

ZOO CAMP

at FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Camp is an inclusive experience!

All of our lessons and activities are age-appropriate and designed for multiple learning styles. While we encourage campers to participate in all activities as planned, we are able to provide some accommodations for campers with special needs.

Is camp a right fit for my child?

Our program is likely a good fit for your child to attend if:

- **They are predominantly independent** (*must be able to eat, use the restroom, and dress themselves independently*).
- **They have an effective communication system that they can use independently or with minimal assistance.**
- **They can actively participate in a group setting without negatively impacting other group participants.**
Inappropriate behaviors include running away, kicking, hitting, pinching or biting, displays of consistent defiant behavior (*this includes, but is not limited to the following: constant refusal to stand in a line, constant refusal to participate in a variety of activities, constant refusal to abide by classroom rules*)
- **They do not possess a serious medical problem that requires a nurse or qualified health aide for constant supervision.**

We ask that you please provide camp staff with any information that will help us help your child to have a successful and enjoyable experience at Zoo Camp. (*Please provide information through the registration pages online, or by a separate email with the Program Manager.*)

If your child has special needs and requires one-on-one supervision, they are still welcome to attend camp! We would require the camper to attend with an aide or caregiver (*who will attend camp at no additional charge*). Please contact the Zoo Education office to discuss your family's needs prior to completing camper registration*.

Please note that the zoo does not employ specific individuals certified or extensively trained in Special Education. However, our camp instructors do receive pre-camp training that includes some basic skills for working with children who have special needs.

****Please note: our program is a drop off program. We cannot accommodate families who want to stay with their camper for reasons other than special needs accommodations.***

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