Dear Parents,

During Summer Safari Camps, the Virginia Zoo gives campers the opportunity to spend time among amazing animals from across the globe. Each week is an exciting new adventure as we explore the wonderful world of animals.

A Typical Camp Day Includes:
- Hikes through the zoo
- Behind the scenes experiences
- Meet and greets with program animal ambassadors
- Crafts, Games and Learning activities

Safari Camp instructors are thoroughly prepared to provide your campers with an awesome week of camp! They are excited to share animals and nature with kids of all ages, and are trained in conservation education, classroom management, special needs, and First Aid/CPR.

Our camp programs are inclusive and encourage campers of all abilities and learning styles to learn at their own pace. A few activities may be overstimulating for campers who are sensory-sensitive. If you have concerns about whether Safari Camp is a good fit for your camper, please contact the Camp and Overnight Program Coordinator.

All Safari Camp programs support Virginia Standards of Learning and Next Generation Science Standards. A summary of learning topics for each program is available upon request.

Please reference the Frequently Asked Questions page for more information about the Safari Camp program.

For questions about registration, schedules, pricing and discounts, contact the Office Manager, Judy Totten, at vazoo.education@norfolk.gov or 757.441.2374 ext. 229

For questions about camp-specific activities and learning objectives, or to determine if Safari Camp is a good fit for your child, contact the Camp and Overnight Program Coordinator, Kylie Wash, at kyle.wash@norfolk.gov or 757.441.2374 ext. 228.

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ABOUT CAMP

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DETAILS

DRESS: All Summer Safari camp participants receive two Safari Camp shirts and must wear them every day of camp. Additional shirts will be available for purchase.

LUNCH: Campers must bring their lunch each day, as there will not be an opportunity to purchase food. We encourage campers’ lunches be waste-free and packed in reusable containers whenever possible. Refrigeration is not available; however, all lunches are kept in an air-conditioned room. Campers can recycle paper, aluminum and plastics. Please do not use glass containers.

PRICES AND REGISTRATION

EARLY EXPLORERS KINDERGARTEN CAMP: $180/members & $210/non-members.

SUMMER SAFARI CAMP (GRADES 1-8): $300/members & $350/non-members.

SAFARI EDVENTURE CAMP: Per day: $75/members & $90/non-members; Full week: $235/members & $250/non-members.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: The Virginia Zoological Society reserves the right to cancel a session due to insufficient enrollment. In that case, you will receive a full refund. If you must cancel, you must do so at least 3 weeks from the camp start date in order to receive an 80% refund. Registration fees will not be refunded for cancellations made less than three weeks before camp. Refunds will not be provided in the event that a camper is sent home and not allowed to return for a serious or chronic behavioral problem.

CAMPER CHECK OUT POLICY:

Camp check out begins promptly at 4:00 pm and ends at 4:15 pm (12:00-12:15 pm for Early Explorers Kindergarten Camp and 2:45 for Safari Edventure Camp). After Care is available to Summer Safari Campers until 5:00 pm for an additional fee. Campers not picked up by 4:15 are automatically placed in After Care and the program fee will be charged. After Care is not available for Early Explorers Kindergarten Camp or Safari Edventure Camp. A valid photo ID is required for camper pickup each day.

Campers in After Care not picked up by 5 pm are subject to additional late fees ($25 for every 15 mins late). If you anticipate a late arrival for check in, please call the staff as soon as possible to avoid late fees. Please note that the Zoo closes at 5 pm.
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SUMMER SAFARI AFTER CAMP
The Virginia Zoo offers After Camp for Campers until 5 pm every day. This after camp extension is a time to keep learning about the Zoo and hang out with your favorite instructors!

PRICES AND REGISTRATION:
Full week: $75/members & $100/non-members.
Per day: $25/member & $30/non-member.
Any campers not picked up by 4:15pm will automatically be placed into Summer Safari After Camp and charged. Any campers not picked up by 5:15pm will be charged an additional $25 per 15 minutes. Please note that the Zoo closes at 5:00 pm.

SUMMER SAFARI CAMP SESSION DATES

Session 1: June 22 - 26
Session 2: June 29 - July 3
Session 3: July 6 - 10
Session 4: July 13 - 17*
Session 5: July 20 - 24
Session 6: July 27 - 31
Session 7: August 3 - 7*
Session 8: August 10 - 14
Session 9: August 17-21

*MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEKS: 20% off for active duty and retired military and first responder personnel with valid government-issued ID. Valid ID must be presented on first day of camp.

SUMMER SAFARI CAMP 2020 DAILY SCHEDULE

EARLY EXPLORERS KINDERGARTEN CAMP: Half day camp, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Drop off begins at 8:45 am. Pickup ends at 12:15 pm. After Care is not available for this program.

