



SUMMER CAMP HANDBOOK 2012

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Introduction

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in the Philadelphia Zoo's Summer Camp! We would like to officially welcome you and your child(ren) to our 2012 camp experience. We have a very exciting summer packed with engaging and educational adventures. We have created this handbook to provide you with all the information you should need regarding your child(ren)'s upcoming camp experience. Please carefully read over all of the enclosed information (important health forms are attached at the end of this document). Feel free to contact us at camps@phillyzoo.org or our camp hotline: 215-243-5601 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Manager of School and Family Programs

Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp Philosophy

The Philadelphia Zoo's Summer Camp program is designed to provide a fun and educational experience for children ages 3-15 years old. The Zoo camp experience introduces children to the spectacular wonders of the natural world through up close live animal encounters and interactive experiences. The overall goal of the Philadelphia Zoo's Summer Camp program is to foster the next generation of wildlife stewards.

The 2012 Zoo Camp Experience

As part of this year's summer camp experience, participants will enjoy more than 1,300 animals from around the world, meet wildlife face to face and participate in a variety of hands-on activities. This summer, all Zoo campers will also visit the Zoo's seasonal attraction, the *Trail of the Lorax*, and get to speak for the trees and tree-dwellers alike in a highly active feature experience!

Registration and Payment Policies

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve space for your child(ren), a \$50.00 per camper non-refundable deposit is required. **Early bird registration must be received and paid in full prior to March 30th, 2012. Full camp payment must be received by May 25, 2012.** All payments must be made in full by this date in order to guarantee your child's participation in Zoo Camp. Your registration may be cancelled and filled from a waiting list if full payment is not received by the designated due date.

Cancellation/Withdrawal Policy

Cancellations made after May 25, 2012 will not be eligible for a refund. Campers who have to withdraw from camp due to an illness will be eligible for a prorated refund based on the amount of time missed during the camp session. Proper medical documentation is required.

Camp Staff



Meet our new Coordinator of Children & Family Programs

Certified Science Teacher with a Master's degree in Environmental Education, Marie-Eve P. Harris has well over a decade of experience as camp director and educational program designer. Marie-Eve designed educational programs, exhibits and shows for the *Biodome of Montreal*, a leader and pioneer in the environmental education field in Canada for several years. While the *Biodome's* camp was under her directorship, it received two highly prestigious nominations from the *Quebec Camp Association*. Ms. Harris also recently designed educational programs for the *Camden Children's Garden*, in New Jersey. She is a certified falconer, worked as scientific consultant on two series and also participated in the writing of two children's books.

Our camp counselors have been chosen based on their educational backgrounds and their experience working with children. The majority of the counselors are college students or graduates who also have a love of animals. Many have worked at the Zoo for several years and have the inside scoop on our wildlife residents. Camp management staff and the Zoo's Public Safety staff are trained in CPR and First Aid. All camp counselors have also passed a thorough background check prior to being hired at the Zoo. The Zoo maintains a ratio of one counselor for every 11 campers for ages 6-15 year olds and one counselor for every 8 campers for ages 3-5 year olds.

Summer Camp Open House

There will be two open house sessions offered during the camp season: **Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, June 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Shelly Administration Building, which is the camp drop off location (see section on Arriving at the Zoo on page 10). This is an opportunity to meet the counselors, ask questions and get a preview of your summer camp experience.

Camp Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Extended Day Options are available:

- Before Camp Option 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. \$35 per week
- After Camp Option 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$70 per week

Summer Camp will be in session on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

A Typical Camp Day

Each day at camp will include all or most of the activities listed below. See page 7 for a sample schedule for a week at camp.

