



# Zoo Camp

## June 3-August 2, 2019

Intro to Zoo Camp | Zoo Camp



### Welcome

Welcome to Zoo Camp! Our camp offers children unique experiences with animals and the outdoors in a fun, nurturing, and non-competitive environment.

#### Zoo Program Supervisor

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### Zoo Camp Family Potluck

Friday, May 24 6:00-8:00 pm  
Randall Oaks Park, Front Shelter - by the Zoo

Meet your camp counselors and other campers, and pick up your Zoo Camp T-shirt at the potluck! **Bring a dish to pass** and we will provide a campfire and marshmallows. The program is free to camp families. RSVP by Wednesday, May 22, with number of family members attending to kellinghausen@dtpd.org

### What is camp like?

Our days are filled with lots of engaging activities to keep your child happy and engaged. Each day offers encounters with animals, outdoor play, games, hikes, picnics, and more time with the animals! We have a weekly schedule of activities centered on the theme for that week. Some activities will show up more than once in the summer, but by no means is each week a repeat of others.

### What should my child wear and bring?

- Weather appropriate play clothes - wear your Zoo Camp shirt as many days as possible.
- Closed-toe shoes.  
*(NO CROCS or FLIP FLOPS, please.)*
- Refillable Water Bottle
- A NUT-FREE morning snack
- A NUT-Free Lunch-*lunches will not be refrigerated or heated*
- Sunscreen and bug repellent already applied

*Please label belongings.*

*Please leave books, toys, trading cards, electronics, phones, and money at home. The gift shop at the Zoo is off limits during camp time.*

### Friday Funday!

Fridays are our special day at camp. We have all camp water games and a potluck cookout! On Fridays, please bring:

- Swimsuit or clothes suitable for water play.
- Change of clothes and a towel.
- Anything that you would like to contribute to the potluck cookout. We will provide hot dogs (tofu dogs as well), buns and condiments. If you would like to bring a store bought, nut-free contribution, please do! Cookies, juice, fruit, veggies, chips... all are welcome. **NO LUNCH IS NECESSARY** on Fridays unless you want something other than hot dogs.

### Allergies

If your child has allergies that require medication, please call Kath at (847) 551-4310 x5006 and request a medication waiver. In respect to those with allergies, we run a nut-free camp. We ask all families to pack peanut and tree nut free lunches.

### Absent Campers

Please email Kath at kellinghausen@dtpd.org if your child will be absent. There are no refunds for missed days of camp. If you need to cancel a week of camp and you would like a refund, please email complete a refund/transfer request for or Kath by Tuesday the week before your camp is scheduled to start.

### Camp Expectations & Behavior

Camp leaders are committed to providing an environment that is safe, non-competitive, fun, and nurturing. All participants are expected to be kind and show respect for each other and the animals. Disruptive and dangerous behaviors are not tolerated.

Our leaders use positive behavior management strategies. If a camper does not respond to these strategies, they will be removed from the group and reminded of the expectations. If the negative or unsafe behaviors persist, we will communicate with parent or guardian and the child may be removed from the program.

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## Comings and Goings

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### • Randall Oaks Zoo 1180 N. Randall Rd. • West Dundee

Camp starts at 9:00 am. Our youngest campers, aged 4, are half-day campers. They will have lunch with camp and be picked up at 12:30 pm at the Treehouse. All other campers are picked up at 3:00 pm at the location that you dropped them off at.

**Ages 4-6** meet at the Treehouse, the red building to the right of the Zoo. Please plan on walking your child both to and from the Treehouse every day, where you will sign your child in and out.

**Ages 7-12** meet at the Community Shelter, at the back of Randall Oaks Park. Follow the park road all the way around the Zoo and watch for signs to the Community Shelter. A Zoo Camp Counselor will be waiting for you in the parking lot with your sign in and out sheet.

If you are dropping off campers at the Treehouse AND the Community Shelter, go to the Treehouse first and then proceed to the Community Shelter.

Please drop-off, and pick-up your child on time. Late arrivals and early departures interrupt the flow of camp and may cause the entire group to miss an activity. Please email Kath at [kellinghausen@dtpd.org](mailto:kellinghausen@dtpd.org) with irregular drop-off and pick-up times.

## CAMP THEMES FOR SUMMER 2019

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### **Week 1 (June 3-7): Meet the Mammals**

Kick your summer off with a fun mammal week and meet foxes, cows, llamas, pigs, skunks, a camel, and more.

### **Week 2 (June 10-14): Circle of Life**

Every animal has a purpose on earth. From the little worm in the soil to the fox in your woods. Learn about all of the fun creatures we share this planet with!

### **Week 3 (June 17- 21): Farm Frenzy**

Come meet farm animals along with other unique animals while experiencing a farm life. Make butter, feed animals make pies for the pigs, and so much more.

### **Week 4 (June 24-28): Woodland Creatures**

Whoooo lives in the forest? Experience woodland creatures and explore the outdoors.

### **Week 5 (July 1- 5\*): Reptastic**

#### **\*NO CAMP Thursday, July 4**

Have you met Al? He's our 8-foot Burmese Python! Make cold-blooded crafts, have a tortoise race, and discover the wonderful wide world of reptiles.

### **Week 6 (July 8-12): Taking Flight**

Fly eggs, make a bird's nest, and even dissect an owl pellet this week. You will see the world from a bird's eye view.

### **Week 7 (July 15-19): Critter Creations**

Flex your creative spirit and enjoy art week! Paint, sculpt, collage, draw, and mosaic your way through the zoo using animals and nature as your inspiration.

### **Week 8 (July 22-26): Junior Zookeepers**

See what it takes to be a zookeeper. Make enrichments for the animals and learn about caring for lots of animals with different needs.

### **Week 9 (July 29-August 2):**

#### **World Adventures**

Meet animals from all over the globe, from the deserts of Africa to the jungles of Asia.

## Camp Hours

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Please make sure your camper is picked up and dropped off on time.

Into to Zoo Camp 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer Zoo Camp 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Randall Oaks Recreation  
Center PM Care 3:00-6:00 pm\*\*

*\*\*Camper must be pre-enrolled in order to drop off during these hours.*

## After Camp Care at Randall Oaks Recreation Center

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Children will be walked to the Randall Oaks Recreation Center after camp.

RORC PM Care 3:00 - 6:00 pm\*

Charges will be as follows: first ten minutes, \$5; each additional minute thereafter, \$1 per minute. Fees must be paid prior to returning to the program.

*\*Camper must be pre-enrolled in order to drop off during these hours.*

## IMPORTANT CONTACT #s:

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**Randall Oaks Registration Desk** (847)836-4260

**Billing questions, Debbie Haglund** (847)844-7085 x1001

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