Parent Information Packet

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

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

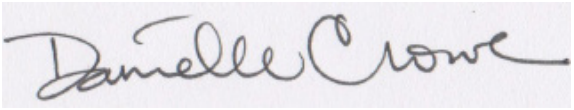
At Zoofari Winter Camp, we plan to provide your camper with an experience that will be fun, exciting, and also educational. Each day we will explore winter through a different theme with discovery stations, investigations, scavenger hunts, keeper talks, and animal presentations.

In this packet, you have received a list of 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 camp.

Let me remind you, that many of our activities will be held outside. Please dress your camper appropriately for the daily temperatures and weather conditions. If your camper has any special dietary needs, please make us aware. If it is best for you to provide the appropriate food and snacks for your camper, please feel free to do so.

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

Sincerely,



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Please see the Zoofari Winter 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 Mann Museum Private Events Entrance at 325 Vandiver Drive. Please follow the signs when entering the parking lot for drop-off and pick-up.

A zoo representative will meet your child during these times:

Drop-off times: 8am - 8:30 am
Pick up times: 4:30 pm - 5 pm

• We do offer extended care for those who may need to drop off earlier or pick up later for an additional $5 per day. If you need to register for this service, please contact our camp director at 334-625-4909 or dcrowe@montgomeryal.gov.

A zoo representative will meet your child during these times for extended care:

Extended Care
Drop-off times: 7:30 am - 8 am
Pick up times: 5 pm - 5:30 pm

Should you need to drop off later than 8:30 am or pick up earlier than 4:30 pm, please inform our camp director.

• 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. We will not release your child to a person without a card unless you have made arrangements with our camp director, and that person must produce a valid ID card.

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• A lunch menu has been provided for each day of camp *(page 7 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 and drinks will be provided daily (one AM and one PM), but you may send an alternate snack as well.

• Your camper will be provided a souvenir water bottle labeled with his/her name on the first day of camp. This bottle will be used throughout your camper's time with us, and will remain in our classroom at the end of each day. At the end of your camper's last day with us, the water bottle will go home as a souvenir of camp. This will ensure that each camper has a water bottle every day. We always have a cooler of fresh cool water. Please talk to your camper about drinking lots of water during the day. It is important to stay hydrated throughout the day!

• 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.

• Please dress your child accordingly for the weather. Winters in Montgomery can vary in temperatures and are sometimes wet. We often need raincoats, and potentially a change of clothes should we get caught in a rainstorm. Please feel free to send these items in a backpack to be kept in our classroom should we need them at any point during the day.

• Gift Shop Day will be on Friday (12/26 & 1/2) of each week. 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) 354-6034 or (334) 625-4905. If it is an emergency, please call the Zoo's Security staff at (334) 354-6243.

ZOOFARI WINTER 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 claim 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

Zoofari Camp Disciplinary Policy: Zoofari 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 Zoofari Camp Director and Zoo Director reserve the right to ban any child from zoo camp following a first incident in cases of serious behavior problems.

ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Camper Code of Conduct
In order to maintain a safe, peaceful, and positive Zoofari 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, only allowed 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

_____ _____
Camper signature Date

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
LUNCH MENU

Lunch is served at the Overlook Cafe at 12pm daily. If your camper will not eat the lunch provided for the day, please send an alternate lunch with them. Snacks will be provided twice daily (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). You may send an alternate and/ or extra snack as well.

Please see the daily menu below.

