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# School Break Camp Information Packet



Up-close animal encounters, train/carousel ride, guided tours, fun playing in the water fountains (Spring Break Camps Only)...the best place for fun is at a Birmingham Zoo Camp!

We have exciting full-day (8:30am to 4pm) camps available for children 4k to 5th grade.

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## Pricing for Camp, Lunch, Before Care and After Care

Register online at [www.birminghamzoo.com/education](http://www.birminghamzoo.com/education)

Questions? Call 205-397-3877 or email [camps@birminghamzoo.com](mailto:camps@birminghamzoo.com)



### Camp Pricing

#### Member Pricing

\$45 per day of camp

#### Non-member Pricing

\$55 per day of camp

### Lunch - \$7 per day

Lunch is an option for full-day camps only. Lunch options may include a hotdog, baked chicken nuggets, turkey wrap, cheese quesadilla, or hamburger lunch with chips and a drink. Campers may also bring their lunch. We have a camp refrigerator if necessary.

### Before and After Camp Care

Before care times are 7:30am to 8:30am and after care times are 4pm to 5:30pm. Before and after care charges will occur for campers being dropped off before 8:00am and picked up after 4:15pm. A charge of \$1 for each minute a camper is not picked up begins at 5:30pm. All campers must be picked up by 6 pm.

Per day of camp:

Before Care: Members: \$2 - Non-members: \$3

After Care: Members: \$8 - Non-members: \$10

### Regulations and Refunds

Each day of camp is a separate fee. Open spots can be seen in the registration system. We do not take unpaid reservations. We reserve the right to combine or cancel a camp with insufficient numbers.

If you need to cancel or transfer a camp to another session, call or email the Education Department as soon as possible. Refunds, minus a \$10 processing fee per transaction, may be given when the refund request is 48 hours or more before the start of the camp in question. If a refund is requested within 48 hours of the camp in question, no refund will be given. When possible, we can transfer a camper to another session, although transfer requests are based on availability and cannot be guaranteed.

If a customer would like a refund for lunch, before care and after care, but is planning on keeping their child in camp, a refund may be given for one or more of those options. Refunds for lunch, before care and after care must be requested 48 hours in advance of the camp in question. Lunch, Before Care and After Care may not be transferred to another camp.

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## Camp Descriptions

Camps are listed by date.

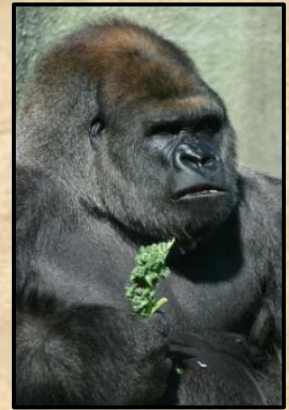
Register online at [www.birminghamzoo.com/education](http://www.birminghamzoo.com/education)

### **Important:**

All campers must have a completed *sign-in/out form* with them on the first day of camp. [Click here to go to the sign-in/out form.](#)

### **While attending School Break Camps, campers can experience:**

- Train and/or Carousel Ride (as weather permits)
- Fun Playing in the Water Fountains (Spring Break Camps Only)
- Crafts and Activities
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours
- Mid-morning and Mid-afternoon Snacks
- Live Animal Demonstrations
- Animal Artifacts (Biofacts)



### **January 16th, 2012 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Lions, Tigers, Elephants, Rhinos and Giraffes, OH MY!!**

Learn about the tallest, fastest, smartest and slowest animals at the Zoo. This camp is a great opportunity for kids to see animals in the winter, explore the Zoo, and make a craft.

### **February 20th, 2012 – President's Day – Talk Like the Animals!**

Campers will explore the wild world of animals and take part in the Zoo's animal Presidential and Vice-Presidential electoral process as they vote for their favorite animal candidates.



