

Greetings!

We are excited that you have considered Zoo Camp for your child! Brookfield Zoo Camp strives to provide an inclusive environment for campers with and without disabilities. We believe that an inclusive environment at Zoo Camp provides an opportunity for campers to explore, learn, and connect with animals and nature in more meaningful ways.

As part of our [Zoo for All](#) initiative, we are excited to offer 8 one-week scholarships for the 2019 Summer camp season to provide children with disabilities the opportunity to experience Zoo Camp.

To learn more about Zoo Camp, please visit: www.CZS.org/Camp.



How do I apply? Mail completed applications to:

Brookfield Zoo
Attn: Zoo Camp: Scholarship Application
3300 Golf Road
Brookfield, IL. 60513

Scholarship applications are accepted only by mail and must be received on or before April 30, 2019.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via phone by, May 10, 2019.*

*Due to the anticipated number of applications we will only be able to contact those who are awarded the scholarship.

Please read the following guidelines before submitting an application:

Does my camper qualify?

- Your camper must have completed K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Your camper did not receive this scholarship in a previous year (2015-2018)
- The application must be received by mail **on or before April 30, 2019**.
- If your camper is enrolled in a Zoo Camp week before the selection process you are still eligible to apply. (If the scholarship is awarded, your current camp fees will be refunded.)
- Your camper should be able to meet the camper requirements listed below.

What are the camper requirements?

In an effort to provide the most meaningful, positive, and appropriate experience at Zoo Camp we require that all campers are able to do the following:

- Follow simple directions and be able communicate their interests and needs.
- Willing to spend the week outdoors and participate in group activities.
- Administer any personal medications without camp counselor assistance.
- Participate in camp activities without needing significant behavioral support.
- Independently manage basic self-care skills like eating and toileting **OR** come to camp with an assistant to aid with these tasks.

For children with disabilities, what types of disabilities are typically served at Zoo Camp?

- Physical, mental, or emotional challenges
- Autism Spectrum and sensory processing disorders
- Chronic medical conditions
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Developmental and learning disabilities including ADHD
- Vision impairments

If you have questions regarding the camper requirements please call us at **708-688-8540** or e-mail us at adventuresinlearning@czs.org to see if we are able to meet your camper's needs before applying.

Thank you so much for your interest in Zoo Camp!

The Zoo Camp Team