SAFARI EDVENTURE CAMP: 9:30 am -2:30 pm. Check in begins at 9:15 am. After Care is not available for this program.

SUMMER SAFARI CAMP (GRADES 1-8): Full day camp, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Drop off begins at 8:45 am. Pickup ends at 4:15. After Camp care is available until 5:00 pm. Campers not picked up by 4:15pm will automatically be shifted into the After Camp program.
Early Explorers Kindergarten Camp is a half-day program for kindergarten-aged children. For purposes of this program, “kindergarten-aged” is defined as no younger than four and entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2020.

**FURRY TAILS**
Bibbidi bobbidi ZOO! Join us on a magical journey as we explore the animals in our favorite fairy tales. Stories will come to life as campers meet charming frog princes and delightful dragons in their adventures through the zoo.

*Date: June 29 – July 3*

**ALPHABET ZOOOP**
From apes to zebras, learn the ABCs of zoo life. We’ll B sure to have lots of fun and C lots of animals as we learn our letters and numbers!

*Date: July 13 - 17*

**TIME:** 9 am – 12 pm. Drop off starts at 8:45am. Pick up ends at 12:15pm

**PRICES AND REGISTRATION:**
Full Week: $180/members  
$210/non-members

*Military Appreciation Week (July 13-17): 20% off for active duty and retired military and first responder personnel with valid government-issued ID. Valid ID must be presented on first day of camp.*
Safari Edventure Camp is an inclusive program for campers with special needs and a caregiver or aide.*This program is recommended for students in grades 1-6.

**TIME:** 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Check in starts at 9:15am

**DATE:** July 20 – 24

**PRICES AND REGISTRATION:**
- Per day: $75/members & $90/non-members
- Full week: $235/members & $250/non-members.
- To register, email kyle.wash@norfolk.gov

**SCHEDULE:**
- **July 20 – Furocious Friends:** Hair, Hair, Everywhere! Find out all about our furocious animal friends as we explore the marvelous world of mammals!
- **July 21 – No Bones About It:** What, an animal without a skeleton?! Delve into the squirmy, squishy and crunchy world of invertebrates. It’s okay, they were “bone” this way!
- **July 22 – Things with Wings:** Come wing it with us as we discover all things wings! With birds, bats, and bugs, the sky’s the limit on fun!
- **July 23 – Scales and Rails:** Topple the scales on fun as we explore the wild world of reptiles and take a snaking journey around the zoo on the train!
- **July 24 – Hop, Skip, and Jump:** How high can a wallaby jump? How fast can a cheetah run? Learning is just a hop, skip, and jump away as we explore how animals move!

* If your camper requires 1:1 assistance and you are unable to provide an aide, please contact the Camp and Overnight Program Coordinator.
1-2 Grade:
**ZOO DETECTIVES**
Zoodunnit? Campers will use their detective skills as they follow the trail to solve the mysteries of the animal kingdom. Work with the Director of the ZIA (Zoo Intelligence Agency) to follow clues, solve puzzles, and crack the case to earn your Virginia Zoo Detective Badge! **Sessions: July 6-10, July 20-24, and August 3-7***

**ARTSY ANIMALS**
Creativity runs wild at the Virginia Zoo! Be inspired by our animals and use your animal instincts to create art, music, dance, and drama. For nature enthusiasts, animal lovers, and budding artists, this camp offers the perfect opportunity to explore your artistic side! **Sessions: July 13-17***, July 27-31, and August 10-14

3-5 Grade:
**MYTHS AND MONSTERS**
Bigfoot, dragons, megalodons, and dinosaurs: need I say more? Travel back in time or deep into your imagination to meet notorious beasts in history and folklore. Discover the science behind fantastic myths and investigate real monsters that went extinct long ago. Over the course of the week, campers will become cryptozoologists, storytellers, and myth-busters as they explore some of the most impressive species that ever lived. **Sessions: June 22-26, July 6-10, and August 3-7***

**EPOCH ADVENTURES**
Do you have a future in time travel? Join the Time Voyagers on their adventures through the Virginia Zoo to discover animals throughout time. Journeying from the beginning of life on Earth to the distant future, time travelers will explore animal adaptations, Earth patterns and change, and the depths of their imaginations. It's going to be epoch! **Sessions: June 29-July 3, July 27-31, and August 17-21**

6-8 Grade
**JR. ZOOKEEPERS**
Have you ever wanted to know if you have what it takes to be a zookeeper? Come find out in this in-depth look at everything zookeepers do: from feeding animals and cleaning exhibits, to conservation and animal research. Campers will get down and dirty as we scoop poop and take care of our animals here at the Virginia Zoo. **Sessions: June 22-26, June 29-July 3, and August 17-21**

