



# SUMMER ZOO CAMP 2018

## LOUISIANA PURCHASE GARDENS & ZOO • MONROE, LOUISIANA

### First Day

Please bring your child to the Zoo Pavilion Gate where a Zoo Camp Counselor will meet you. We ask you to wait with your camper as to properly check in and complete any additional information.

### Morning Arrival

For the remainder of the week, bring your child to the Zoo Concession Gate. If you have paid for Early Arrival, you will need to drop off your camper no earlier than 7:45am. DO NOT drop off campers earlier than this as a staff member will not be present. Campers who are not enrolled in morning extended care should arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am. If you arrive late, please escort your child to the Zoo Camp Education Building.

### Afternoon Pick-Up

Each afternoon you should pick up your child at the Zoo's Concession Entrance at the scheduled time. If you have paid for extended care, you should pick up your child no later than 5:10pm. Counselors will begin calling emergency contacts at 5:15pm. We ask that you please pick your child at the appointed time, as a late fee of \$5.00 be charged. The late fee must be paid before your child can attend camp the following day. Anyone picking up a child MUST BE LISTED on the pick-up list, present a valid photo ID and sign the child out. Please note that there will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.

### Clothing

On the first day of camp, each camper will receive a Tshirt. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$10.00 each. We do a lot of walking, so campers should wear comfortable shoes. For your child's safety, we require closed-toe shoes such as sneakers or hiking boots. Please remember that children will be active throughout the day and should wear comfortable clothing. On Friday, we play water games, weather permitting, and your camper's clothing may become wet. You may want to send a towel and spare clothing with your camper or bring spare clothing with you at pick-up.

### Shopping

On Friday, we will take campers who wish to purchase souvenirs to The Wild Side Gift Shop. If you send money with your camper, please place it in a sealed envelope, identified with your child's name, and the total amount of money enclosed written on the outside of the envelope. Please sign your initials next to the amount. Give the envelope to a Zoo Camp Counselor on Friday morning.

### Snacks

Half-day campers will receive morning snacks and Full-day campers will receive morning and afternoon snacks. Again, please be sure we are aware of any food allergies that your child may have.

### Lunch

Campers WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for their own lunch. They are welcome to bring a sack lunch from home. We have a refrigerator and a microwave oven available. Your camper may also purchase a lunch from The Flamin' Flamingo Cafe at the Zoo. A menu has been included in this package for your convenience. Please note that neither check nor credit/debit cards can be used for this purpose.



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### Personal Belongings

Please make sure to label all personal items with your camper's name. We cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. All cellphones, toys, radios, video games, etc., should be left at home. If your camper brings these types of items, we will keep them safe and secured in the office until the end of the day.

### Weather

Summer will bring sunshine, heat, and rain. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Activities will take place in sunny areas, shaded areas, and in -air-conditioned buildings, and will occur rain or shine. Water and/or PowerAde will be available at all times. The heat index is closely monitored.

### Groups & Activities

Camp will include a variety of activities such as arts & crafts, zoo walks/tours, animal encounters, and education programs. Keeper talks and games will also be presented. Camp programs include age-appropriate educational activities with groups arranged by age. Campers are encouraged to join in all activities. If your child has a strong fear of a particular animal, we need to know.

### Behavior Management & Expectations

The Zoo has a fair and effective behavior management strategy to ensure a fun and educational experience for your camper. We do not want one child's inappropriate behavior to infringe upon another child's camp experience. Most of the time, children are eager to participate in camp activities and respect each other. Please review the expectations and consequences lists below with your camper BEFORE his or her first day of camp. Thank you.

#### *Expectations*

- Respect Counselors and Assistant Counselors. No rude, crude, foul, or insulting language is permitted.
- Respect other campers, staff, animals, and property
- Follow staff instructions and use good manners. Obey Zoo Rules!
- Play safely at all times.

#### *Consequences*

- First offense: verbal warning
- Second offense: Verbal warning, Isolated "time out" from the group, 10 minutes
- Third offense: Meeting with the Education Curator and a "time out"
- Fourth offense: Parent(s) called by the Education Curator, and the issue addressed
- Fifth offense: Parent(s) called to come pick up the camper and take him/her home

### Parental Support

Zoo Camp is fun and educational, but learning improves with parental support. We welcome all questions, concerns, and suggestions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We look forward to a great week of Zoo Camp!

### Thanks!

We believe Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo offers a unique setting for education and enjoyment during the summer. We appreciate having your child visit us for Zoo Summer Camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Kim Dooley.