12:00 pm.

12:20 - 12:40 pm  Drop-off for PM Tadpole Academy at ZooLab through Gate #3.

Please notify your Tadpole Academy Instructor of two things:
★ If your child will be staying for After Care.
★ If you have an older child in another ZooCamp. For your convenience, your older child(ren) may stay in ZooLab for pick-up with your Tadpole Academy camper. Please notify both counselors (Tadpole Academy AND other camp).

3:30 – 3:45 pm  Pick-up for PM & Full Day Tadpole Academy at ZooLab through Gate #3.

After 3:45 pm  Pick-up for After Care at Education Center through Gate #3.
For an additional $12 a day (per child), you may pick up your camper at the education center between 3:45 & 5:30 pm. All campers must be picked up by 5:30 pm. A $1/minute additional fee applies after 5:30 pm. Campers must be signed up for After Care before 3:00 pm each day.

Arriving Late & Leaving Early

Late arrivals & early departures disrupt camp, cause staff to be pulled away from programming, and result in missed tours, animal encounters, or other activities for your camper. Please make every effort to respect the camp schedule. If necessary, late arrivals or early departure must be arranged in advance. Fees may apply.

Important Pick-Up Information

Campers will not be released to any individual not on the pre-approved pick-up list created at time of registration. When providing this list, please ensure ALL pertinent individuals are included, including yourself, parents, grandparents, etc. For the safety of all campers, no exceptions to this policy will be made. Individuals may be added to your camper’s list by providing the ZooCamp Director with a signed note.

All approved individuals, including parents, must present a name & photo ID at time of pick-up each day. Please have IDs ready to save time. Campers will not be released to anyone without a valid ID and/or who has not been specified on the pick-up list. Names on the photo ID must match the name on the pick-up list exactly. Please be mindful of nicknames like Jim, Katie, Sue, etc. The Kid Code created at time of registration does not replace the authorized pick up or ID policy. The Kid Code may only be used in the event of lost or stolen ID. Picture ID is required every day. Thank you for your cooperation - these policies are for the safety of all campers.
Perfect for budding scientists, zoologists, explorers, artists, and kids that just love animals! Days (8:30 am—3:30 pm) are filled with crafts, hands-on & inquiry driven activities, encounters with wild animal ambassadors & guided Zoo tours.

Each Adventures camper will receive a ZooCamp t-shirt, a chance to feed the goats in the Alex and Ani Farmyard, and a ZooCamp Access Pass for future use. (Please note: For Winter Adventures and Week 3 Adventures only campers that attend all 5 days will receive a t-shirt and ZooCamp Access Pass)

**Winter**

February 17 – 21
$270/members; $295/non-members

Daily option for Winter ZooCamp: Per Day: $64/members; $72/non-members

Jungle Journey

Monday, 2/17 Where are the Rainforests?
Tuesday, 2/18 Forest Floor
Wednesday, 2/19 Understory
Thursday, 2/20 Canopy
Friday, 2/21 Emergent Layer & Jungle Jam

Escape the cold of a New England winter and join us on a trip to the rainforest! We’ll explore the four layers of tropical rainforests, the animals that live there and how they survive. Friday afternoon will feature a Jungle Jam in a rainforest built by ZooCampers out of recycled materials throughout the week.

**Spring**

April 13 – 17
$270/members; $295/non-members

It’s All In The Family

Warm weather is on the way and with it often comes brand new little ones! Growing up wild can be tough. Some start out on their own, some with a little help from mom, or dad, or mom & dad, and some with a whole extended family to look out for them. We’ll learn how baby animals survive and thrive in families of all kinds!

**Summer**

$270/members; $295/non-members

Odd Weeks (1,3,5,7,9):

Feeding Frenzy

It’s dinnertime! With many different kinds of food come many different adaptations for eating. Using beaks, toes, teeth, paws, big mouths and little mouths, the different ways that animals chow down at mealtimes are as fascinating as the animals themselves.

Even Weeks (2,4,6,8,10):

Extreme Environments

Remarkable animals have adapted to live in the most extreme of environments – the dark, deep depths of oceans and caves, seemingly barren deserts and vast ice fields. We’ll travel to these unfamiliar worlds and take a close look at the animals that live there, how they survive and the clever ways scientists study the world’s most extreme environments.

