Second Nature
Zoo Preschool

Spring Break Preschool Camp

Frequently Asked Questions

Second Nature Zoo Preschool is a licensed child care facility with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

If, after reading this document, any of your questions were not answered or you have more questions, please email the Camp Directors at preschool@stlzoo.org or 314-646-4730

Is your Preschool Camp inclusive?

We know children of all abilities benefit when they play and learn together, and it is our goal, whenever possible, that they do so in our programs. Inclusion facilitators are available for intermittent support at our break camp programs, with an approximately 1:5 ratio. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to provide 1:1 services.

Your family will need to provide a 1:1 aide if:

- 1:1 support is required at school
- 1:1 support is required in busy public settings, like the Zoo
- Elopement risks are high
- A 1:5 ratio is not sufficient for support and safety
- Toileting or other personal care help is required

If families provide an aide, a verified background check and release form is required

Please see the Inclusion section to learn more. If you have specific questions that are not addressed, please reach out to zooinclusion@stlzoo.org

Where is Preschool Camp located?

Preschool Camp is located in the licensed Second Nature Zoo Preschool adjacent to the North Parking Lot and next to The Living World.

What should my camper bring to Preschool Camp?

Children will need to dress appropriately for the weather, remember that they are not just running to and from the car, they are staying outdoors for long periods of time.

We recommend bringing a full change of clothes, including extra socks.

What kind of paperwork are we expected to submit? (add: DocuSign/Brightwheel)
Six weeks prior to Preschool Camp, you will receive an email from DocuSign in order to fill out the appropriate paperwork to attend Preschool Camp. This includes places to upload your camper's Medical Exam Report, Vaccination records, and FARE form for any medication (if needed). Your camper will not be able to attend until all the paperwork is complete.

Three weeks prior to Preschool Camp, you will receive an invite to Brightwheel. This is our communication app that will allow up to update you on daily activities. We will also use this app for attendance and all trusted contacts (who will be picking up your camper) must be listed.

Why are vaccinations required for Preschool Camp?

Second Nature Zoo Preschool is a licensed childcare facility, and the state requires additional documentation for anyone in the facility year-round.

- Missouri State Child Medical Examination Report (link) completed and signed by your pediatrician
    - *This form is linked in the registration email **
- Immunization Records from your pediatrician's office
    - Children must be fully vaccinated according to the schedule outlined by The American Academy of Pediatrics and The American Medical Association.

What food is provided at camp?

Second Nature Zoo Preschool is a nut-free zone and vegetarian.

- Morning Snack
- Lunch
- Mid-afternoon snack

If your camper has dietary restrictions, you may send their lunch

- It must be peanut and tree nut free
- You must provide a signed doctor's note on appropriate letterhead in order to send any food or snacks from home

Do you offer any financial assistance?

No, there is currently no financial assistance for break camps.