



Zoo Day Camp Information and Guidelines

Jr. Zoo Keeper (JZK) – Day Camp is for youth between the ages of 9 and 12 and Zookeeper Apprentice Day camp (ZKA) is for youth between the ages of 13 and 15. Participants must be at least 9 years old by date of camp. They must be mature, responsible, able to follow rules, and work under minimal supervision. Participants will be outside and active for most of the day. JZK's and ZKA's will be expected to arrive in comfortable tennis shoes or work boots, comfortable pants that are not torn or shorts that come to just above the knee. A light, hooded jacket is recommended but not required – please label your jacket if one is brought. Proper attire is required. Participants that arrive unprepared will not be able to participate. All JZK and ZKA Campers will receive a t-shirt and ID badge at sign-in. Please include your child's t-shirt size on the registration form.

If your child has allergies or asthma and has an epi-pen or inhaler, please note this on the registration form. Zoo employees are trained in first-aid but will not administer medication except in emergency situations. If your child requires sun block, please send it with them. They will have opportunities to put on sunscreen during bathroom breaks. If these items are required for your child, please have them carry them in a fanny pack style pouch, no large packs or bags. Please label all items.

Snacks and lunch will be provided. If your child has a food allergy, please note it on the Parental Consent Form. If the Zoo is unable to accommodate the allergy, you may be required to provide your child's lunch and two snacks.

All of Pine Grove Zoo's Programs and activities are created and designed based on the following missions, vision, and philosophy.

The Pine Grove Zoo's Mission:

To promote environmental education and conservation while creating a progressive zoological park in Central Minnesota.

The Pine Grove Zoo's Vision:

To have families and individuals live their lives with a passionate respect for the entire realm of the natural world.

Education Committee's Mission Statement:

To present educational programs for all ages, build partnerships with local schools and provide interpretive information throughout Pine Grove Zoo in order to build understanding and respect for nature and wildlife.

Philosophy:

The education committee is committed to developing and communicating a dynamic message about the Zoo. The Zoo is a catalyst in promoting environmental education, shaping public opinion, and supporting conservation efforts. Zoo visitors are receptive to messages about actions that they can take in their home and work lives to help animals, plants, and their habitats.

To accomplish this we will:

1. Build programs that will be accurate, current, and science based. They will be appropriate for the age, knowledge, and perspectives of the audience.
2. Only use animals in outreach presentations that could be considered a “pet”.
3. Refer to the animal species on exhibit by their common name and present them as wild animals - not pets.
4. Ensure that all Education Committee events, functions, and activities impart the Zoo’s message.
5. Be environmentally consistent in word and action.
6. Be sensitive to animals welfare.
7. Provide experiences that are engaging and fun for the audience.

Activities may include:

- Building fun enrichment items for the animals
- Watch and learn as the keepers train the cats!
- Feeding different animals
- Touring the zoo and behind the scenes!
- And helping the keepers with daily tasks such as preparing animal diets.

Also included:

- Zoo Day Camp T-shirt
- Lunch at the Cougar Café
- Water bottle
- Zoo Day Camp photo and certificate

Please fill out the JZK Day Camp Registration and Parental Consent forms and send to Pine Grove Zoo, 1200 West Broadway, Little Falls, MN 56345 along with \$50 registration fee before registration deadline. We will send a confirmation letter once we receive forms and registration fee.



Zoo Day Camp Registration

General Information

Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age ____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

T-shirt Size (these are youth sizes): S M L XL XXL

Check one:

Junior Zookeeper Day Camp (ages 9-12)

Zookeeper Apprentice Day Camp (ages 13-15)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Information

Mother's Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Number: (____) _____ Cell Number: (____) _____ Work Number: (____) _____

Father's Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Number: (____) _____ Cell Number: (____) _____ Work Number: (____) _____

**By signing this application I agree to all of the rules and conditions set forth by the Pine Grove Zoo.
It also confirms that all of the information provided by applicant/parent/guardian is accurate.**

I have read and understand all of the enclosed information about the Zoo Day Camp Program Yes ____ No ____

Applicant's Signature Date

I have read and understand all of the enclosed information about the Zoo Day Camp Program Yes ____ No ____

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date



Parental Consent Form

Participant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please list any health or food allergy concerns or conditions that the Pine Grove Zoo's staff should be aware of:

My child has received a tetanus shot Yes _____ No _____ Date of vaccination _____

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing one week prior to the first day of camp. 75% of the camp fee will be refunded upon receipt of the written cancellation notice. 100% of the registration fee will be refunded if the JKZ – Day Camp is cancelled.

Authority to Photograph or Video Tape

I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed/video taped for educational purposes and Zoo related promotions. I understand that these materials are the property of the Pine Grove Zoo.

Consent

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Pine Grove Zoo's Jr. Zoo Keeper - Day Camp. I understand that there are risks involved when working in a zoo environment and will not hold the Pine Grove Zoo or its staff or volunteers responsible for any injury arising from their child's participation in this program.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship to JZK Camper: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Dentist's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
