Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Thank you for allowing your camper to attend summer camp at the Montgomery Zoo. It is our joy and pleasure to provide your camper with a summer wildlife adventure like none other.

At Camp Zoonique, we plan to provide your camper with an experience that will be fun, exciting, and also educational. We are going to take an insightful look into the five senses of our human bodies while comparing them to those same senses of our resident Zoo animals. Our goal is to discover what makes them unique and special while also discovering some of our own special and super powers.

Along with this packet, you have received a list of summer camp requirements, camp release form, disciplinary code, list of daily activities, and lunch schedule. Please go over this information with your camper so they are aware of the daily activities, and camp expectations. This should help answer some of your questions about our zoo camp.

Let me remind you, that many of our activities will be held outside. Please dress your camper appropriate for daily the temperatures and make sure to bring a water bottle. Also, if your camper has any special dietary needs, please make us aware and it may be best for you to provide the appropriate food and snacks for your camper.

Again, welcome to Camp Zoonique! We are looking forward to a wonderful summer at the Montgomery Zoo. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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ZOO SUMMER CAMP
PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Please see the summer camp release form that is included in your packet. We ask that you and your camper go over this form, sign it, and return it to the Education Department at check-in at the first day of camp. We must have this release form before your child can enter camp. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

• Drop off and pick up will be at the Front Gate of the Montgomery Zoo. A zoo representative will meet your child during these times.

  -- Full-day camp
  Drop-off times: 7:30am - 8am
  Pick up times: 5pm - 5:30pm

  -- Half-day camp
  Drop-off times: 7:30am - 8am
  Pick up times: 12pm (noon) - 12:30pm

Should you need to drop-off your camper late or pick-up your camper early, please make the camp director aware.

• You will be given two ID cards to pick up your camper each day. The card must be displayed on the dashboard of your car. The second card can be given to a spouse or friend who may be picking up your child. More cards can be requested before camp begins. We will not release your child to a person without a card.

• A lunch menu has been provided for full-day campers (page 6 of this document). Lunch is at 12pm (noon) daily. If your camper will not eat the lunch provided for the day or has dietary restrictions, you may want to send an alternate lunch. Snacks will be provided daily (one AM and one PM), but you may send an alternate snack as well.

• Please send a water bottle with your camper every day. If they don’t have one, we will provide cups for them to use. We always have a cooler of fresh cool water. Please talk to your camper about drinking lots of water during the day. It is very hot in the summer and we do spend some time outdoors.

• Tennis shoes are required for all campers. We do a lot of walking and spend time on the playground. Flip flops, sandals, and crocs tend to be hard to walk in and a safety hazard for children on the playground.

• Gift Shop day will be on Friday for every camp. Your camper will be given an opportunity to go to both gift shops (Front Gate Main Admissions and the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum). This is the only day that they will need money. Adult counselors are willing to hold money for the campers. If you would like us to hold your camper’s money, please place it in an envelope and label it with the camper’s name. We can only replace money if we are the ones that lost it.

• Please note: For insurance reasons and for the safety of all involved, the campers will not have any direct contact with the zoo animals.

• If you need to contact the zoo camp director or your camper, you may call the Zoo at (334) 625-4905 or (334) 306-4253. If it is an emergency, please call the Zoo’s Security staff at (334) 354-6243.
ZOO SUMMER CAMP
RELEASE STATEMENTS

Medication Waiver: I understand that camp staff will hold my child’s medication in a safe location. Camp staff is not responsible for reminding my child when to take medication, nor will they administer it to my child. It is my responsibility as Parent/Guardian to inform my child of proper dosage and release the Montgomery Zoo from any and all claims resulting from my child bringing medication to camp.

Authorization of Treatment: I hereby give my permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order treatment and necessary transportation for my child in case of emergency. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician to secure and administer treatment to my child.

Release Statement: I acknowledge that there are natural hazards associated with camp programs and related activities. I understand that this is an active camp and that many of the activities will take place outdoors on zoo grounds. I hereby affirm that my child is in good health and physically capable of performing the required activities of the camp. I hereby release and forever discharge the Montgomery Zoo from all claims of liability for any damages or injuries which may be sustained while my child is at camp.