Week 1: June 22 – 26 Feeding Frenzy
Week 2: June 29 – July 3* Extreme Environments
Week 3: July 6 – 10 Feeding Frenzy
Week 4: July 13 – 17 Extreme Environments
Week 5: July 20 – 24 Feeding Frenzy
Week 6: July 27 – 31 Extreme Environments
Week 7: August 3 – 7 Feeding Frenzy
Week 8: August 10 – 14 Extreme Environments
Week 9: August 17 – 21 Feeding Frenzy
Week 10: August 24 – 28 Extreme Environments

*Daily Registration available for Week 2 only.

Per Day: $64/members; $72/non-members. Full week: $240/member; $270/non-members

Campers may be registered for a maximum of one week of each theme (two weeks total, one odd week and one even week). Each theme has lessons, activities, and crafts that repeat. Registrations beyond this maximum will be cancelled.

“Every detail from beginning to end were well organized. This made me feel confident that my child would be well cared for and safe.”

-2019 ZooCamp Parent
To Bring
Each camper will be provided with a cubby for their belongings. Cubbies are of a limited size – 1’ high, 1’ wide, 1.5’ deep. Please try to send only what will fit in your camper’s cubby, but be sure he/she is prepared by including:

- A reusable water bottle.
- At least one snack.
- A lunch every day. Lunches will not be refrigerated or heated. We suggest that lunches be packed in reusable containers to minimize waste. Pre-paid lunches are available for $8.00/day. See A-Z section or website for details.
- A complete change of clothing.
- Rain or snow gear every day – just in case!
- Medications – see “Important Information” for details on medications.

To Leave at Home
- Books, toys & stuffed animals. RWPZoo is not responsible for lost items.
- Money for food or gifts. Concessions & gift areas will be off limits during camp.
- Cell phones, iPods or other electronics.

To Wear
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- Shorts or pants. No skirts or dresses. Campers will get dirty.
- Closed-toe shoes. No flip-flops or sandals.
- Weather appropriate gear. Campers will spend time outdoors every day.

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Check your e-mail for daily Adventures ZooCamp Newsletters, including photos, activity information, and ideas for ways to continue the fun of ZooCamp at home.

Be sure to label your child’s belongings

For our Summer ZooCamp participants, we have many ways of staying cool on scorching hot days:

- Many activities can or do take place in climate controlled classrooms.
- Outdoor activities & meals take place in shaded areas.
- Staff carry misting bottles & frequently mist campers when outdoors.
- Stops are made at misting areas set up throughout the Zoo when on tour.
- Camper water bottles are refilled frequently – please don’t forget to send a reusable one with your camper!
- Games involving water, such as Drip-Drip-DROP, are often played after lunch.

On days when a heat advisory is issued, lunch & all activities after 12:00 pm take place inside.
Winter, Spring & Summer Adventures

When & Where (see “Finding Your Way” for directions)

8:20 – 8:40 am Drop-off through Gate #5.
★ Please walk your child to the gate. Staff will be at the gate each morning to greet your child & to record his/her attendance. After your child’s name is recorded, you are free to leave. On the first day of camp, parents may accompany their child into the Zoo to help organize cubbies.
★ Be prepared to confirm your pick-up list, provide counselors with any medications (including those to be administered in an emergency) & sign-up for After Care if needed.
★ Please inform check-in counselors if you have a younger child in the PM Tadpole Academy. For your convenience, your older child(ren) may stay in ZooLab for pick-up with your Tadpole Academy camper. Please let both check-in counselors (Tadpole Academy AND other ZooCamp) know at the time of drop-off.
★ For your safety, please do not remain in the Zoo after dropping off your camper. Prior to the Zoo opening, preparations are underway that require the Zoo to be free of visitors. If you would like to visit the Zoo, please enter through the main admission gate at 10:00 am.

3:30 – 3:45 pm Pick-up at Gate #2.
★ Please DO NOT take your child without first checking out with camp staff. We know our system for pick-up can take a while. Please be patient. Everything we do is for the safety of our campers.

After 3:45 pm After Care pick-up through Gate #3
★ For an additional $12 a day (per child), you may pick up your camper at the education center between 3:45 & 5:30 pm. All campers must be picked up by 5:30 pm. A $1/minute additional fee applies after 5:30 pm. Campers must be signed up for After Care before 3:00 pm each day.

