

ZooCamp Social Story

I'm going to ZooCamp!

ZooCamp has a special entrance that is not where we usually go into the zoo.



When I get to the zoo on the first day of ZooCamp, my grown-up and I will pick up my camp shirt and drop off my paperwork at a table outside, in front of the entrance.



We only have to do this on the first day of ZooCamp!

We will write my name on my shirt.

I will wear my shirt to camp every day, like all the other campers.

Today I can change my shirt in the car, in the classroom, or in the bathroom.



My grown-up and I will wait in line to sign in to ZooCamp.



Once I am signed in, my grown-up can come into the room with me, or I can go in by myself.
There is a tree in the classroom, and animals in tanks, and tables and chairs.



There are cubbies where I can put things that I have with me,
like my water bottle and my lunch.



During check-in, there will be lots of campers and their grown-ups in the room.

The first part of camp is free time, and I can choose from many activities. If I need to sit quietly at a table or wear headphones to help with the noise, I can.



My grown-up will say goodbye to me during check-in,
so I can have my own ZooCamp adventure.
There are still people here who can help me!
I can ask the camp teachers or the Junior ZooKeepers if I need help.

The camp teachers wear
dark blue shirts with collars.



The Junior ZooKeepers wear
light blue t-shirts.



After check-in is done, we will split into two groups.
One group will stay in the classroom for their lesson.



The other group will go out to the picnic shelter for their lesson.



Every day at ZooCamp is a little different, but we might play games outside.



We might do activities in the classroom.



We might make a craft or an art project.



Every day, we will have two snacks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
I can bring my own snack, or I can have the same snack as the rest of the campers.



Every day, we will walk in the zoo to see animals on exhibit.



Right before lunch every day, we will meet an ambassador animal.
There might be a lot of people in the classroom during this,
but we will all sit and listen while the animal is presented.



Not all of the animals we will meet can be touched.
If the animal can be touched, I can choose if I want to touch or not.

We will have lunch every day in the classroom.

The camp teachers will put on a movie for us.

We will eat our own lunches and will not share our food with other campers.



After lunch, we will do more of the same things as the morning,
like activities, games, crafts, and a zoo tour.



Once during our whole camp, we will ride the Carousel.



Once during our whole camp, we will feed the goats at the farm.



The last thing we will do every day in camp is meet another ambassador animal.
There might be a lot of people in the classroom during this,
but we will all sit and listen while the animal is presented.



Not all of the animals we will meet can be touched.
If the animal can be touched, I can choose if I want to touch or not.

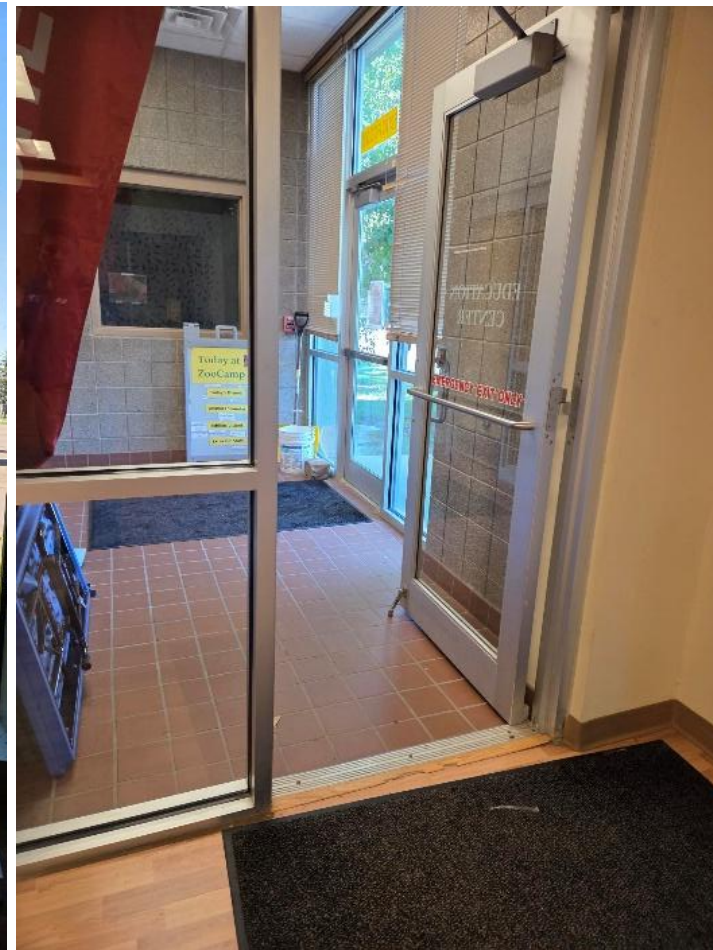
After the animal is done, it is time for check-out.

This is free time for the campers, so it will probably be noisy again.

I can wear headphones if I need to, and I can sit at the tables if I want.



During check-out, I might see my grown-up through the window or the door. I will not run out to them. I will wait in the classroom until my grown-up comes in to get me.



There is a board as I leave with a list of what we did,
so my grown-up can ask me about my day in ZooCamp on our way home!



I can tell them all about my day at ZooCamp!