Photo Release: I give my consent, to the Montgomery Zoo and the Montgomery Area Zoological Society, without compensation to me or the youth/applicant on this form to use any photographs or videotape taken of the youth/applicant on these form in future promotional or marketing materials of Montgomery Zoo.

__________________________________     _______________     ___________________
Parent/Guardian signature                                Date                                             Camp dates attending

Summer Camp Disciplinary Policy: Summer camp is meant to be a fun, educational and recreational activity. For the benefit of all campers, it is important that children behave appropriately within the summer camps. If it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action against a camper, the steps are outlined below.

1st incident: The camper will receive a verbal warning and an explanation as to why their behavior is inappropriate (whenever possible this will be done away from other campers).

2nd incident: Staff will determine an appropriate consequence for the camper’s action. For example, the camper may receive a time out or exclusion from participating in an activity. The camper’s parent/guardian will be notified of their behavior when they arrive to pick up the child.

3rd incident: The camper will be excused from camp without a tuition refund.

The Zoo Summer Camp Director and Zoo Director reserve the right to ban any child from zoo summer camp following a first incident in cases of serious behavior problems.
ZOO SUMMER CAMP
CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Camper Code of Conduct
In order to maintain a safe, peaceful, and positive zoo summer camp environment, we require parents/guardians and campers to read and comprehend the importance of abiding by the following code of conduct.

I will follow the camp schedule. I will bring only necessary items to camp (no weapons, no electronic items, no valuables, etc.) I will respect counselors, directors, other campers, and animals by following all proper behavior procedures. This includes, but is not limited to: foul language, name calling, bullying, teasing, and/or fighting. I will follow all safety rules set forth by the camp staff.

_________________________     _______________
Parent/Guardian signature                                Date

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Camper signature                                                    Date

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ZOO SUMMER CAMP
FULL-DAY LUNCH MENU

Lunch is served at the Overlook Cafe at 12pm (noon) daily. If your camper will not eat the lunch provided for the day, you may send an alternate lunch with them. Snacks will be provided daily, but you may send an alternate snack as well. Please see the daily menu below.

**Monday:** Hot Dog Combo

**Tuesday:** Pizza Combo

**Wednesday:** Hamburger Combo

**Thursday:** Ham/Cheese Wrap Combo

**Friday:** Chicken Nugget Combo

**Note:** All combos include chips, cookies and drinks (lemonade or water). On Friday, the cookie will be substituted for an ice cream sandwich.
ZOO SUMMER CAMP
MONDAY FULL-DAY DAILY ACTIVITIES

Today’s topic: Feathered friends

Intro to camp
-- Intro to each other and counselors
-- Name tags, shirts, rules, point system (win prizes), camp expectations

Zoo Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  1) Military macaw
  2) Ducks at Petting Zoo
  3) Condors
  4) Blue and gold macaw
  5) Bald eagle
  6) Rhea
  7) Q&A session (points)

Craft for the day
-- Button art, hand bird art for younger kids
-- Day 5 of painting backpack

Animal presentations at Education pavilion
-- presentation focus on animal senses, uniqueness, and super powers
-- all participants will have an opportunity to touch and feel the animals
  1) Phoenix, Harris hawk
  2) Gunner, red tail hawk
  3) Spec, White front Amazon
  4) Meep, Lady Ross Turaco
  5) Marina, Fruit bat
  6) Q&A session (points)

Extra outside activities
-- Gift shop day at Main GS and Museum
-- Cash in points for camp prizes
-- Train, parakeet cove, sky lift

Keeper talks
-- South America flight cage @10am
-- Old World Africa aviary @10:30am
-- Ostrich with enrichment @2pm

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
-- Noon lunch with drink

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ZOO SUMMER CAMP
TUESDAY FULL-DAY DAILY ACTIVITIES

Today’s topic: Spots and stripes

Animal presentations at Education pavilion
-- presentation focus on animal senses, uniqueness, and super powers
-- all participants will have an opportunity to touch and feel the animals
1) Kook, blue winged kookaburra
2) Dezzy, speckled king snake
3) Wendy, African serval
4) Anala, Australian dingo
5) Helena, great horned owl
6) Q&A session (points)