- **Arrival** – Once children check in, they join their camp group and the counselor will play ice breaker games to keep all the children active and engaged. This time also allows campers to get to know each other.
- **Assembly** – At 9:15 am all the camps gather together where they have the chance to unite and build camaraderie. Assemblies consist of a welcome activity, camp cheer contest, and other large group games. Assembly is the perfect place to build camp morale and get everyone excited about camp.
- **Snack** – All camps have a scheduled snack break where campers are asked to remove one snack (anything but a sandwich) from their lunches. Younger campers usually have a story read along with their snack.
- **Animal Time** – Children will have the opportunity to get face-to-face in the classroom with several animals each camp day except Thursdays. Campers will meet a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates from the Zoo's teaching collection!
- **Crafts and Games** – Each camp has a wide variety of crafts and games that are both fun and educational. Games are played both indoors and outdoors. We make sure everyone drinks a lot of water!
- **Zoofari/ Zoo hike** – All camps will spend time out in the Zoo exploring our animal exhibits. They will also have a chance to join in on the fun of our seasonal attraction, *The Trail of the Lorax*.
- **Lunch** – In addition to snack time, all camps have a scheduled lunch break. Lunch is not always eaten indoors, so please pack utensils and napkins. Also there is no refrigeration or microwave available.
- **Field Day** – On Thursdays all camps (except Young Zoologists, who will be on their field trip) unite for games on the lawn. Field Day consists of camp cheers, game stations, and a final camp huddle. Adventure Guides help choose, prepare, and lead the game stations.

Young Zoologist Field Trips

Our Young Zoologists (12- to 13- year olds) camp group will be going on three field trips, which occur on Thursdays. The dates are listed below for each camp session. Each Tuesday the counselors will hand out information on the upcoming field trip. At the beginning of camp, parents will receive a permission form for the field trips. **Your camper must have a signed permission form on file or they will not be allowed to go on the trips.**

The field trips may include activities such as hiking and swimming; therefore, campers may be asked to bring special items the day of the field trip. Campers will leave the Zoo around 9:15 a.m. and return to the Zoo between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., depending on the field trip location. Parents will be notified in advance of the exact pick up time for each trip.



Field Trip Dates:

- Session 1 – June 21st, 28th and July 5th
- Session 2 – July 12th, 19th, and 26th
- Session 3 – August 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Camp Spirit

We want camp to be the most fun experience for everyone, and one way we encourage camp spirit is through our themed Spirit Days. We will notify you in advance if there is a Spirit Day. Below is the list of our themes. Counselors dress up too!

- **Team Tuesday** – Support your favorite sport! Dress in your favorite team uniform.
- **Wacky Wednesday** – It's time to show your wacky side! Dress in your craziest outfit.

- **Throwback Thursday** – It’s a blast from the past! Dress in your favorite era from groovy bell bottoms to side pony tails.
- **Fiesta Friday** – Thank Goodness It’s Friday! And boy do we like to celebrate! Wear your favorite party gear.



Camp Finales

Each camp will either have a party or a presentation on the last day of camp (usually between 2 and 3 p.m.)! Parents are invited to come join their children to see the camp presentations. The counselors will provide more information the week of the finales. Unfortunately we are unable to reserve parking spaces on these dates, so **please make sure you allow enough time for parking the day you are coming to a camp presentation.** You can enter the Zoo at the Shelly Gate (see section on Arriving at the Zoo on page 10) and we will direct you to your camp’s location.



