



## **Camp Participant Information and Release Form**

### **Hours of Operation:**

Camp hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm (hours differ on Fridays, see in "Fun Friday" section). Please do not drop off your child earlier than 8:45 am. Pickup is from 4:30 pm-5:00 pm for full-day campers and 12:00 pm-12:30 pm for half-day campers. If you need to pick up your child early, please let one of the counselors know that morning.

### **Sign In/Out:**

Jr. Zookeepers must be signed in/out by an adult on the list of approved persons. Please let us know if you need to add or remove somebody from the list. Permitted adults must physically sign their camper in/out each day on the sign-out sheet in the camp room. The camp room is located at the last set of double doors on the main building, all the way to the right.

### **Wellness Policy:**

If a child is sick or has been in contact with sick people, they cannot attend camp. This includes, but is not limited to, a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or sore throat. You will receive a full refund for the week of camp missed due to illness, but the registration fee is non-refundable. (Zootastic Park is not liable for any sickness your child contracts from other children or adults while at camp.)

### **Dress Code:**

Children must wear their orange camp shirts each day. Failure to wear the camp shirt will result in a \$10 charge to get a new shirt. Please wear comfortable bottoms that are appropriate for frequent movement and animal interaction.

**No open-toed shoes are allowed.**

### **Sunscreen/Insect Repellent:**

Please apply sunscreen and/or insect repellent prior to the start of each camp session. Children may bring these products to reapply during the day, but only under staff supervision, away from animals.

### **Food:**

Zootastic Park does not provide any meals or snacks for campers. Please pack at least one snack and a lunch. Half-day campers will be picked up during lunch, so bringing a lunch is optional for them. Campers may visit our concession stand during lunch and at the end of the day, so please bring money if you'd like them to purchase concessions.

**Campers cannot visit/buy from the General Store (gift shop) unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

### **Personal Belongings:**

Please put your child's name on all articles of clothing, bags, water bottles, etc. Children should not bring toys, large electronic devices (laptops & tablets), jewelry, money (unless for concessions), or any possession of value. Children will be responsible for their belongings. **Zootastic Park is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken possessions.**

### **Electronic Devices:**

Jr. Zookeepers may bring hand-held devices to camp, but we advise that they remain stored away during certain activities. If devices become an issue, we will verbally warn your child twice about it. On the third incident, the device will be confiscated and returned to the camper's parent/guardian at the end of the day.

### **Fun Friday:**

Each Friday, campers will engage in "Fun Friday"/"Water Day" activities. We have an inflatable water slide from "Boouncin out bounce houses" in addition to water kickball and water guns! Also, our Jr. Zookeepers want to give you a tour! **Friday pickup will be from 2:00 pm-2:30 pm for full-day campers and the usual time for half-day campers.** Each camper will have 2 wristbands available for only their parents/guardians to receive free admission into the zoo. Any additional friends/family must pay regular admission to enter.

### **Child & Parent Contact:**

If you need to contact your child during the day, please call/text our **Camp Director, Gracie Brown, at 704-797-1956**. If you aren't able to reach her, please call the General Store (704) 245-6446. If your child requests to speak with you, we have your phone numbers in our files and won't hesitate to allow them to call you.

### **Incident Reports:**

If medical or behavioral incidents occur at camp, staff will fill out an incident report, providing one copy for the parent/guardian and one for us to keep. Depending on the severity of the incident, parents/guardians may be called immediately.

**Behavior Management/Discipline Policy:**

Zootastic Park staff will create a fun and safe environment for participants in the program. Praise and positive reinforcement are used as effective methods of behavioral management. Children who do not respond to these methods or are destructive to others or property will be dealt with professionally and promptly.

The following procedures will be implemented:

1. If a child's repeated behavior cannot be corrected by Zootastic Park staff through verbal warnings, the incident will be documented. Additionally, the child may be required to sit out of activities due to their behavior.
2. If negative behaviors continue or new problems occur, a second written report will be made. Suspension of camp for one day could accompany this report, and no refund will be given for the day of suspension. A copy of the report will be given to the parent/guardian.
3. If a third incident occurs, a final report will be created. Dismissal from the program is likely at this time.

**Donations:**

Donations are never expected but are greatly appreciated.

**Your trash can be our treasure!** Creating enrichment items requires materials, so we gladly accept empty bottles, cereal boxes, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, paper bags, paper egg cartons, newspaper, etc.

**Additional animal enrichment donation ideas include:** Cheerios, honey, perfume, herbs, seeds, hay balls, foraging toys, kiddie pools, dog or cat toys, large balls, and salt licks.

**Purchase Photos:**

Our Camp Director takes photos of campers in their element! Photos will be uploaded and sent out between Friday and the following two weeks. **Photos are \$10 for the first child and 5\$ for each additional child, per week**, and can be purchased in cash only in the camp room. You may purchase photos any day of the week, but we recommend **signing up as soon as possible.**

### Waivers and Informed Consent

By signing this form, I, as parent/guardian, permit Zootastic Park to use pictures of my child(ren) as a program participant in promotional literature, videos, and the Zootastic Park website. I understand my child(ren)'s name(s) will not be published. I, as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Child"), hereby assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities at Zootastic Park. My Child is fit for the program(s) in which I have enrolled him/her. I HEREBY RELEASE AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASES FROM EVERY CLAIM AND ANY LIABILITY THAT I OR MY CHILD MAY ALLEGE AGAINST RELEASES (including reasonable legal fees and costs) AS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF INJURY OR DEATH TO ME OR MY CHILD BECAUSE OF MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY ZOOTASTIC PARK PROGRAMS , WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. I PROMISE NOT TO SUE RELEASES ON MY BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD REGARDING ANY CLAIM ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY ZOOTASTIC PARK PROGRAM(S). I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AM RELEASING ZOOTASTIC PARK, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS, SPONSORS, PROMOTERS, AND AFFILIATES (COLLECTIVELY "RELEASES") FROM LIABILITY, AND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. THIS SIGN UP AND RELEASE FORM IS A CONTRACT WITH LEGAL AND BINDING CONSEQUENCES AND IT APPLIES TO ALL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH MY CHILD ENGAGES DURING THE SUMMER CAMP AT ZOOTASTIC PARK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ACTIVITY IS A PART OF A FORMAL PROGRAM. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. I UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS RELEASE MEANS AND WHAT I AM AGREEING TO BY SIGNING. I understand that no insurance coverage for participants in these activities is provided by Zootastic Park. I also understand that no refunds or prorated costs will be given for any other reason.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and age of Participant(s) (print): \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT TO BRING CHECKLIST

- Camp shirt (given on Monday)
- Comfortable bottoms
- Closed toed shoes
- Water bottle
- Lunch box + snack
- Sunscreen/insect repellent
- Necessary prescription medications, inhalers, or EpiPens (Inform counselors if you bring any of these items)
- Donations

#### FRIDAY ONLY:

- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Water shoes (optional but recommended)