### **Spring Break Camps**

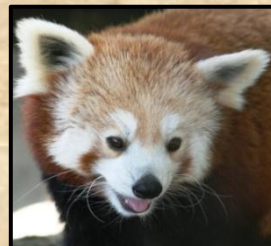
Each day campers will learn about different animals and topics. There will be fun activities, crafts and tours every day and campers will meet and see some of the Zoo's animals up-close during camp. Campers may even bring their bathing suits to play in the water fountains provided the weather cooperates.

#### **Dates**

3/19/2012  
3/20/2012  
3/21/2012  
3/22/2012  
3/23/2012

#### **Topics**

How Animals Got Their Names  
World Travelers (Migrations)  
1 Foot, 2 Foot, 3 Foot or 4?  
A Rainbow of Colors  
How I Get My Dinner!



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## **A Day in the Life of a Camper – An Example Schedule**

This schedule is meant to be used as an example, and does not guarantee a camper will experience everything on this schedule. There are example activities within this schedule that may or may not be available depending on the weather, and the availability of staff, animals and Zoo grounds.

- **8:30 – 8:45 am--Camper Check-in**  
All campers check-in at designated area then report to the teacher assigned to them at check-in.
- **8:45 – 9:00 am--Handout Supplies and Fill Water Bottles**  
Camp teachers and volunteers lead groups to their classroom and begin handing out camp materials.
- **9:00 – 9:30 am--Guided Tour**  
Camp teachers and volunteers will guide campers through sections of the Zoo (ex: Predators, Alabama Wilds, Trails of Africa, etc.) and educate them on the animals they visit.
- **9:30 – 9:45 am--Live animal Demonstration**  
Adult volunteers or Zoo staff provide live animal demonstrations for the campers. Campers may have the opportunity to touch some of the animals shared.
- **9:45 – 10:05 am--Snack/Restroom Break**  
Teachers choose the time and location that is most suitable for their campers to have snack. Snacks may vary from one day to the next.
- **10:05– 10:30 am--Carousel/Train Ride**  
Campers will have the opportunity to ride the carousel and train during the week of camp. The day and time is determined by the camp teacher.
- **10:30 – 11:00 am--Sea Lion Show**  
Campers have to opportunity to see a variety of animal shows during their exciting week of camp. The sea lion show is a fantastic example of how hard our staff works to train and care for the animals here at the Birmingham Zoo.
- **11:00 – 11:45 am--Lesson and Craft**  
Each camp has a topic that campers learn about during the week. Campers will have lessons and crafts that will help enrich their animal and conservation knowledge.
- **11:45 am – 12:30 pm--Lunch/Restroom**  
Campers eat the lunch they brought, or the one purchased for them during the camp purchase process. If lunch is purchased from the Kudzoo Café, the camper will be able to select from a number of options when they check-in with their teacher. After lunch campers will learn about animals through biofacts.
- **12:30 – 1:15 pm--Guided Tour**  
Camp teachers and volunteers will guide campers through sections of the Zoo (ex: Predators, Alabama Wilds, Trails of Africa, etc.) and educate them on the animals they visit.

- **1:15 – 1:30 pm--Keeper Chat**  
Our zookeepers will chat with each camp about the job they do and how they care for the animals.
- **1:30 – 1:45 pm--Animal Encounter**  
Throughout camp, children will may have the opportunity to feed different animals, such as pelicans, in exciting up close animal encounters.
- **1:45 – 2:30 pm--Play in the Water Fountains\*/Snack/Restroom**  
Campers are asked to bring their swimwear on designated days of camp. Campers will be notified ahead of time of when water day will take place. This is a great way for everyone to cool off on hot summer days.
- **2:30 – 3:15 pm-- Guided Tour**  
Camp teachers and volunteers will guide campers through sections of the Zoo (ex: Predators, Alabama Wilds, Trails of Africa, etc.) and educate them on the animals they visit.
- **3:15 – 4:00 pm--Classroom Activities/Pack Up/Walk to Check-out**  
Teachers and volunteers begin helping campers gather all of their items to take home.
- **4:00 – 4:15 pm--Check-out**  
Teachers and volunteers lead campers to the designated place for check-out and pick-up. Campers must be signed out before they may leave the supervision of Zoo staff.