Sample of a Camp Schedule

	STANDARD	Monday: POLAR REGIONS	Tuesday: WETLANDS	Wednesday: DESERT	Thursday: SHORELINES	Friday: WALK-THROUGH
	Location: Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard
9:00-9:15	Activity: Circle Game	Circle Game	Circle Game	Circle Game	Circle Game	Circle Game
	Location: Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala
9:15-9:45	Activity: Camp Assembly	Camp Assembly	Camp Assembly	Camp Assembly	Camp Assembly	Camp Assembly
	Location: BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI
9:45-10:15	Activity: Intro Activity	Polae Bear Adaptations	Wetlands Metaphors	Pyramid Pile Up	Project Beack Patrol	Snack
	Location: BCF CI	BCF CI	MAC	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI
10:15-10:45	Activity: Snack	<i>Polar Bear Night</i>	Migration Theater	<i>The Armadillo From Amarillo</i>	<i>Follow the Moon</i>	Snack
	Location: BCF CI	BCF CI	Treehouse Lawn	Treehouse Lawn	Children's Zoo	Treehouse
10:45-11:15	Activity: Active Activity	Musical Ice Floes	Migration Game	Camel Races		Find the Food!
	Location: CI 2	CI 2	CI 2	CI 2		CI: 2
11:15-11:45	Activity:				Terrapin Station	
	Location:				BCF CI	
11:45-12:15	Activity: Animals	Animals	Animals	Animals	Oil Spill Rescue	Animals
	Location: Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala
12:15-12:45	Activity: Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Location: Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala	Impala
12:45-1:15	Activity: Game	Penguins & Polar Bears	Pirrahnnas & Capybaras	Game		Game
	Location: Zoo	Polar Bears	Reptile House	Reptile & Amphibian		Zoo
1:15-1:45	Activity:				Field Day	
	Location:				BCF CI	
1:45-2:15	Activity: Zoofari	Polar Bears & COH Station	Everglade Thunder Storm		Shell Animals	Facepainting & Practice
	Location: BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI	BCF CI
2:15-2:45	Activity: Craft	Carbon Footprint	Wetlands Animals Craft	Desert Animals Cactus Collage	Choose animals & decorate classroom	A Walk on the Wild Side
	Location: Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard	Courtyard
2:45-3:00	Activity: Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Disclaimer: This is a sample schedule from one of our previous camps to demonstrate the variety and duration of activities a camper will experience on a daily basis. Activities will also vary according to your child's camp theme and special events.



Philadelphia Zoo Map

Arriving at the Zoo

Pull into the Tiger Parking Lot, located on 34th Street, and walk your child to the gate located at the opposite end from the Channel 6 ZooBalloon (*see map on page 9*). The Shelly Building Courtyard is just inside the gate.

First Day of Camp

Allow for extra time on the first day of camp. Plan on arriving between 8:40 and 9:05 a.m.

If you have not completed a HEALTH /PERMISSION FORM for your child, you will be required to do so at this time. For your convenience, these forms can also be mailed in advance to the zoo. **No camper will be admitted to camp without this form on file. A recent face picture is also mandatory.**

Camp Check-In

Check-in will take place in the Shelly Building Courtyard between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. each day (unless your child is in Critter Camp).

Upon arriving you will see our Summer Camp Check-In Station. Please let camp staff know your child's name and the camp they are attending. A camp counselor will be there to check off your child's name on the Zoo's daily attendance sheet. Knowing your camper's group name or age will help check-in run smoothly. Staff will direct you and your child to the following locations:

Shelly Building Classrooms

Rainforest Rompers (Ages 4-5)

Zooper Troopers (Ages 4-5)

Zoo Explorers (Ages 6-7)

Shelly Building Courtyard

Safari Trekkers (Ages 8-9)

Junior Zoo Interns (Ages 10-11)

Young Zoologists (Ages 12-13)

Adventure Guides (Ages 14-15)

We make every effort for the check-in process to go as quickly as possible. Please do not arrive before 8:45 a.m. unless you are enrolled in the Extended Day Option. Parents of campers who drop their children off before 8:45 a.m. will be charged a \$10.00 fee. (See **Extended Day Options** on page 11)

Camp Dismissal

You should plan on arriving between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. each day (unless your child is in Critter Camp). Upon arriving you will see our Summer Camp Check-in Station. Please let camp staff know your child's name and the camp they are attending. Staff will direct you to the following locations to pick up your child:

Shelly Building Classrooms

Rainforest Rompers (Ages 4-5)

Zooper Troopers (Ages 4-5)