Zoo Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
1) Giraffe
2) Bengal tiger
3) Zebra
4) Jaguar
5) Emperor Angel fish
6) Museum (deer)
7) Q&A session (points)

Craft for the day
-- Giraffe painting and picture
-- Day 3 of painting backpack

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Train, playground, sky lift

Keeper talks
-- Giraffe Encounter @9:30am (split groups)
   Campers BTS tour, cable yard, each create painting, pic taken while giraffe painting their pic
-- BTS tour of Bengal tiger night quarters @9:30am (split groups)

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
-- Noon lunch with drink

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ZOO SUMMER CAMP
WEDNESDAY FULL-DAY DAILY ACTIVITIES

Today’s topic: Skin and scales

Animal presentations at Education pavilion
-- presentation focus on animal senses, uniqueness, and super powers
-- all participants will have an opportunity to touch and feel the animals
  1) Taz, bearded dragon
  2) Spud, iguana
  3) Homer, ball python
  4) Desoto, gopher tortoise
  5) Q&A session (points)

Zoo Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  1) African Spurred Tortoise
  2) Poison Dart Frog
  3) Alligators
  4) Turtles (flight cage)
  5) Dwarf caiman
  6) Museum (need name)
  7) Q&A session (points)

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Train ride, playground, sky lift ride

Craft for the day
-- Turtle shell (younger camps)
-- Turtle planter (older camps)
-- Day 1 of painting backpack

Keeper talks
-- Alligator feeding and keeper talk @10am
-- Reptile Facility tour lead by keeper @10:45am
-- Keeper talk at Cuban Iguana @ 2pm (enrichment provided to iguana)

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
-- Noon lunch with drink

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ZOO SUMMER CAMP
THURSDAY FULL-DAY DAILY ACTIVITIES

Today’s topic: Splash and slide

Flashlight Tour of Museum
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents, lights off, done prior to Museum opening
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  1) Elk
  2) Timberwolves
  3) Bison
  4) Polar bear
  5) Black bear
  6) Fish room
  7) Q&A session (points)

Craft for the day
-- Bubble art, watercolors
-- Day 4 of painting backpack

Zoo Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  1) Otters
  2) Pelicans
  3) Fiddler ray
  4) Purple Dottyback
  5) Fire fish
  6) Museum (orca)
  7) Q&A session (points)

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Train, petting zoo, sky lift
-- Splash pad
  -- bubbles, Beach balls, hoolahoops, music
  -- watermelon and popsicles

Keeper talks
-- Stingray Bay keeper talk and feeding @10am
-- Keeper talk at North American River Otters @ 2pm

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
-- Noon lunch with drink

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ALL CAMPERS REMEMBER TO BRING A SWIMSUIT, TOWEL, and CHANGE OF CLOTHES. THURSDAY IS SPLASH PAD DAY!
ZOO SUMMER CAMP
FRIDAY FULL-DAY DAILY ACTIVITIES

Today’s topic: Trunks and tails

Craft for the day
-- Elephant milk jugs
-- Build enrichment item for Chimps
-- Day 2 of painting backpack

Zoo Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents
-- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  1) Rhino
  2) Peacock
  3) Banded cat shark
  4) Hippo
  5) African hoofstock
  6) Museum (turkey)
  7) Q&A session (points)

Walking Zoo Tour
-- focus on animal senses, uniqueness, and super powers
-- break-up into small groups
  1) Tamarins
  2) Spider monkeys
  3) Siamangs
  4) Lemurs
  5) Chimps (enrichment item)
  6) Q&A session (points)

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Petting zoo, parakeet cove

Keeper talks
-- Elephant feeding and keeper talk @10:30am
-- Spider monkeys feeding and keeper talk @1:30pm
-- Chimp keeper talk (enrichment provided to chimps)

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
-- Noon lunch with drink

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ALL CAMPERS REMEMBER TO MONEY FOR SOVENIRS AND KEEPSAKES. FRIDAY IS SHOPPING AT THE ZOO GIFT SHOPS DAY!