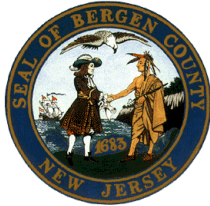


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# Zoo Camp



at the

# Bergen County Zoo

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# Summer 2018

Camp Group	Determined by age as of July 1.	See group information below.
Application	1 per child	Due March 15 <sup>st</sup>
Fee	\$150 per child (sorry, no multi-child discount)	Due April 30 <sup>th</sup> (Do NOT send with application)
Selection for Zoo Camp	On March 15, all applications will be put into a lottery and will be randomly picked. .	Applications are randomly selected. You will be notified by mail by April 2 <sup>nd</sup> if you are chosen.
What if I was in the same camp group already?	You should still apply. If there is room, we will try to accommodate you. Children who have <b>not</b> attended Zoo Camp in your camp group will have priority.	If your application is selected in the lottery and you previously attended camp, you will be put on a waiting list in the order you were chosen in the lottery.
Medical Conditions	If you are selected, you will receive a letter with a link to medical forms for you and your doctor to fill out.	Medical conditions do not affect your chances for the lottery as medical information is collected after the lottery process.
Group size	Lambs, Hawks, and Gators have an 8:1 ratio	Junior Zoo Keepers have a 5:1 ratio

What is Zoo Camp? - Zoo Camp is a week-long, ½ day, program for children ages 5 to 15 years old. It is open only to Bergen County Residents or Bergen County Zoo Members. Campers are organized in the following groups:

**Lambs** - 5 and 6 years old

**Hawks** - 7 and 8 years old

**Gators** - 9, 10 and 11 years old

**Junior Zookeepers** - 12 to 15 years old

Camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm. Zoo Camp costs \$150 for the week and includes a Zoo Camp t-shirt.

Lambs, Hawks, and Gators spend time touring the zoo, meeting animals up-close in the classroom, and other animal-themed activities.

Junior Zookeepers explore different aspects of a career in zookeeping as they learn about our animal collection, prepare their diets, and clean their enclosures. Due to the nature of the tasks, work boots and gloves are strongly recommended. Closed toe, closed heel shoes are needed for ALL camp groups.

My child was in Zoo Camp last year. May she/he come again?

To be fair to other applicants, children who have attended zoo camp in the past in the age/camp group a prior year will be waitlisted until all new children have been chosen for that same age/camp group. You may be selected for the same age group more than once, but only after children whose applications were received by the application date and who have never attended that age group have been chosen.

How will I know if my child is selected?

You will be notified **by mail** by April 2<sup>nd</sup> if your child is selected. Due to the high number of applicants, we cannot notify anyone who was **not** selected. If selected in the lottery, you will receive a zoo camp information letter with all needed directions. A second round lottery will be conducted for any additional or unaccepted camp spots. Notification for these spots will be throughout April and May, the roster is finalized June 1<sup>st</sup>, no changes will be made at that time.

The Carpool List

The Carpool List is designed to help families with carpooling and for planning vacation/other family activities around only one week of Zoo Camp. **Note: children admitted in the same group may be assigned to different counselors within the group.** To apply with a friend/sibling, all applications **must** be mailed/dropped off in the same envelope and all names must be written on the Carpool List of the accompanying applications. The list is limited to three friends – only three applications may be submitted together. If more than three applications are submitted they will be divided into groups at the zoo’s discretion.

Confirmation of Attendance and Payment

Payment is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. If payment is not made by this date, your spot may be forfeited and you may reapply next year. Payment **should not** be sent with the application.

What if I have questions? Email: [zoocamp@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:zoocamp@co.bergen.nj.us)

Or call: (201) 634-3125

## ZOO CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

\*One form per child, please. This form may be photocopied for additional children. Please do not send proof of age, this is no longer necessary. Forms incorrectly filled out will be sent back and must be received by due date.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name) (Nickname)

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in FALL 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Shirt Size *at time of camp* (Please circle. If in doubt, order one size larger.) Shirt size MUST be chosen to be entered into camp lottery.

Child SM (6-8) Child MED (10-12) Child LG (14-16) Adult SM Adult MED Adult LG Adult XL Adult XXL

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child attended Zoo Camp before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year/group was s/he in? \_\_\_\_\_

You **must** be a Bergen County Zoo Member YES/NO, **or** a resident of Bergen County YES/NO.

Carpool List\*: CHILD'S NAME (applicants name need not be included) **Group** (circle group)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Jr. Zookeeper
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Jr. Zookeeper
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs, Hawks, Gators, Jr. Zookeeper

\*To apply together, all applications must be mailed/dropped off in the same envelope and all friends/siblings names must be written on the Carpool List of each application. Only three applications may be submitted together. If more are submitted, they will be separated at the zoo's discretion. By submitting your child's application with others, either all will be accepted to camp, or none of them will. Any child placed on the wait list will cause ALL children in group to be placed on the wait list.

### **ZOO CAMP SESSION REQUESTED**

*Please number the weeks in order of preference, and **cross off any weeks you cannot attend.** Please circle age of child on July 1, 2017. Applicants aged 12 to 15 may apply to EITHER Candors (classroom/tour camp) OR Jr. Zoo Keepers (zoo careers/keeper work)*

LAMBS Age 5 or 6	HAWKS Age 7 or 8	GATORS Ages 9,10, 11	JR. ZOOKEEPER Ages 12,13,14,15
___ Any Session	___ Any Session	___ Any Session	___ Any Session
___ June 18-22	___ June 18-22		___ June 18-22
	___ June 25-29	___ June 25-29	___ June 25-29
___ July 2 - 6		___ July 2-6	___ July 2-6
___ July 9-13	___ July 9-13		___ July 9-13
	___ July 16-20	___ July 16-20	___ July 16-20
___ July 23-27		___ July 23-27	___ July 23-27
___ July 30-Aug 3	___ July 30-Aug 3		___ July 30-Aug 3
	___ August 6-10	___ August 6-10	___ August 6-10

**Mail this form to:** Bergen County Zoo, 216 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652 Attn: Zoo Camp

Questions: email at [zoozoo@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:zoozoo@co.bergen.nj.us) or call at 201-634-3125