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It’s a wild world, and one that needs leaders passionate about animals, the environment & conservation. In this one-week camp at the Zoo, campers will be empowered to become leaders in conservation through teambuilding & leadership activities, engagement in inquiry activities, games, encounters with wild animal ambassadors, visits to animal exhibits, & more. Camp runs 8:30 am—3:30 pm. *(Important note: this is not a travel camp).*

Each Conservation Heroes camper will receive a ZooCamp t-shirt, a chance to feed the goats in the Alex and Ani Farmyard, and a ZooCamp Access Pass for future use.

**Summer** $270/members; $295/non-members

**Even Weeks (2,4,6,8,10): Dirty Jobs**
The world of conservation is full of dirty jobs, but it’s also full of passionate people willing to do them in order to accomplish amazing things for our environment, communities and animals. These Conservation Heroes are active everywhere, from the far side of the globe to right here in our back yard! We’ll learn about champions of local conservation, animal welfare, climate change and more … and maybe get a little dirty in the process.

**Odd Weeks (1,3,5,7,9) ZooMysteries**
Calling all sleuths! The natural world is full of mysteries, and for each one solved another dozen remain. From answering the whys and hows of crazy adaptations to looking at new animal discoveries and more, we will examine recently solved mysteries, explore those that remain unanswered and maybe discover a few more in the process! Curiosity required.

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Campers may be registered for a maximum of one week of each theme (two weeks total, one odd week and one even week). Each theme has lessons, activities, and crafts that repeat. Registrations beyond this maximum will be cancelled.
To Bring
☐ A reusable water bottle.
☐ At least one snack each day.
☐ A lunch every day. Lunches will not be refrigerated or heated. Pre-paid lunches are available for $8.00/day. See A-Z section or website for details.
☐ A complete change of clothing.
☐ Rain gear every day—just in case!
☐ Medications—see “Important Information” for details on medications.

To Leave at Home
★ Books, toys & stuffed animals. RWPZoo is not responsible for lost items.
★ Money for food or gifts. Concessions & gift areas will be off limits during camp.
★ Cell phones, iPods or other electronics.

To Wear
☐ ZooCamp t-shirts will be distributed the first day camp. These shirts must be worn daily to allow Zoo staff to easily recognize campers among other Zoo visitors.
☐ Shorts or pants. No skirts or dresses. Campers will get dirty.
☐ Closed-toe shoes. No flip-flops or sandals.
☐ Weather appropriate accessories. Campers will spend time outdoors every day.

For our Summer ZooCamp participants, we have many ways of staying cool on scorching hot days:
★ Many activities can or do take place in air-conditioned classrooms.
★ Outdoor activities & meals take place in shaded areas.
★ Staff carries misting squirt bottles & frequently mist all campers when outdoors.
★ Stops are made at misting areas set up throughout the Zoo when on tour.
★ Camper water bottles are refilled frequently—please don’t forget to send a reusable one with your camper!
★ Games involving water, such as Drip-Drip-DROP, are often played after lunch.
★ On days when a heat advisory is issued, lunch & all activities after 12:00 pm take place inside.

Make it a Family Affair
Check your e-mail for daily Conservation Heroes ZooCamp Newsletters, including photos, activity information, and ideas for ways to continue the fun of ZooCamp at home.

Be sure to label your child’s belongings
Conservation Heroes

When & Where (see “Finding Your Way” for directions)

8:20 – 8:40 am Drop-off through Gate #5.
★ Please walk your child to the gate. Staff will be at the gate each morning to greet your child & to record his/her attendance. After your child’s name is recorded, you are free to leave. On the first day of camp, parents may accompany their child into the Zoo to meet counselors and organize belongings. Campers will meet staff and other campers near the Education Center before traveling to their classroom at Hasbro’s Our Big Backyard.
★ Be prepared to confirm your pick-up list, provide counselors with any medications (including those to be administered in an emergency) & sign-up for After Care if needed.
★ Please inform check-in counselors if you have a younger child in the PM Tadpole Academy. For your convenience, your older child(ren) may stay in ZooLab for pick-up with your Tadpole Academy camper. Please let both check-in counselors (Tadpole Academy AND other ZooCamp) know at the time of drop-off.
★ For your safety, please do not remain in the Zoo after dropping off your camper. Prior to the Zoo opening, preparations are underway that require the Zoo to be free of visitors. If you would like to visit the Zoo, please enter through the main admission gate at 10:00 am.

