Colorful Creatures
HALF DAY SUMMER CAMP 2017
9am – 12pm

Whether this is your first summer at Safari Park Camp or you have come to Camp with us in previous years, please read this document completely so we are all prepared for a week of fun. We thank you for choosing the San Diego Zoo Safari Park's Summer Camp as part of your child's summer vacation. Our program offers children opportunities to use critical thinking and problem-solving skills, cooperation, and have up-close encounters with animals that connect kids to wildlife and conservation. Best of all, they have so much fun doing it—they forget they're learning!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so excited that your child will be joining us for Summer Camp at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park! Your child is enrolled in a 5-day camp from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. The program is designed specifically for your child's age/grade level. The following information will help you and your camper prepare for the best time at Summer Camp:

PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL:

- **DOWNLOAD your Summer Camp ticket and complete your release form.** You will receive two emails: One email, containing your ticket, will be sent from *"esales@sandiegozoo.org*". Your Summer Camp ticket will be used for entry into both the Parking Lot and the Safari Park main gate on the first day. A second email, containing a link to your release form, will be sent from "*Safari Park Summer Camp via DocuSign*". This link allows you to complete all of your release forms electronically. If you do not complete the release form through Docusign then you will be required to complete a paper release on the first morning of camp. Your child cannot attend camp without this completed release.

- **Register for KidCheck.** We use a web-based program called KidCheck to help make camper check-in and check-out more efficient. It is important that you create your KidCheck.com account prior to the first day of your child's camp. Please do so by going to go.kidcheck.com, selecting "Sign-Up" and then "Parents/Guardians". Follow the link "set up your free login account". Creating your account is simple and will only take a few minutes. Creating your account prior to the first day of camp helps your first check-in go more smoothly. You can also download the KidCheck Mobile Check-In app from the App Store or Google Play Store to manage and update your account right on your phone. Please note that you can only check your child in and out of camp from a Safari Park designated station. You cannot check your child in or out from your mobile device. Once you have created your account, you will need to click on the "My Account" tab to add your child(ren) and any approved guardians to your profile. Then you will simply use your 10 digit phone number to check-in with us here at the Safari Park each morning, and to check-out each afternoon.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS:

8:00 am – 8:45 am: Extended Day Morning Hours
If you registered for this option, please bring your camper(s) to the log ring. On the first day, please let the counselors know your estimated time of arrival for the remainder of the week.

8:45 am – 9:00 am: Summer Camp Check-In
All campers must be at least 4 years old by the first day of their camp session. You may drop off your camper(s) as early as 8:45 am at the log ring. No supervision is provided at the log ring before 8:45 am.

9:00 am: Summer Camp Begins
If you arrive late, please go to Guest Services and they will contact the counselor to arrange for your child to meet up with their group. This may take a few minutes, so if you are late, please be prepared to wait with your child until they can be picked up by a counselor. It is best to be on time, we do not want your camper(s) to miss out on the fun in the Park!

MONDAY MORNING: Please PARK YOUR CAR and walk with your child to the log ring area behind Guest Services. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's Summer Camp Counselors and hear important information about dropping-off and picking-up your child(ren) to ensure the process goes smoothly each day. Please allow extra time for check-in on the first day of camp.

CHECK-OUT INSTRUCTIONS:

12:00 pm: Summer Camp Ends
Pick-up time at the log ring ends promptly at 12:15 pm. If any camper is left beyond the 15 minute grace period, there is a late fee of $19 PER CAMPER. You will need to go to Guest Services if you are more than 15 minutes late to pick up your child.

If, for special circumstances, you need to pick up your camper(s) while camp is in session, please coordinate with your child's counselor at least one day prior to your special pick-up request. He/she will be able to tell you an exact time that will correspond with our daily schedule.

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

- ✓ **Ticket and signed release form: You must have a ticket and a completed release form on the first day of camp. You only need to complete a paper copy of the release if you choose not to use Docusign.**
- ✓ **Packed Snack:** Make it easy to carry! **We will not allow any campers to buy their snacks at the Safari Park.** We no longer provide snacks for the campers. Please be sure that your camper brings enough food to fuel them for the duration of the camp. There will be one designated snack break each day.

- ✓ **Reusable Water Bottle:** This is **required** to keep your camper(s) comfortable.
- ✓ **Sunscreen**
- ✓ **Hat/visor**
- ✓ **Comfortable, closed toe shoes:** Although we will not cover the entire Park in a single day, campers will be walking throughout the morning.
- ✓ **Shorts/Pants/Skirts/Dresses that are OK to get dirty**
- ✓ **Safari Park Summer Camp 2017 T-Shirt:** Upon check in on the first day, your child(ren) will receive a Summer Camp t-shirt. Campers must wear this year's Summer Camp shirt to camp every day. If you would like your camper to have more than one shirt, or would like to purchase a shirt for yourself or a family member, additional t-shirts are available for purchase at check-in on Monday for $15 each.
- ✓ **It is strongly suggested that your camper has a small backpack to be able to carry the above listed personal items. Please be sure it is a bag that they can carry themselves.**

WHAT *NOT* TO BRING:

- ✓ **Toys**
- ✓ **Electronics**
- ✓ **Money** – If you wish to buy souvenirs, please plan on shopping with your camper(s) after camp in the Park's main gift shops. If you do not have a membership, you may go to any ticket window to get a shopping pass (credit card deposit required). The shopping pass allows you admission to the gift shop located near the Park exit.
- ✓ **Parents** – Since Safari Park Summer Camp is not a parent participation program, parents are not able to tag along in camp. Parents are welcome to visit the Park during your camper's day by purchasing an admission ticket or using your membership card.

We look forward to meeting you and your camper! If you have any questions, please contact us at:
(760) 747-8702 Extension 5293

Sincerely,
The Safari Park Summer Camp Staff