

Summer Zoo Camp 2010!

JULY 5 - AUGUST 20



Choose from seven fun-filled weeks of hands-on activities, games, crafts and animal encounters for ages 5-15! A unique opportunity to experience all the **Rosamond Gifford Zoo** has to offer!

Full-day and half-day sessions.



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OF THE
ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO

ONE CONSERVATION PLACE
SYRACUSE, NY 13204

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*Don't missssssss
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2010!*





Frequently Asked Questions

What can my child expect at Zoo Camp?

Your child can expect to participate in fun, hands-on learning that explores every aspect of our zoo. We will provide every child with a camp T-shirt, water bottle and snacks each day.

What are the qualifications of the Zoo Camp Staff?

All Zoo Camp staff members are professionals who have experience working with children. Camp staff must pass a criminal background check and receive extensive training before camp starts. The camp director and other zoo staff are trained in CPR and first aid.

Will my child be able to go into exhibits with the animals?

We have a variety of touchable outreach animals that your child may encounter during the week, such as snakes, lizards and small mammals and older campers may have the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes with keepers. For the safety of your children and our animals, contact with most animals is strictly prohibited.

Can I stay with my child during camp hours?

If you feel your child cannot remain in camp without you for more than a few minutes, he or she may not be ready for summer camp at this time. Parents may not stay with their child during camp hours.

What if my child needs medication?

Zoo Camp instructors are prohibited by law from administering any medication, including insect repellent and sun block, to children at Zoo Camp. Campers capable of self-medication must submit the provided form signed by both their doctor and a parent. Please make arrangements to have medication administered outside of Zoo Camp hours. You will have the opportunity to notify us of any medical condition your child may have after you register.

Can I drop my child off early or pick him/her up late?

The zoo offers Play Care for parents who need to drop off their child early or pick up their child late. Play Care includes games, movies or quiet reading and is not a part of the normal Zoo Camp curriculum. Morning Play Care runs 7:45 to 9 a.m. and evening Play Care runs 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. You may register your camper for one or both Play Care sessions. The weekly fee for Play Care is \$25 per camper, per session. Pre-registration is required, we do not accommodate drop-ins. If you are late picking up your camper and are not registered for Play Care, a late fee will apply. If you pick up your child after 5:15, the standard late fee will apply.

Why do I need my driver's license to pick up my child?

For your child's safety, we require that every person picking your child up from Zoo Camp be registered with our instructors. Before your child can leave zoo grounds, the person picking him/her up must provide a photo ID and sign for your child.

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Kindergarten

Campers entering Kindergarten in fall of 2010

Common Senses

Can you name all five senses? After this camp you'll be able to! Animals use their senses to find food, escape predators and take care of their young, and we'll find out how in this sense-ational camp!

\$115 Members/\$135 Non-members
Session A: July 5 - July 9; 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Feathers, Feet and Fins!

Walk, slither, fly and crawl into this exciting session all about animal movement! We'll meet animals up close, create colorful crafts and spend lots of time moving around the zoo!

\$115 Members/\$135 Non-members
Session B: July 5 - July 9; 1 - 4:30 p.m.

The 'Unhuggables'

Some animals just aren't cute! That doesn't make them any less important to their ecosystems. Come find out why the 'unhuggables' are just as important as the 'huggables' in this creepy crawly camp!

\$115 Members/\$135 Non-members
Session C: August 16 - August 20;
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2

Campers entering first or second grade in fall of 2010

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Everyone loves a cute, furry animal, but some animals just aren't cute! We'll take a look at the zoo's cutest, ugliest, weirdest and wildest animals through animal encounters, zoo tours, activities, games, crafts and more in this wacky camp!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members
Session D: July 19 - July 23; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Session E: August 2 - August 6; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I Like to Move it!

Dip, dive, duck, dodge! Soar, swoop, scurry, scamper! Lunge, lope, lumber, leap! Animals have many ways of moving and for many reasons! Dash to the zoo and jump into this camp as we explore animal movement through tours, games, activities and crafts!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members
Session F: July 26 - July 30; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Session G: August 16 - August 20; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: All campers are required to wear the camp T-shirt daily in order to identify them as a zoo camper to the public and zoo staff. To purchase additional t-shirts, please indicate it on your registration form. T-shirts will not be available for purchase after June 1.



Grades 3 & 4

Campers entering third or fourth grade in fall of 2010

Shake, Rattle, and Roll!

Animals move, talk and behave in some far-out ways! We'll explore the wild and wacky ways animals act, move and communicate through games, activities, songs and crafts in this camp that really shakes, rattles and rolls!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members

Session H: July 12 - July 16; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session I: August 2 - August 6; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Under Construction

With all of the construction going on at the zoo this summer, why not explore what the animals are building? From tunnels, to nests, to burrows, discover some amazing animal creations! What materials do they use? How and why do they build it? We'll even build some human-made homes for some of your favorite animals, while getting down and dirty in this handy camp (hard hats not required).

