



Zoo Camp 2017 Information Sheet

Welcome to Summer Zoo Camp 2017 at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park! Please be sure to read the following information about safety procedures and camp policies, as there are several changes taking place to ensure the safety of your children.

What you can expect:

Each instructor has experience working with children and is familiar with the zoo. All instructors and volunteers have had background checks. The camps focus on the topic for the week and the instructors have activities planned to match the topic. Activities may include "behind the scenes" tours, keeper talks, games, crafts and plenty of tours of the zoo. Your child can expect to learn and have fun while they are at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

Required forms:



In accordance with the Onondaga County Health Department (OCHD), each child **MUST** have a medical form filled out in full and signed or they cannot be admitted into camp. In addition, the Education Department requires the attached Consent and Waiver Form and Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure Form on file for the safety of your child. **All completed forms must be received by the zoo no later than two (2) weeks prior to your child's first day of camp.** Changes can be made by calling the Zoo Camp Director or on the first day of your child's session.

How to prepare for camp:

Please have your camper dress appropriately for the weather and bring or wear sun block or insect repellent as needed. We may go outside in the rain, but will stay inside during extreme weather conditions (thunderstorms, extreme heat, etc.). Campers are responsible for their own belongings. Please make sure everything is labeled. In accordance with the OCHD, Zoo staff are prohibited from administering any medication **except for Epi-pens** in an emergency situation. Campers may self-administer prescription medication as needed with doctor and parental permission (included on medical form). Education staff are trained in first aid, CPR/AED and Epinephrine Auto-Injector, and will be present during each program.

What to wear:

For safety reasons, one camp t-shirt will be provided and **must** be worn everyday. Instructors will be wearing the same color of shirts for easy identification. Please have campers wear comfortable clothing and sneakers (**flip flops and open toed sandals are not allowed**). Any camper wearing open toed shoes, including flip-flops, will be denied access to any behind the scenes activities. Campers may get dirty under certain circumstances; please keep this in mind since zoo learning can be a messy process!

Lunch/snacks:

Snacks, water bottles, and fresh water will be provided for every camper each day. If your child has any food allergies, please indicate on the medical form. We strive to provide food that does not contain peanuts, peanut oil, tree nuts, or tree nut oil. **All campers are asked to bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from the Jungle Café.**

Absent/late campers:

If your child will be absent or late for the day, please call the Education department at (315) 435-8511 x357 or text the camp director cell phone at (315) 414-7406.

Health department license:

Zoo Camp is licensed by the Onondaga County Health Department and is inspected twice a year. Inspection reports concerning Zoo Camp are on file at: Onondaga County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health, John H. Mulroy Civic Center 12th Floor, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse NY 13202 or call (315) 435-6617.

All of us at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo are looking forward to another wonderful summer! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Kim Coons, Zoo Camp Director
Rosamond Gifford Zoo
(315) 435-8511 x357
kcoons@rosamondgiffordzoo.org