



ZOO CREW CAMP

June 5-August 4, 2023



Welcome

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

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What is camp like?

Our days are filled with lots of engaging activities to keep your child happy. 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 Crew 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.

Allergies & Medications

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

Absent Campers

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

Camp Expectations & Behavior

Camp leaders are committed to providing a safe, non-competitive, fun, and nurturing environment. 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 the parent or guardian and the child may be removed from the program.

Comings and Goings

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

Camp starts at 9:00 am. Campers are picked up at 3:00 pm at the location that you dropped them off at.

Ages 5-6 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 Crew Camp Counselor will be waiting for you in the parking lot with your sign in and out sheet.

Ages 13-16 meet at the Front Shelter in Randall Oaks. Drive the park road around the zoo, there is parking for the Front Shelter along the road just before the playground.

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 with irregular drop-off and pick-up times.

IMPORTANT CONTACT #s:

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

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Park Services (847) 551-4310

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CAMP THEMES FOR SUMMER 2023

Week 1 (June 5-9):

World Travels

Meet animals from all over the world! From the deserts of Africa to the jungles of Asia, we will discover our world's animals, people, cultures and customs.

Week 2 (June 12-16):

Wilds of the Woods

Whooooo goes into the forest? Owls, porcupines, raccoons, opossums and foxes. So many forest animals await your discovery.

Week 3 (June 19-23):

Reptile Round-up

Race tortoises, meet a gecko, hold Gertrude the Ball Python, watch a Bearded Dragon munch his lunch, and make rubbery eggs.

Week 4 (June 26-30):

Zookeepers

Make pies for the animals, smash apples, feed pumpkin cookies to the goats, and have fun learning about zookeeping.

Week 5 (July 5-7):

Art Safari

Paint, weave, sculpt, and explore your own creativity as we learn about animals and art. Bring a white shirt for tie-dye. *No Camp 7/3, 7/4.*

Week 6 (July 10-14):

Yee-Haw! Farm Friends

Trace your lunch back to the farm! Brush cows, create toys for Charlotte the pig, go on a hayride, visit the Schoolhouse and play farm games.

Week 7 (July 17-21):

Backyard of Wonder

Urban wildlife is all around us! Opossums, raccoons, hawks, and friends play an important role in our backyard ecosystems.

Week 8 (July 24-28):

Friends of a Feather

Come and have a hoot at camp, because birds are topic of the week. Fly eggs, watch Lady Di the emu play in the sprinkler, gobble with the turkeys and hug Alex the chicken.

Week 9 (July 31-August 4):

Grossology!

Between pony farts and cow burps, we've got the fun for this week of camp! Learn lots of gross facts about the animals around us to gain a deeper understanding of how animals work.

Camp Hours

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

Summer Zoo Crew Camp 9:00 am-3:00 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.



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