Zoo Explorers (Ages 6-7)

Shelly Building Courtyard

Junior Zoo Interns (Ages 10-11)

Young Zoologists (Ages 12-13)

Safari Trekkers (Ages 8-9)

Adventure Guides (Ages 14 – 15)

A camp counselor from each camp will be there to check off your child's name on the Zoo's daily attendance sheet. Please be sure to always bring a picture ID. **No camper will be released unless the adult picking up the child is on the authorized pick-up list and shows a picture ID.**

Please note your child's safety is our primary concern and every possible effort is made to make camp dismissal procedures quick and convenient. Parents of campers will be charged a \$20.00 fee if their children are picked up after 3:30 p.m. (See **Extended Day Options** listed below).

Campers over 12 years of age who are permitted to take public transportation by their parents will be dismissed from the Zoo at 3:00 p.m. Please notify us via the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM to grant us permission to allow your child to leave the Zoo on his/her own.

If no one has picked up your child by 5:00 p.m., we will call the Parent/Guardian listed on the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM followed by those listed as emergency contacts. Parents of campers will be charged an additional \$20.00 fee if their children are picked up after 5:15 p.m.

Extended Day Options

- **Before Camp Option**

This is available for full-day campers only who must be dropped off before 9:00 a.m. The fee is \$35 per week. Activities include games and activity sheets. **Before Camp starts at 8:00 a.m.** Before Camp will take place in the Shelly Building Classrooms and requires pre-registration.

- **After Camp Option**

This is available for full-day campers who need to stay beyond the 3:00 p.m. pick-up time. The fee is \$70 per week. We offer campers the option of quiet indoor games or relaxing after a full-day of adventure. An animal-related movie

or show appropriate for young children will be shown and a small snack is provided. Typical snacks are crackers and pretzels; all are nut-free. After Camp starts at 3:15 p.m. - **all campers must be picked up no later than 5:00 p.m.** After Camp will take place in the Shelly Building Classrooms and requires pre-registration.

Half-day Camps

We prefer that your children be potty trained for half-day camps. If they are not, please remain onsite to provide diaper changing as needed. The Extended Day Option is not available for half-day camps – if you arrive 30 minutes after pick-up a late fee of \$10.00 will be applied (payment is due immediately in cash or check).

- Critter Camp 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Daily pick up and drop off are in the Shelly Building Lobby.

Absent Campers

If your child will be absent on a particular day, please leave a message at (215) 243-5601 with your child's name and group. There is no refund for camp days missed (See **Cancellation/Withdrawal Policy** on page 4).

Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals

Programming will begin at 9:15 a.m., so it is important that campers arrive on time. If you know ahead of time that your child will arrive late, please leave a message at (215) 243-5601 with your child's name, group, and their expected time of arrival. Advanced warning via phone or email will save time and help us provide the best service for your child. When you arrive, check in with the Camp Office, located in the Shelly Building Lobby.

What to Wear

Please label all clothes with your camper's full name

Zoo hat or Zoo backpack (depending on age of camper) with button name tag*

Comfortable clothes (shorts/T-shirt) that are appropriate for the weather

Closed toed shoes/sneakers

Please no crocs or sandals

*Zoo hat/backpack/button will be given on the first day of camp and will remain at the Zoo during the course of your child's camp.

What to Bring

Please label all items with your camper's full name

Water bottle – all campers are required to bring a refillable water bottle

Bagged lunch: please no refrigeration, no breakables

Raingear

Sunscreen*

Insect repellent*

* Self applied unless the parent has made prior arrangements via consent on the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM.

What NOT to bring

Money (unless specifically requested for Young Zoologists campers on a field trip day).

Personal items such as toys, games, cards, stuffed animals, etc.

Anything your child would be upset about if it were to get lost

Valuables/Money

We discourage children from bringing any valuables to Zoo Camp. The Zoo is not responsible for camper's lost or stolen items; this includes all handheld electronic devices, such as iPods, PSPs and cell phones.

