

Seneca Park Zoo - ZooCamp FAQ

ZooCamp connects children to nature in fun and engaging ways and provides campers with socialization and the therapeutic effects of nature.

What's a typical day like for the campers?

On any given day, campers will tour the Zoo, make crafts, read stories, attend talks, play games, and meet program animals, all relating to their camp topic.

Does my child's age have to fall within the listed age bracket to enroll for a particular camp?

Yes. We design the camps with particular ages in mind, so it is important to be mindful of the age limitations.

What is the cost?

Each cost listed is for one week of ZooCamp.

For members: \$155 for half-day; \$260 for full day

For non-members: \$175 for half day; \$285 for full day

Why is the half-day option missing?

There are only 5 half-day slots available for each school-age camp. If the option is missing from the website those slots have already been filled. If you would like to be added to the wait list, please call 585.336.7213.

Is Before and After Care offered?

Yes, we offer Before and After Care for those who need it. If you would like to have your camper in Before or After Care, please register in advance, so we can schedule counselors accordingly. One week of before or after care is \$25, if you would like both it is \$50 for the week.

Is food provided?

We provide snacks in the morning and afternoon, but campers must bring their own lunch and water bottle. ZooCamp is peanut-free due to allergy concerns. Please refrain from packing anything for your camper with peanuts or peanut butter. Please make us aware of any food allergies before camp begins. Campers do not have access to a refrigerator or microwave.

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What do campers do during lunch?

Campers have an hour to relax, eat, and have fun from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. During this time, they have the option of watching a movie, drawing, or quiet free-play. Crafts, playground time, or other activities may also be available during lunch depending on the day.

Are the counselors for the special needs camp certified in special education?

No, our counselors are not certified or extensively trained in special education; however, our camp counselors do receive pre-camp training that includes basic skills for working with children who have special needs. Our instructors possess respect and understanding for children and a deep passion for the natural world. They are well trained in interpretive techniques, group management, and activity facilitation.

Are masks required in camp?

Face coverings are optional, but not required, and anyone choosing to wear a mask is welcome to do so. We follow school mandates and recommendations from Monroe County's Department of Public Health, and we will announce if this policy changes.

Are there health screenings?

The health and safety of our campers, staff, and animals is our top priority. Campers will be screened by confirming that neither they nor anyone in their household is exhibiting signs of Covid-19. Anyone, staff or camper, who is sick or has someone in their household who is sick, must stay home.

Classrooms and commonly touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected multiple times per day. Frequent hand washing is also encouraged for counselors and campers.

Additional questions?

Please contact us at education@senecazoo.org.