Greetings!

We are excited that you have considered Zoo Camp for your child! Zoo Camp at Brookfield Zoo 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 2020 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 application to:  
Brookfield Zoo  
Attn: Zoo Camp  
3300 Golf Road  
Brookfield, IL. 60513

Email completed application to:  
adventuresinlearning@czs.org

Scholarship applications are accepted by mail or email and must be dated/postmarked on or before April 30, 2020. Scholarship recipients will be notified via phone by April 30, 2020.*

*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 meet Zoo Camp age requirements (aged 4-14).
- Your camper did not receive this scholarship in a previous year (2015-2019)
- The application must be received by mail on or before April 30, 2020.
- 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? (list not comprehensive)
- Mild to moderate physical, mental, or emotional challenges
- Mild to moderate chronic medical conditions
- Developmental and learning disabilities including ADHD
- Autism Spectrum and sensory processing disorders
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Vision impairments

If you have questions regarding the camper requirements please call us at 708-688-8418 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 at Brookfield Zoo