



2021 Erie Zoo Summer Camp Plan: Covid-19

As the Erie Zoo prepares to embark upon a summer camp season like no other, we know parents, children and the community are concerned about continuing to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19 while acknowledging the need to start returning to some activities that are important for the physical and mental well-being of all. Erie Zoo does not undertake a camp season in these circumstances lightly and to do it safely, following the guidelines of CDC will require significant adjustments in all aspects of camp. In an effort to protect campers and our animals, the Erie Zoo has made the difficult decision to exclude ambassador animals from the classroom. This is to protect both campers and animals from potential spread. For the safety of our animals, keeper staff, and campers; job shadowing and behind the scenes experiences are suspended. The Erie Zoo Team is working on creative ways to incorporate animals without putting anyone at risk. The following list is our 2021 Erie Zoo Summer Camp Plan to ensure a healthy and safe camp environment for campers, their families and our staff.

Screening Staff

- Employees are not to report to work if they are experiencing the following symptoms:
 - Fever, cough, body aches, fatigue, and difficulty breathing
- Temperatures will be taken at arrival
 - Temperature of 100.4 or greater- sent home and must test negative for Covid-19 before returning to work

Camper Check In

- Check in will occur at the Education Entrance
 - Please maintain social distance in line at check-in table
 - Parents will be given passwords for child pick up
 - We will have a no contact sign in and out system
 - All adults must wear a mask when picking up and dropping off campers
 - Parents will not be permitted to escort their children to and from the classrooms
 - The camp staff will assist with bringing the campers into our rooms
 - Please ring doorbell if running late or coming early



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Pick Up/Drop Off Times

- Drop off times are from 7:45-8:30 AM
- Pick up Times are from 3:30-4:00 PM
- Early pick-ups or late arrivals need to be scheduled in advance with zoo camp staff
- Please ring doorbell if early or late

Screening Campers

- Prior to being allowed to enter the camp each day campers will:
 - Be screened for symptoms
 - Verify that no one in household has tested positive for Covid-19 or is awaiting test results
 - Temperature screened using a no contact thermometer
 - Given hand sanitizer

Face Masks

- All Erie Zoo Staff will be required to wear a mask
- All efforts will be made to follow the PA Department of Health guidelines for children wearing masks.

Safety Actions

- Social Distancing will encouraged and spacing will be a consideration for all activities
- Campers will be reminded to keep hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth
- Camp groups will consist of the same children and staff all week as consistently as possible
- Camp group size has been reduced to 50%
- Handwashing will be encouraged frequently as well as the use of sanitizer
- Camper will need to bring own lunches to camp.
 - The zoo will provide one prepackaged snack a day
- Each camper will be assigned their own set of items to use during the week
 - Markers, crayons, scissors and glue sticks
- Specialized equipment will be disinfected after each use by a group

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Safety Actions Continued

- Camper's personal belongings must go home every day. No toys or electronics will be permitted.
 - All personal items should fit in a back pack that has been labeled with your child's name
- Classroom seating arranged to allow for spacing between campers if possible.
 - Campers may have an assigned seat in the classroom
- Camp staff will disinfect non-porous workspaces, tabletops and counters after each use.
- If a camper becomes sick we will move them to an isolation area until picked up.
- Any camper or staff that shows symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 or has been in contact with anyone confirmed to have Covid-19, will not be permitted to attend camp until all CDC steps are followed
- Camp staff will be trained and follow CDC protocols

These guidelines are subject to change throughout the summer. Please continue to watch our website www.eriezoo.org for updates. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email the below staff.

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