

Applicants selection

- On March 15, all applications will be reviewed by staff and volunteers.
- Applicants are selected based on a rubric score.
- Will not be selected for JZK camp if you have **previously** attended. You'll be put on a waiting list.

The carpool list

- Carpool lists are not allowed for this group. If you and a friend are selected together we will take that into account and try to place you the same week.

Medical conditions

- 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.

Clothing code

- Work boots and gloves.
- Light jacket for air-conditioned areas.
- Rain gear may be necessary. For rainy day activities



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Jr. ZOO KEEPER CAMP 2020

Summer 2020

Junior Zoo Keeper Camp is a week-long, half-day, program for children ages 13-18 years old. It is open only to Bergen County Residents or Bergen County Zoo Members.

Jr. Zoo Keepers will have hands on experience learning how a modern zoo cares for animals. Participants have used the experience as college admissions essays, resume activities, and experience for Veterinarian school admissions.



- Learn how to safely approach donkeys, move around them and understand grooming techniques.
- Learning what types of food are good for each domestic animal at the Zoo.
- Manage the daily food intake of every animal and make sure each animal is eating according to their diets .
- Spend time with hospital staff and learn what it takes to keep over 400 animals happy and healthy year round.
- Make sure that each animal is living in a safe and clean enclosure.
- Work alongside keeper trained staff.

- See first-hand how the Bergen County Zoo prepares for a storm and the many safety issue that need to be addressed daily.
- Create enrichment items for an animal exhibit and observe how the animals interact with the item.



FAQs

Application

- 1 per teen, Due March 15th.

Fees

- \$150 per child, Due April 30th. (no multi-child discount, Due not send with application, no extended due dates)

Electronics

- Please do ***not*** carry phones or other electronics at the camp as we will not be responsible for the care of these items.

What if I was in the camp already?

- In fairness to all applicants, we will place you on a waiting list to allow new campers on the roster. If there are open spots we will use the waiting list to fill openings prior June 1st.

Group information

- Camp groups have a 1:4 ratio.
- Groups are kept to a smaller size for safety reasons.