Week 1

Monday 12/22: Chicken fingers with fries, Tummy Yummy juice, cookie

Tuesday 12/23: Hamburger with fries, Tummy Yummy juice, ice cream

Wednesday 12/24: Cheese pizza with chips, Tummy Yummy juice, cookie

Friday 12/26: Hot Dog with chips, Tummy Yummy juice, ice cream

Week 2

Monday 12/29: Chicken fingers with fries, Tummy Yummy juice, cookie

Tuesday 12/30: Hamburger with fries, Tummy Yummy juice, ice cream

Wednesday 12/31: Cheese pizza with chips, Tummy Yummy juice, cookie

Friday 1/2: Hot Dog with chips,, Tummy Yummy juice, ice cream

ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
MONDAY 12/22 ACTIVITES

Intro to camp
-- Intro to each other and counselors
-- Name tags, shirts, rules, camp expectations

Scavenger Hunt
-- *lead by Counselors*

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- *all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:*
1) Anala - Australian Dingo
2) Spud - Rhinoceros Iguana
3) Lyra - Turkey Vulture

Keeper talks
-- Waters of the World
-- Binturong

STEAM Activities
-- ADEM Enviroscape
-- Shoebox Holiday Parade planning and building (will go on display on 12/24)

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

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

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
TUESDAY 12/23 ACTIVITES

Scavenger Hunt
-- *lead by Counselors*

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- *all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:*
1) Oso - Kinkajou
2) Gunner - Red-tailed Hawk
3) Wendy - African Serval Cat

Keeper talks
-- Bengal Tiger
-- Maned wolves/ Giant anteaters

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Shoebox Holiday Parade planning and building (will go on display on 12/24)

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest & socialization time)

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
WEDNESDAY 12/24 ACTIVITES

Theme of the Day: Christmas Eve Pajama Day
(Wear your favorite Christmas PJs today!!!)

Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Counselors

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
1) Ember - Crested Gecko
2) Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches
3) Ma Cherie - Red River Hog

Keeper talks
-- African Elephant
-- African Lion

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Miscellanous craft time

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest & socialization time)
-- Christmas Eve party with lunch, gingerbread house decorating, and hot cocoa

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
FRIDAY 12/26 ACTIVITES

Scavenger Hunt
-- *lead by Counselors*

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- *all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:*
1) Tammy, Loretta, & Conway - Sugar Gliders
2) Ike - Brush-tailed Bettong
3) Banjo - Virginia Opossum

Keeper talks
-- Snow Leopard
-- Elephant/ Rhinoceros Behind the Scenes Tour

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Miscellaneous craft time

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

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

ALL CAMPERS REMEMBER TO BRING MONEY FOR SOUVENIRS AND KEEPSAKES.
FRIDAYS IS SHOPPING AT THE ZOO GIFT SHOPS DAY!

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
MONDAY 12/29 ACTIVITES

Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Counselors

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
1) Redd - Military Macaw
2) Spec - White-fronted Amazon Parrot
3) Donald, Huey, Luey, & Duey - Dart Frogs

Keeper talks
-- Waters of the World
-- Flamingo Behind the Scenes Tour

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Miscellaneous craft time

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

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

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
TUESDAY 12/30 ACTIVITES

Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Counselors

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
1) Chelsea - Patagonian Mara
2) Albus - Turkey
3) Kook - Blue-winged Kookaburra

Keeper talks
-- Bengal Tiger
-- Maned Wolves/ Giant Anteaters

STEAM Activities
-- Winter STEAM Activities
-- Miscellaneous craft time

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

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

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
WEDNESDAY 12/31 ACTIVITES

Theme of the Day: Wild New Year's Eve

Scavenger Hunt
-- lead by Zooteens and Docents

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
1) Bandit - Pueblan Milksnake
2) Dezzy - Desert Kingsnake

Keeper talks
-- African Elephant
-- Africn Lion

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Bouncy Balls for Noon Year's Eve ball drop party

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

Food / beverages
-- AM and PM snack with drink (rest & socialization time)
-- Noon Year's Eve party with lunch, cake, and sparkling juice

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ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP
FRIDAY 1/2 ACTIVITES

Scavenger Hunt
-- *lead by Counselors*

Animal Ambassador presentations
-- *all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:*
1) Desoto - Gopher Tortoise
2) Neema - Black-throated Monitor

Keeper talks
-- Snow Leopard
-- Indian Rhinoceros

STEAM Activities
-- Winter themed STEAM Activities
-- Miscellaneous craft time

Extra outside activities
-- Game/Conversation time
-- Sky lift
-- Playground

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

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