\*Provided the weather cooperates, the water fountains are only available during spring break camp.

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## **Tips for a Great School Break Camp Experience!**

Near the end of this packet, you will find maps of Zoo grounds displaying the location of check-in, checkout, before care, after care, late drop-off and early pickup.

### **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

Please come to the auditorium. The auditorium is located just to the right of the front entrance to the Zoo. The staff will be in place from 8:30am to 8:45am for check-in. For checkout, staff will be in place from 4pm to 4:15pm.

### **LATE DROP-OFF AND EARLY PICK-UP**

When dropping off late, please bring the camper(s) to the Membership Office located at the left-hand side of the front entrance to the Zoo. Membership staff will contact the education department. The person dropping off the camper(s) must stay with the camper until a member of the education staff arrives to supervise the camper.



When picking-up early, please go to the Membership Office located at the left-hand side of the front entrance to the Zoo. Membership staff will contact the education department. Please allow at least 15 minutes for staff to gather the camper(s), the camper's belongings and walk the camper(s) to the Membership Office.

### **SIGN IN AND OUT FORMS**

The sign-in/out form is located on the last page of this packet. Please complete the form and bring it with you when you check-in your camper. This form will also be used to sign-out your camper. Please plan on spending about 15 minutes checking-in.

### **FOR ALL BREAK CAMPS EXCEPT SPRING BREAK CAMPS – BEFORE AND AFTERCARE**

If you have signed up for before or after care, please come to the auditorium for drop-off or pickup. The auditorium is located just to the right of the front entrance to the Zoo. Before care times occurs from 7:30am to 8:30am and after care occurs from 4pm to 5:30pm. Parents will be charged \$1.00 for every minute the child is left after their session is over. Only campers registered for camp may participate in these programs.

### **FOR SPRING BREAK CAMPS – BEFORE AND AFTERCARE**

If you have signed up for before care, please come to the far end of the parking lot to drop-off your camper(s) at the breezeway (at the large, black iron gates). Before care times occur from 7:30am to 8:30am. Only campers registered for camp and before care may participate in this program.

In the event of inclement weather, we will attempt to utilize the auditorium for before care. The auditorium is located just to the right of the front entrance to the Zoo.

If you have signed up for after care, please come to the auditorium. The auditorium is located just to the right of the front entrance to the Zoo. After care occurs from 4pm to 5:30pm. Parents will be charged \$1.00 for every minute the child is left after their session is over. Only campers registered for camp and after care may participate in this program.

## **LUNCH**

Parents have the option of ordering lunch for full day camps or sending a lunch with their camper. Campers will be able to select from a menu, and their order will be taken when they check-in with their camp teacher. We do not use microwaves so please send lunches that do not require any special preparation. Refrigeration is available upon request. Please let the instructor know of any food allergies on the first day. If the child has allergies or is a picky eater, you are more than welcome to pack them a lunch. We do have a camp refrigerator for camper lunches.

## **SNACKS**

The snacks are free of peanut ingredients. Please let the instructor know of any food allergies on the first day. If the child has allergies or is a picky eater, you are more than welcome to pack your camper a snack. If your child is registered for after care and will need a snack, please provide your camper with a snack

## **ANIMAL CONTACT**

The Zoo provides safe opportunities for campers to interact with animals from our education animal programs and the Children's Zoo Barn. Direct contact with most wild animals that are in their exhibits is not possible. We provide as much close up and personal animal contact and viewing as possible.

## **CAMPER BUDDY**

We do not guarantee that the child you wrote in the camper buddy space on your child's registration form will be placed in the same class with your child. **Camper buddies must be registered for the same camp and grade.** No last minute changes will be made once the campers are placed in their camp classes. Camp is a great opportunity to make new friends and experience new surroundings.