3:30 – 3:45 pm Pick-up at Gate #2.
★ Please DO NOT take your child without first checking out with camp staff. We know our system for pick-up can take a while. Please be patient. Everything we do is for the safety of our campers.

After 3:45 pm After Care pick-up through Gate #3
★ For an additional $12 a day (per child), you may pick up your camper at the education center between 3:45 & 5:30 pm. All campers must be picked up by 5:30 pm. A $1/minute additional fee applies after 5:30 pm. Campers must be signed up for After Care before 3:00 pm each day.

Arriving Late & Leaving Early
Late arrivals & early departures disrupt camp, cause staff to be pulled away from programming, and result in missed tours, animal encounters, or other activities for your camper. Please make every effort to respect the camp schedule. If necessary, late arrival or early departure must be arranged in advance. Fees may apply.

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Can I visit the Zoo after dropping off my camper?
For your safety, please do not remain in the Zoo after dropping off your camper. Prior to the Zoo opening, preparations are underway that require the Zoo to be free of visitors. If you would like to visit the Zoo, please enter through the main admission gate at 10:00 am.

Is camp in session on holidays?
Yes, camp is in session on Monday, August 12th.

May I enroll my child in a camp for an older/younger age group?
No. Campers must be the minimum age of each camp at the time of attending camp. Requirements are not negotiable and are strictly enforced. RWP Zoo reserves the right to cancel your registration if your camper does not meet the minimum age requirement. Exceptions are made only for children with special needs and must be approved by the ZooCamp Director.

Can my child and their friend/sibling/relative be in the same group?
In order to ensure that all campers receive age-appropriate opportunities, campers are grouped by age. Special requests to pair relatives or friends in the same group may be made at time of registration, but we follow strict guidelines on age ranges and grade levels. Requests are not guaranteed & no changes to groups will be made less than one week before camp. This includes during morning check-in.

Can I get a refund if I change my mind or need to cancel?
Complete refunds minus a $25.00 processing fee will be given up to February 1, 2020 for Winter ZooCamp; April 1, 2020 for Spring ZooCamp; and June 1, 2020 for Summer ZooCamp. Absolutely no refunds will be made after these dates.

Due to the high demand for camp spaces, we must adhere to the above cancellation policy. If your child is enrolled & you must cancel after the above listed dates for any reason (including illness) your registration fee is non-refundable unless a child on the waiting list can fill the space. In the event the cancelled slot is filled, a $25.00 processing fee will be deducted from your refund.

Can I stay with my child?
All ZooCamps are designed for children who can remain in a group setting without parental involvement. Throughout the day, please do not meet or follow your child’s tour group if out in the Zoo. This is very distracting for our campers & creates safety concerns.
Located in the Zoo

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Approved Pick-Up List

You will be asked to confirm your camper’s approved pick-up list at the time of drop-off. Please consider this list carefully. Campers will not be released to ANY individual not included. For the safety of all campers, no exceptions to this policy will be made. For example, if you are a camper’s mother but are not on the list, you will be required to contact someone that is, to pick-up your child. If you need to add someone to your pick-up list, you may do so by providing a signed note at drop-off.

After Care

Please notify the check-in counselor if your child will be staying for After Care. For an additional $12 a day (per child), you may pick up your camper at the education center between 3:45 and 5:30 PM. All campers must be picked up by 5:30 PM. A $1/minute additional fee applies after 5:30 PM. After Care is not available for AM Tadpole Academy.

Medications - Including Emergency Medications

Please bring any medications to be taken during camp hours or to be administered in an emergency on Monday morning & provide them to your check-in counselor. You will be asked to complete a short informational form.

Check-Out

Please DO NOT take your child without first checking out with camp staff. We know our system for pick-up can take a while. Please be patient. Everything we do is for the safety of all our campers.

Photo Identification

In addition to being listed on the approved pick-up list (see above), all approved individuals, including parents, must present a name and photo ID at time of pick-up each day. Please have IDs ready to save time. Campers will not be released to anyone without a valid ID and/or who has not been specified on the pick-up list. Names on the photo ID must match the name on the pick-up list exactly, Real IDs will list a full middle name. Please be mindful of nicknames like Jim, Katie, Sue, etc. The Kid Code created at time of registration does not replace the authorized pick up or ID policy. The Kid Code may only be used in the event of lost or stolen ID. Picture ID is required every day. Thank you for your cooperation - these policies are for the safety of all campers.