**TECH TREK**
Did you know your smartphone could be a command center for conservation? Explore the impact of technology on animal care and conservation at the Zoo, in your neighborhood, and around the world. We’ll dive into radio tagging, robot animal cams, augmented reality, community science and more in this dynamic, hands-on STEM program. **Sessions: July 13-17*** and August 10-14

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CAMP FAQS

**HOW DO I REGISTER?** Book online or call VA Zoo education at 757.441.2374, ext. 229.

**WHAT TIME IS EACH CAMP?** Full day camps for grades 1-8 run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Early Explorer Kindergarten Camps run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Safari Edventure programs run from 9:30 to 2:30 pm.

**WHAT IS THE COST?** Camp programs vary. See individual listings for pricing information.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED?** The registration fee includes a Safari Camp t-shirt and two daily snacks. A typical camp day includes hikes through the zoo, behind the scenes encounters with exhibit animals, meet and greets with program animal ambassadors, crafts, games, and learning activities. Campers provide their own lunches.

**CAN I REGISTER FOR A SINGLE DAY?** Those interested in K-8 Summer Safari Camp programs register for the whole week. Campers interested in Safari Edventure Camp can register for single days or the full week. School’s Out Safari Camps register per day, and limited bundling packages may be available.

**CAN I GET A DISCOUNT?** Active military and first responders can receive a 20% discount on camp registration during Summer Safari Military Appreciation weeks (July 13-17 and August 3-7). To receive the discount, register online and use promo code “Military” at checkout. Valid government-issued ID must be presented on the first day of camp to verify discount.

**DOES THE VIRGINIA ZOO OFFER AFTER CAMP CARE?** We offer After Camp until 5:00pm every day. A full week of After Camp costs $75/members & $100/non-members, and per day costs $25/members & $30/non-members. After Care is not available for Early Explorers Kindergarten Camp or Safari Edventure Camp.

**HOW STRICT ARE THE AGE DIVISIONS?** Camp curricula are designed specifically for the advertised age group. Grade levels listed refer to rising grade levels (i.e. 1st-2nd grade camps are appropriate for rising 1st and 2nd grade students). Kindergarten campers must be four years old by the first day of camp to abide by Virginia State Law, and Early Explorers campers must present a birth certificate at check-in on the first day of camp to verify their age. A copy of the birth certificate is acceptable. Campers in grades 1-8 do not need to provide a birth certificate.

**WHY CAN’T CAMPERS YOUNGER THAN FOUR ATTEND SAFARI CAMP?** We cannot accommodate children younger than four because we are not a licensed daycare facility. Under Virginia State law, children under 4 may not attend week-long camp programs without the facility being licensed.

**WHY IS KINDERGARTEN CAMP ONLY OFFERED FOR A HALF DAY?** We cannot accommodate full day kindergarten camps because we are not a licensed daycare facility. Under Virginia State law, children under 6 may not attend week-long, full day camp programs without the facility being licensed.

**WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUMMER SAFARI AND SAFARI EDVENTURES?** Safari Edventure Camps are inclusive programs specifically designed for campers with special needs in grades 1-6. The programs feature smaller group sizes and more individualized activities, and campers may attend with a caregiver or an aide. Summer Safari Camp programs are also inclusive and encourage campers of all abilities and learning styles to learn at their own pace; however, a few activities may be overstimulating for campers who are sensory-sensitive. If you are unsure which program is the best fit for your camper, contact the Camp and Overnight Program Coordinator.

**DOES MY CAMPER HAVE TO ATTEND MULTIPLE WEEKS?** The dates listed for each camp indicate the weeks that the camp is offered. All camps are one week long, and the activities remain the same throughout the summer.

**WHAT DOES MY CAMPER NEED TO BRING?** Lunch (except Early Explorers Campers), water bottle, sunscreen, hat, and closed-toe shoes. Campers should dress for the weather. Closed-toe shoes are a requirement since campers will be entering behind-the-scenes animal areas daily.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Safari Camp is held rain or shine. If you should wish to cancel, cancellation must be received at least three weeks before the camp start date to receive an 80% refund. Registration fees will not be refunded if cancelled less than three weeks before the camp start date. The Virginia Zoo reserves the right to cancel or change any program. Programs that have not met the minimum number of participants within the week of the program may be cancelled. In the event that we cancel your program, a full refund will be issued and individuals will be contacted directly.

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LET’S GET WILD!

The Virginia Zoo’s Summer Safari Camps are entertaining, educational and unforgettable! Children enjoy and engage in activities, learning, and experiences in their specific themed camp.

WE CAN’T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

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