## **SUPERVISION AND SAFETY**

All staff are screened for excellence in programming for children. At no time is any child left unsupervised. When possible, class sizes will be limited to an average of 12 students per teacher. In addition, the Zoo's full-time staff are able to assist in an emergency situation. The Zoo grounds are completely fenced, and all Zoo employees are aware of our education programs. Only adults are hired to teach the camps. Approximately 95% of our camp teachers are certified teachers. In addition to teachers and Zoo staff, our trained teen and adult volunteers assist teachers with camp.



## **BEHAVIOR**

Behavior is managed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Children are expected to behave appropriately. In the event a child is disruptive, time-out may be used. If disruptive behavior continues the parent will be called to help find a solution. If improvement is not realized, the child may be asked to not return to camp.

## **MEDICATION**

Zoo staff cannot dispense medication; campers must be able to self-medicate and carry their medication with them.

## **CAN PARENTS STAY WITH OR APPROACH CAMPERS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN DROPPED OFF?**

No. Our camp program is designed for children who are able function well in group oriented programs without parental involvement.

## **WEATHER**

Camp will be held regardless of weather unless weather forces the Zoo to close for the day. In the event the zoo is closed due to weather, we will contact you. Clothing should be appropriate for the weather. The camp groups spend the majority of the day out on the Zoo grounds rain or shine, so don't forget rain gear or sunscreen. Shoes should fit well and already be broken-in as there will be a lot of walking each day of camp. Bottled water or a sports drink would be good to send with your child.

## **ENTERING THE ZOO AFTER CAMP**

Individuals cannot enter the Zoo for free unless they are covered within a membership to the Birmingham Zoo. If an individual is not a Zoo member, they must pay admission if they want to enter the Zoo. This guideline includes campers following the completion of a day of camp, and if applicable, after care.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Items that are lost in the Zoo, and are eventually found, are turned in to the First Aid Office at the Front Gate at the end of each week. To check on lost items after your child's camp week, call (205) 879-0409 ext. 232.

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## **VOLUNTEERING AT THE ZOO**

If your child is 13 years of age and older, consider our teen volunteer program! Teens are provided with amazing and unique opportunities in which they may learn about animals, working with others, public speaking and more. Just go to our website and check out our volunteer webpage at [www.birminghamzoo.com](http://www.birminghamzoo.com).



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## Map of the Birmingham Zoo

