

## Seneca Park Zoo - ZooCamp FAQ 2025

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: \$165 for half-day; \$285 for full day

For non-members: \$185 for half day; \$310 for full day

July 4<sup>th</sup> week camps are prorated because we do not have camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Which camps is the half-day option available for?**

All of our preschool camps for ages 3-4 are only offered as half-day camps from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We also offer half-day camp options for our special need camps. If you are attending any of our other camps and need to pick-up at noon one day, please let us know.

### **Is Before and After Care offered in the summer?**

Yes, we offer Before and After Care for school-age camps. 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. Please note, Before Care drop-off is only at 8am and After Care pick-up is only at 5pm.

### **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.

### How does pick-up work?

The first thing we need from you is a [pick-up authorization form](#) that says who is allowed to pick your child up from camp. We need a new copy of this form every year, even if you are the only person dropping off and picking up your camper. Please email this completed form to [education@senecazoo.org](mailto:education@senecazoo.org) at least one week before camp starts, to ensure it makes it to the right camp files in time. At the beginning of Summer ZooCamps, we also hand out pick-up cards. The easiest way to pick-up your camper is to have that card. If you don't have the card, we will check your ID against the pick-up authorization form on file.

### 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. The more information you can provide about your child's needs ahead of camp, the better we will be able to accommodate them.

### 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 are not screened, however, 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 multiple times per day. Frequent hand washing is also encouraged for counselors and campers.

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### What is the parental agreement?

By participating in camp, you are agreeing to the following guidelines.

I hereby...

- Give the Seneca Park Zoo permission to administer emergency medical attention to my child in my absence. I understand I am liable for the medical care costs incurred during treatment.
- Give my child permission to leave Zoo grounds to walk to Seneca Park for games, hikes and other activities.
- Authorize the Seneca Park Zoo Society to use any photographs or video images of my child for public relations and marketing purposes.
- Understand that if my child exhibits any behavior that may cause harm to themselves, other campers, or camp staff they may be asked to leave without a refund. These behaviors include, but are not limited to: hitting, kicking, biting, inappropriate language or other harassment.
- Understand that camp fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

### Additional questions?

Please contact us at [education@senecazoo.org](mailto:education@senecazoo.org).