



Welcome to 2009 Philadelphia Zoo Summer Camp

Payment

- Payments can be made by phone or online. If you registered your camper online and received a login and password, go directly to www.doubleknot.com: log-on, view registration details, and make payment. To pay with a credit card over the phone, please call 215-243-5311.
- **Full payment is due at least two weeks prior to the start of your camp session.** Please note that if we do not receive payment by the deadline, we will cancel your registration, and you will lose your non-refundable deposit.

Required Forms

Please return all required forms at least two weeks prior to the start of your child's camp session. These include the Health Form, Model Release Form, and Zoo Camp Way.

Arriving at the Zoo

Option #1: Pull up along 34th Street, put on your hazard lights and walk your child to the black gate.

Option #2: If you have another small child in the car, you can pull into the parking lot (do not park) and pull up to the gate, put on your hazard lights and bring your child to the gate.

Camp Check-In

- Plan on arriving between 8:45 AM and 9:15 AM each day (unless your child is in Critter or Kinder Camp). Allow for extra time on the first day of camp.
- Check-In will take place in the Shelly Building Courtyard. Go to the podium and tell the staff your child's name and the camp they are attending. A counselor from each camp will be there to check off your child's name on the Attendance Sheet.
 - Zooper Troopers/Rainforest Rompers/Safari Camp/Adventure Guides will be directed into the Shelly Building Classrooms.
 - Zoo Explorers/Junior Zoo Interns/Young Zoologists will be directed into the zoo just beyond the courtyard - these groups will be moving to other locations when all of the campers have arrived.
- Parents of campers will be charged a fee if their children are dropped off before 8:45 AM at the following rates:
 - Drop off between 8:30 - 8:45 = \$5
 - Drop off between 8:15 - 8:30 = \$10
 - Drop off between 8:00 - 8:15 = \$15
- Before Camp requires pre-registration and will take place in the Shelly Building Classrooms. Before Camp starts at 8:00 AM - no one will be admitted before 8:00 AM.

Camp Dismissal

- Plan on arriving between 3:00 PM and 3:15 PM each day (unless your child is in Critter or Kinder Camp).
- Be sure to 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.**
- When you arrive, go to the podium in the Shelly Building Courtyard and staff will direct you to the pick-up location for your child's camp.
 - Zooper Troopers/Rainforest Rompers/Zoo Explorers/Safari Camp will be in the Shelly Building Classrooms. Adults will show their ID to camp counselors at the door.
 - Young Zoologists/Adventure Guides/Junior Zoo Interns will be waiting in the Shelly Building Courtyard with their counselors. Adults will show their ID to the camp counselors.
- Campers over 10 years of age who are permitted to take Public Transportation by their parents (permission form signed) will be dismissed from the Zoo at 3:00 pm

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Camp Dismissal, cont.

- Parents of campers will be charged a fee if their children are picked up after 3:30 PM at the following rates:
 - Pick up between 3:30 - 3:45 = \$5
 - Pick up between 3:45 - 4:00 = \$10
 - Pick up between 4:00 - 4:15 = \$15
 - Pick up between 4:15 - 4:30 = \$20
 - Pick up between 4:30 - 4:45 = \$25
 - Pick up between 4:45 - 5:00 = \$30
- After Camp starts at 3:15 PM - all campers must be picked up **no later than 5:00 PM**. After Camp requires pre-registration and will take place in the Shelly Building Classrooms.

Half-day Camps

- Critter Camp 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Daily Pick up and drop off are in the Shelly Building Lobby
- Kinder Camp 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Daily Pick up and drop off are in the Shelly Building Lobby
- No Before Camp or After Camp – early/late fees apply

Late Arrivals / Early Dismissals

Check in with the Camp Office, located in the Shelly Building Lobby

Advanced warning via phone or email will save time and help us provide the best service for your child

What to Wear

Zoo hat with button name tag (Your child will receive this on the first day of camp)

Comfortable clothes (shorts/T-shirt)

Closed toed shoes/sneakers (flip flops are not permitted; crocs are discouraged)

- Things happen at the zoo rain or shine - be sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. It is a good idea to invest in a raincoat or poncho. Be sure to put your child's name inside their raingear.

What to Bring

Water bottle with the camper's name on it

Sunscreen with camper's name on it (please apply in advance)

Raingear with camper's name in it

Bagged lunch with camper's name on it: no refrigeration, no breakables

Health forms and other forms to be kept on file – please submit in advance

What NOT to Bring

Personal items

Anything you would be upset about if it were to get lost

The Zoo is not responsible for camper's valuables

Medications

Most will be kept in the Camp Office - also the First Aid area

Inhalers/Epi-pens with the camper's name on it will be kept with the counselor

All camp counselors and Zoo Public Safety staff are certified in First Aid and CPR

More Information

Come to one of our **Open Houses, 6:00-7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9 or Tuesday, July 7!** Camp directors, administrators, and counselors will be there to answer questions, explain how your child's day will go during summer camp, and provide a taste of the fun and exciting things they'll do! **RSVP required** at camps@phillyzoo.org or 215-243-5311.

Need to contact us?

Call the Camp Office at 215-243-5601 (leave a message before 8:15 AM and after 5:15 PM)

Email: camps@phillyzoo.org