Applies to Most School Break Camps  
Does NOT Apply to Spring Break Camps

Please see the following page for the map that applies to Spring  
Break Camps

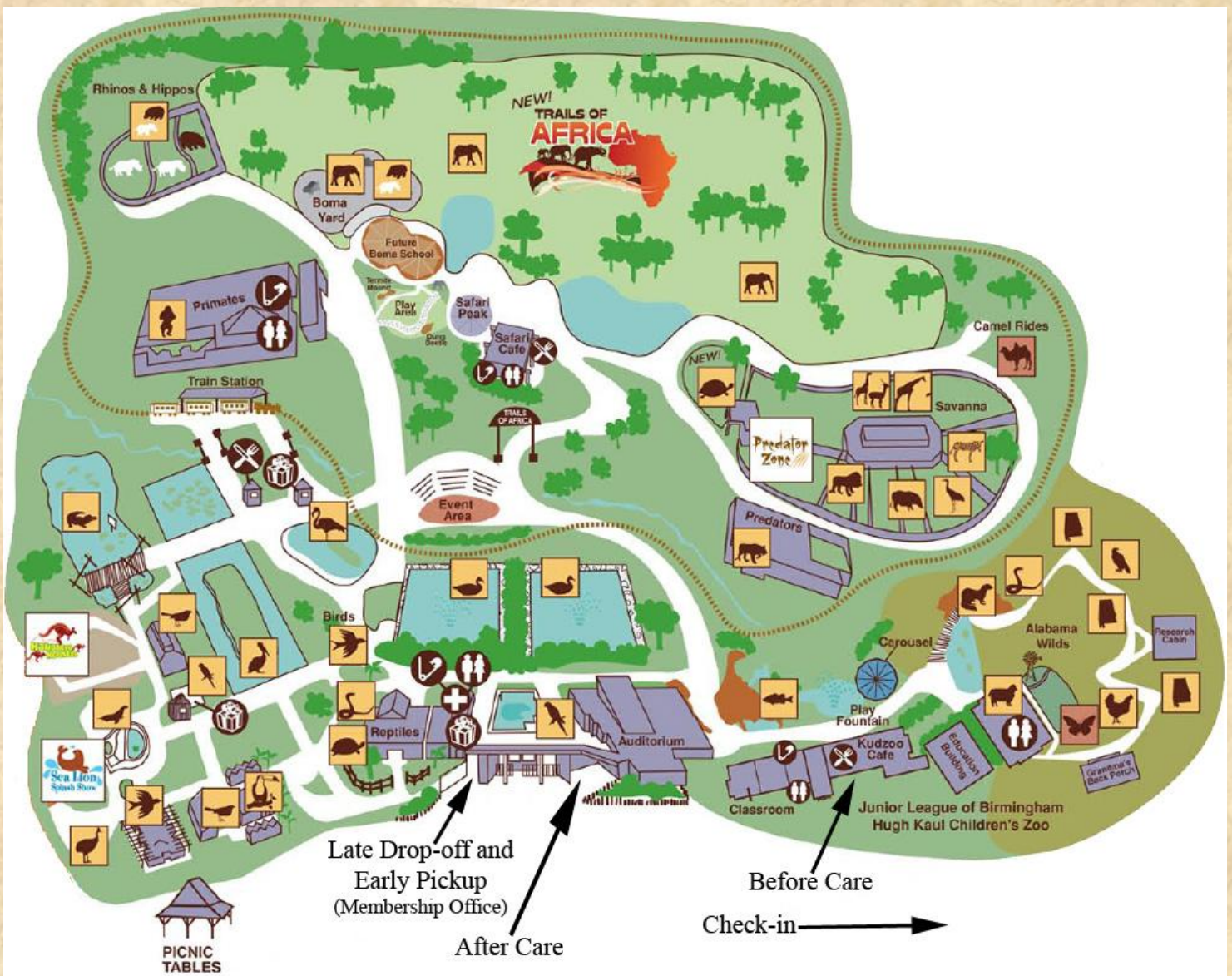


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## Map of the Birmingham Zoo

Applies ONLY to School Break Camps During Spring Break

Please see the previous page for the map that applies to School Break Camps other than Spring Break Camps



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School Break Camp Sign-In/Sign-Out Form - Pick-Up Authorization 2012

To be filled out by Zoo staff.

Camper's Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs:**

Please list any health problems, allergies, physical or behavioral conditions that might require special planning or consideration for your child's participation in camp:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

In case of emergency, please list the name and phone number of whom you would like us to contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Read:**

-Please complete this form and bring it with you on the first day of camp.  
-If you sign up your camper for multiple camp days within the same camp session, *either Spring Break, Thanksgiving or Winter Break camps only*, you will only need to fill out one form.

**General Release:**

I hereby authorize Birmingham Zoo, Inc. and their agents to use the following described photographs of my child and artwork created by my child for the specific purpose of publication in both print and electronic media (to include use as a still photograph or transparency or use in a motion picture, video, or on television, or any other similar media). In giving my consent, I hereby release and hold harmless Birmingham Zoo, Inc., and their agents from any and all responsibility or liability, to include any claim for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or any other claim. I understand that I will not receive compensation, should the photograph be used.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Pickup Authorization:**

The following people may pick-up my child when camp is finished each day:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT fill out this section until the camper is picked up from camp.**

Date

Signature of Person Picking-up the Camper

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Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Start Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please Print Clearly