

# 2021 Caldwell Zoo Camp COVID Precautions

## Safety and Wellness (COVID CHANGES)

We thank you for considering at Caldwell Zoo's Summer Camp! We have worked hard to create a fun and safe environment for your children. Summer Camp will look a little different due to COVID-19 guidelines. Please read the document in its entirety to be prepared for Summer Camp for your child.

The safety and wellness of our participants is our top priority this year and every year. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have put new procedures in place for the safety of your campers, your family, Zoo staff, and the animals. If you have any concerns about our procedures for this summer, please contact us. As usual, for the safety of all participants, **do not send a sick child to class.**

## Specialized COVID-19 Changes

- Staff will wear masks indoors and when appropriate in close contact
- All class spaces and materials will be thoroughly cleaned at increased frequency
- Camps will be kept separate throughout the program to minimize exposure risk
- Pick up and drop off will be done in cars in order to minimize the interaction between family groups and to prevent non-program guests from interacting with participants
- We will conduct health screenings during drop off and students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or high temperatures will not be allowed to attend class
- We will call parents to pick up their children from class within the hour if they begin exhibiting any symptoms of illness as listed on our Emergency Contact Information & Policy/Liability Release Form
- In the event that a participant or zoo staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify the guardians of other participants while following privacy policies.

## Health Screening Procedures

The participant screening process will happen daily as follows: (1) guardians will be asked a series of COVID-19 specific health screening questions regarding their child, (2) participants will have their temperature taken, (3) participants will be observed for COVID-19 symptoms. Zoo staff will continue to monitor participants throughout the program for new symptoms. If participants display any symptoms, guardians answer yes to any of the questions, or their temperature is higher than 100.4 they will not be allowed entry to camp until cleared by a doctor. Refunds due to the daily screening are not available.

## Regarding Drop Off and Pick Up (COVID Changes)

### Drop Off

For drop off **please STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE if possible.** You may get out of your vehicle in the space around your car for goodbyes or to get children out of car seats. *We strongly request that you wear a facemask.* We will meet you and your child/children at the bus parking lot each afternoon of class. The bus parking lot is on Gentry Parkway, right beside the Sonic. You will form a drop off line leading to the curb where zoo staff will greet you. Zoo Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. The education specialists will open the

gates to bus parking at 8:50 a.m. The entry on Gentry Parkway has a tendency to get congested with participant cars. We suggest arriving as close to 8:50 a.m. as possible to avoid being backed up on the street. On the first day of camp, we will collect your paperwork including your Authorized Adult form, Emergency Contact Information & Policy/Liability Release Form. To expedite the check in process, we prefer that you print out and fill in these forms at home and have them ready to hand to zoo staff upon arrival.

After paperwork is filled out and the health screen is complete, **guardians will stay in the car** and participants will be sent to their designated camp.

**Pick Up**

Camp ends at 3:00 p.m. The bus lot gates will open at 3:00 p.m. Please form the same line of cars leading to the curb as you did during drop off.

All adults are required to show their ID daily to verify that they are listed on the Authorized Adult form to pick up that child. We will bring your child(ren) to your car.