“Superior! This is the process ALL camps should be required to follow. ZooCamp is a true model for safety.”

- 2019 ZooCamp Parent
Finding Your Way

ZooCamp Pick-Up & Drop-off Is NOT at the Zoo’s main entrance. Please read all directions carefully.

Gate #5  8:20 - 8:45 am  AM Tadpole, Adventures & Heroes Drop-Off

From the North
I-95 South.
Take exit 16, bearing to the right at the split toward Elmwood Ave.
Take a left at the light (this is Elmwood Ave).
Take a right at the second Park entrance (there will be a traffic light) onto Linden Avenue.
Follow the signs that say “ZOO”. Once in the Zoo parking lot, proceed to overflow lots. Gate #2 is a metal gate to the right of the main entrance.

From the South
I-95 North.
Take exit 16, bearing to the right at the split toward Elmwood Ave.
Take a left at the light (this is Elmwood Ave).
Take a right at the second Park entrance (there will be a traffic light) onto Linden Avenue.
Once you enter the Park, park (please mind no parking zone signs) and walk to Gate 5.

Gate #2  3:30 pm  Adventures & Heroes Regular Pick-Up

From the North
I-95 South.
Take exit 17, Elmwood Ave.
Left at light (onto Elmwood Ave).
Stay in right hand lane.
Bear right into the Jug Handle and go straight through the light into the park onto Linden Avenue.
Follow the signs that say “ZOO”. Once in the Zoo parking lot, proceed to overflow lots. Gate #2 is a metal gate to the right of the main entrance.

From the South
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Follow the signs that say “ZOO”. Once in the Zoo parking lot, proceed to overflow lots. Gate #2 is a metal gate to the right of the main entrance.

Gate #3  PM Tadpole Drop-Off, All Tadpole Pick-Ups & After Care

From the North
I-95 South.
Take exit 17, Elmwood Ave.
Left at light (onto Elmwood Ave).
Stay in right hand lane.
Bear right into the Jug Handle and go straight through the light into the park onto Linden Avenue.
Once you enter the Park, you will pass a small paved road with a gate at the end. This is Gate 3. Pass the gate and park your car near the Rose Garden (look out for the no parking zones) and walk to Gate 3. Please let the guards know which ZooCamp your child is attending—they will have you sign-in and direct you to the appropriate classroom.

From the South
I-95 North.
Take exit 16, bearing to the right at the split toward Elmwood Ave.
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Still Have Questions?

ZooCamp Director
401-785-3510 x 394
(Please note: weekend calls will not be received until 7AM Mondays)

Manager of Family Programs
401-785-3510 x 352
(Please note: weekend calls will not be received until 7AM Mondays)

Program Registrar
401-785-3510 x 358
(Available Tuesday – Saturday)
programs@rwpzoo.org

For time sensitive messages & calls – during camp hours only
401-785-3510 x 300
Please ask for the ZooCamp Director

“I was very impressed. I had never left my daughter at a camp I felt so comfortable and she had so much fun and learned so much! Your counselor work very hard and are absolutely excellent!”

-2019 ZooCamp Parent
Appendix One:
Roger Williams Park Zoo
ZooCamp Behavior Policy

ZooCamp at Roger Williams Park Zoo (RWPZ) is committed to providing a safe environment for campers of all abilities that fosters growth, learning, making friendships, and having fun. This atmosphere is only possible when behavior guidelines are followed by all campers. Guidelines are reviewed with campers at the beginning of each day and are displayed in all classrooms. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss these guidelines with their camper prior to the start of camp. At ZooCamp we...

★ Raise our hands  
★ Listen with our listening ears  
★ Try new things  
★ Are kind to others and to animals  
★ Stay with our groups at all times  
★ Use our walking feet  
★ Try our best every day  
★ Keep our hands and feet to ourselves  
★ Clean up after ourselves  
★ Keep our hands out of the fountain

Discipline Policy

To ensure your camper is safe, having fun, and learning, all RWPZ ZooCamp staff are thoroughly trained in advance of and throughout the camp season. Staff are trained to reinforce positive behavior and attitudes, to empower campers to make correct choices, and to problem solve so that all campers have a positive ZooCamp experience.