Your camper will play games and make crafts that are included in the camp fee. There is no need for you child to bring additional money to camp. Due to a very tight schedule, there is no time for campers to purchase food or shop for souvenirs.

Use of Electronic Devices

Again, we strongly discourage campers from bringing valuable electronic devices to camp. Electronic devices may not be used during camp hours. In the case of an emergency, a camper must inform their counselor. Camp staff will contact you immediately. If you need to contact your child due to an emergency, call the Philadelphia Zoo switchboard at 215-243-1100, ext. 0, and staff will be available to assist you.

Lost and Found

Please check with the Camp Office directly for items lost at camp. We keep all found items for two weeks in the Camp Office. After that time items will be turned in to the Zoo's Public Safety Department.

Medications

The Philadelphia Zoo staff will not administer medications of any kind. The only exception will be an Epi-pen. Please notify us on the health form if your child requires help in administering his/her Epi-pen and we will have a separate permission form that we will ask you to fill out when you arrive on the first day. Your child may bring required medication with him/her to Summer Camp. All medications must be placed in a Ziploc baggie and clearly labeled with both the child's full name and dosage. Please indicate on the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM the medication(s) that your child is bringing to Summer Camp as well as the details explaining what the medication is for, when and how it should be dispensed, and any specific storage information. If medication must be taken during camp hours, the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM must specify detailed instructions. This ensures that the staff will be aware of your child's needs.

Most medications will be kept in the Summer Camp Office, which is also the First Aid area. Inhalers/Epi-pens with the camper's name on it will be kept with their camp counselor at all times. Parents with campers who have inhalers and/or injectable medication will discuss administration on an individual basis. Camp management staff and all Zoo Public Safety staff are certified in First Aid and CPR.

Camper Illnesses

The Philadelphia Zoo reserves the right to refuse entrance to summer camp if the child is exhibiting the symptoms listed below. In the event a camper becomes ill, camp staff will notify the Parent/Guardian listed on the HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM followed by those listed as emergency contacts. For the well being of your camper and the safety of other campers in our program, if your child shows any of the following symptoms below, you will be asked to pick up your child immediately:

Fever of 100 degrees or more	Severe/Persistent Coughing
Pink Eye	Sore Throat
Severe Headache	Vomiting
Ringworm	Other contagious illnesses
Lice	

Special Note: Lice must be treated for at least 24 hours before returning to camp with a doctor's note

Behavior Expectation Policy

The Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp has basic rules of behavior, including respecting staff, fellow campers, camp materials and, especially, the animals. These rules are reviewed with the campers each day before the start of camp. Disrespectful behavior, foul or hurtful language and violence toward camp staff, fellow campers and animals will not be tolerated. In the event that the following **Discipline Policy** is disregarded,

the Philadelphia Zoo reserves the right to dismiss the camper from the Summer Camp program without refund.

Discipline Policy

To ensure the safety and well-being of staff, campers, and animals the following policy will be enforced.

Minor Infractions:

Disrespect shown to staff members, fellow campers, or animals.

- 1st Offense: Verbally remind camper of standard of behavior.
- 2nd Offense: Verbally remind camper and remove from activity.
- 3rd Offense: Take camper to office to discuss behavior/develop behavior plan. Staff contacts parent/guardian to review behavior plan.
- 4th Offense: Staff removes camper from Zoo Camp Program without refund.

Serious Infractions:

Endangerment or intent to endanger another's well-being (human or animal).

- 1st Offense: Take camper to office to discuss behavior and develop behavior plan. Staff contacts parent/guardian and reviews behavior plan.
- 2nd Offense: Staff removes camper from Zoo Camp Program without refund.

Consequence Plan

Suspension:

After the last Minor or Serious Infraction, the camper is suspended for the remainder of the day. If, after returning to camp, the camper again commits an offense, he/she will be expelled for the rest of the summer without refund.