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members

Session J: July 19 - July 23; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session K: August 9 - August 13; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grades 7, 8 & 9

Campers entering seventh, eighth, or ninth grade in fall of 2010

Zoology 101: Overnight

Have you dreamed of becoming a zoologist? Between animal behavior and health, conservation, classification and identification, there is so much to know! Learn about these concepts through first-hand experience at the zoo, animal encounters and visits with staff. Join us for the only Zoo Camp overnight offered all summer!

\$140 Members/\$160 Non-members

Session O: Monday, August 16 - Thursday, August 19: 1 - 4:30 p.m.

OVERNIGHT: 7 p.m. Friday, August 20 to 9 a.m. Saturday, August 21

no afternoon session on Friday, August 20

If I Ran the Zoo:

If you could run the zoo for a week, what would you do? From zookeepers to exhibit artists to educators, running a zoo takes a lot of people! Find out what it takes to run a successful zoo, with activities such as creating exhibits, cleaning poop, and running your own puppet show to teach the public about animals in this hands-on camp!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members

Session P: July 5 - July 9; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6

Campers entering fifth or sixth grade in fall of 2010

At Home in My Biome

From frozen tundra to misty rainforests, animals live in the most amazing places! Our zoo is home to animals from all over the world. We'll visit a new biome everyday and learn about the plants and animals that call it home without ever leaving the zoo in this adventurous camp!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members

Session L: July 26 - July 30; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wild by Design

Did you ever wonder how zookeepers safely take care of dangerous animals like snow leopards and bears? How does staff give a bath to a 11,000 pound elephant? What do we do when our animals need medicine and shots? Join us for this awesome camp, where we'll see how zookeepers keep the wild residents of the zoo healthy and happy!

\$195 Members/\$215 Non-members

Session M: July 12 - July 16; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session N: August 9 - August 13; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Information

How do I register my child?

Priority registration for zoo members begins April 1 and open registration starts April 15. Please complete the Summer Zoo Camp registration form - we do not accept phone, in-person or online registrations. To make the process as fair as possible, registration forms postmarked before April 1 will not be accepted. All registrations will be filled in the order in which they are received.

Can I register more than one child?

Yes! Please include a separate registration form for each child. You may duplicate the attached registration form or print one from our Web site at rosamondgiffordzoo.org. If you have children who wish to attend the same session together, please mail their separate registration forms in the same envelope.

My child is smart for his age; can I register him for an 'older' class?

We feel that campers can maximize their Zoo Camp experience by interacting with peers at their own age level and no exceptions will be made to the age requirements. All sessions offer hands-on learning that is age appropriate. Please register your child for the grade he/she is going into in the fall.

What if the week I want is filled?

Summer camp sessions fill quickly, so please indicate a second session choice on your registration form. If your first choice is full, we will automatically place your child in your second choice session. If you do not indicate a second choice, you will be placed on a waiting list for your first choice session. You will be contacted if this situation occurs. Your confirmation letter indicates the session you are registered for, so please read it carefully.

How does the waiting list work?

All registrations received after camp sessions are full will be held on the waiting list and you will be contacted immediately to discuss your options. If a space becomes available during the waiting period, we will notify all registrants wait-listed for that session, and the space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

What if I need to cancel?

If your child is enrolled and you must cancel for any reason, your registration fee is non-refundable unless a child on the waiting list can fill your space. In the event the cancelled space is filled, a 25% processing fee will be deducted from your refund.

Summer Zoo Camp 2010 Registration Form

(One child per form. You may duplicate this form to register additional children.)

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Camper's Name _____ Grade entering in 2010/2011 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Number _____

First Choice _____ Letter _____ Date _____ Cost _____

Second Choice _____ Letter _____ Date _____ Cost _____

If your first choice is full, we will automatically place your child in your second choice session.

Third Choice _____ Letter _____ Date _____ Cost _____

If your first and second choices are full, we will automatically place your child in your third choice session.

Total _____

T-SHIRTS - Campers will be provided with one free t-shirt per week.

Additional t-shirts may be ordered for \$12 each.

Please circle your child's size (even if you are not ordering extras):

Youth 6-8 10-12 14-16

Adult S M L XL

of additional t-shirts _____

Total: _____



PLAY CARE - You must register in advance for Play Care. Per diem Play Care is not available.

Child must be dropped off/picked-up at the time indicated. Please circle your choice below.

AM (7:45-9:00) \$25/week

PM (4:30-5:15) \$25/week

BOTH (AM and PM) \$50/week

Total: _____



Enclosed is my check (made payable to **Friends of the Zoo**) for (total) _____

Please charge (total) _____ to my VISA MC AMEX DISC

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please mail completed registration form(s) to:

Zoo Camp

Rosamond Gifford Zoo

One Conservation Place, Syracuse, NY 13204



Questions?

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