Two examples of ZooCamp behavioral management strategies include:

★ ZooCamp All Stars: The awarding of stars for making good choices. Stars are posted on wall charts as visual reinforcement of positive behavior.

★ S.T.A.R Spot: This acronym stands for Smile, Take a breath, And Relax. A spot marked by a star is in each classroom and provides campers with a chance to self-regulate while still under the supervision of camp counselors. When ready to rejoin the group, campers that have used the S.T.A.R Spot earn a star.

Please support ZooCamp staff in providing your child with an exceptional experience by pro-actively providing details about behavior management tools or strategies successfully employed at home or at school so that those methods can be reinforced at ZooCamp if needed.

ZooCamp staff will always attempt to redirect negative behavior prior to moving to more progressive modes of handling behavioral issues as outlined below. If negative behavior persists and a campers’ choices disrupt the camp experience for themselves and others in the group, staff will enact the RWPZ ZooCamp Behavior Policy. Staff will use discretion to accommodate for age and cognitive level.

Minor Infraction:

Example: disrespect is shown to fellow campers, staff, guests and/or animals.

1st offense: Verbal reminder of behavior expectations. Camper is given the chance to self-correct and make positive choices. The occurrence will be communicated to parents verbally at pick-up or in a note home.
2nd offense: Verbal reminder of behavior expectations & removal from current activity for 15 minutes to speak with ZooCamp Director in the camp office. ZooCamp Director calls parent/guardian once camper has returned to the group to discuss the incident.

ZooCamp Counselor follows-up with parent/guardian at pick-up to solicit suggestions for strategies that have been successful at home and/or at school.

3rd offense: Camper is removed from activity and brought to speak with the ZooCamp Director in the camp office. The ZooCamp Director decides whether the camper will be sent home early, miss an activity, or miss an animal encounter. In all cases, the parent/guardian is called while the camper is in the office and engaged in a three-way discussion. While missing an activity or waiting for pick-up, the ZooCamp Director and camper work together to identify strategies for making better choices and create a behavior plan. This plan is signed by the camper, ZooCamp Director, and parent/guardian. Camper is encouraged to return to camp the following day.

4th offense: If any significant behavior concern persists, camper is not following behavior plan, or a new behavior of concern is shown, camper is removed from the program and brought to the ZooCamp Director for dismissal. Camper is not permitted to return to ZooCamp for the remainder of the session. No refunds are given for removal from camp due to behavior.

All behaviors and conversations will be documented to allow for ZooCamp staff and parents/guardians to best identify strategies that will support campers in making positive choices. Campers will reset each week of ZooCamp unless dismissed for a serious infraction (see below).

Serious Infractions

Example: endangerment or intent to endanger own or other’s well-being (human or animal).

1st offense: Camper is removed from activity and brought to ZooCamp Director for early dismissal. Parent/Guardian is called to pick up camper. While waiting for pick-up, the ZooCamp Director and camper will work together to identify strategies for making better choices and create a behavior plan. This plan is signed by the camper, ZooCamp Director, and parent/guardian. Camper is encouraged to return to camp the following day.

2nd offense: If camper repeats the dangerous behavior, is not following behavior plan, or a new negative behavior is shown, camper is removed from program, brought to ZooCamp Director, and parent/guardian is called for pick-up. Camper will be permanently dismissed from the program without refund.

Threats and harassment of any nature, possession of drugs, alcohol, and/or weapons, stealing, or serious injury to campers, staff member, or animals will result in an immediate dismissal without refund. If deemed necessary, proper authorities will be notified.

Considerations

RWPZ reserves the right to review each expulsion case by case to assess whether the camper will be allowed back, on probation, for subsequent weeks/camps. Any further registration of a camper dismissed from ZooCamp must be discussed with the ZooCamp Director prior to registration. RWPZ reserves the right to cancel registrations of a dismissed camper made without prior authorization by the ZooCamp Director.

ZooCamp is an inclusive experience that welcomes and supports children of all abilities. While the safety and quality experience of all campers is paramount, RWPZ ZooCamp Staff will consider individual camper needs in the enforcement of this behavior policy.

If at any point you have questions or concerns about this policy or would like to discuss strategies for supporting your camper at ZooCamp, please contact the ZooCamp Director at (401) 785-3510 x394.