Immediate Dismissal:

Behaviors that result in immediate dismissal without refund include terroristic threats, sexual harassment, possession of drugs/alcohol/weapons, stealing, or serious injury to campers, staff members, or animals.

Special Needs

The Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp strives to meet the needs of all children. In order for us to be able to help your child have an enjoyable experience at camp, we ask that you notify us of your child's special needs 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. While we offer our camps to as wide a range of children as possible, it is not possible for us to offer one-on-one care. Campers requiring more attention than the prescribed camper-to-counselor ratio provides (11:1 for ages 6-13, 8:1 for ages 3-5) must be accompanied by a parent-provided TSS at all times at camp. If your child has special issues or requires a TSS, please contact the Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp at 215-243-5601 or camps@phillyzoo.org to provide additional information to help us meet your child's individual needs.

**Please see HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM on the next 2 pages
YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE YOUR CHILD MAY ATTEND CAMP**





SUMMER CAMP 2012 HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

RECENT PICTURE	Child's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____ Camp your child is attending: _____ Date: _____ 1. Parent/Guardian's Name : _____ Parent/Guardian's phone: _____ Secondary Number: _____ Parent/Guardian's email: _____
Reserved for administration Camp Code:	2. Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Parent/Guardian's Phone: _____ Secondary Number: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Other than parent/guardians listed above)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CARE

Name of Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Medical Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

If my child needs emergency medical care and no one can be contacted, I give my consent for the transportation of my child by ambulance and for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by licensed medical personnel YES NO

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

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

ALTERNATIVE/UNACCOMPANIED DEPARTURE

(please check and fill out)

I grant permission for my child to leave with the following adult guardians **other than myself**.

1. Name: _____	2. Name: _____	3. Name : _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____

My child is 12 or older **AND** has permission to leave the Zoo unaccompanied (either by walking or by using public transportation) at the end of Camp at 3:30 pm.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I grant permission for my child to be photographed during Camp. I fully understand that these photos may be used for our Camp newsletter or for advertising purposes. YES, I do. NO, I do not.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

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

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Check any conditions that apply, and elaborate if necessary:

- Hay fever Poison ivy, oak, etc. Allergies Diabetes Asthma Other
 Food allergy Epilepsy/seizures Heart trouble Insect stings Ear infection

Comment _____

Does your child carry an Epi-Pen? YES or NO if Yes, what is the allergy? _____

MEDICATION

The Philadelphia Zoo will not administer medications of any kind. Please indicate below the medication(s) your child will bring to camp and the time(s) that you wish your child to be reminded to take the medication.

Medication(s) _____ Taken for: _____

Dosage: _____ Time(s) of Day: _____

Medication(s) _____ Taken for: _____

Dosage: _____ Time(s) of Day: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

In order for us to be able to help your child have an enjoyable experience at camp, we ask that you notify us of their special needs 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. Please specify:

SUNSCREEN/INSECT SPRAY

I give permission for camp staff to administer the following to my child: Sunscreen: YES NO
Insect Spray: YES NO

RELEASE

I/We, _____ (parents/guardian name), being the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for _____ on behalf of the child/minor hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless, the Philadelphia Zoo, and their officers, directors, trustees, agents, and employees from and against all liability for injury, illness, losses, claims, actions, costs, expenses and/or damages, including attorney fees, arising out of my/our child's participation in the Philadelphia Zoo's Summer Camp, except for the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Philadelphia Zoo.

I/We have carefully read the Philadelphia Zoo HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM and the Summer Camp Handbook and fully understand its contents.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Please return HEALTH/PERMISSION FORM to:

Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp
3400 West Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104-1196

*Or fax to: 215-243-5602
**Or scan and email to: camps@phillyzoo.org

*Be sure to bring the picture of your child to *Orientation* or the first day of camp

** Put *Camp Health Form* in subject line