

Zoo Camp

Scholarship FAQ - Summer 2024

What is the purpose of Zoo Camp scholarships?

San Antonio Zoo and the Education Department would like to make sure that Zoo Camp is accessible to historically underrecognized and excluded children and families.

How do I apply?

Apply for a Zoo Camp 2024 Scholarship online using the link, by phone (210-734-7184), or make arrangements in advance to apply in person.

When does the Zoo Camp 2024 Scholarship application open/close?

The scholarship application opens March 1, 2024 and closes March 31, 2024

Is there an application fee?

While there isn't a fee to apply for a camp scholarship, there is a \$20 non-refundable processing fee to complete camp registration, once awarded a scholarship. The \$20 non-refundable processing fee is due May 1, 2024.

What does a Zoo Camp Scholarship include?

This financial award covers the costs for an eligible child, kinder-5th grade, to attend a single session Zoo Camp at San Antonio Zoo, with optional After Care, a Zoo Camp t-shirt, snack and a water bottle during the summer of 2024. Single sessions of Zoo Camp are typically one weeklong, Monday-Friday. Please reference the session dates and times on the Zoo Camp webpage.

What is not included?

Zoo Camp scholarships do not include transportation to a from Zoo Camp or daily lunch.

What is the eligibility criteria for a Zoo Camp 2024 Scholarship?

- Children entering kinder- 5th grade in the fall of 2024.
- Child is not already registered for a summer 2024 Zoo Camp session.
- Only fully completed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.
- Family eligibility/participation with one or more of the following programs:
 - Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children
 - Smart steps program
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Foster Family Care
 - Kinship Care

What documentation is needed?

Proof of eligibility/participation for at least one of the programs listed above will be required if a scholarship is awarded.

How many scholarships can I apply for?

You can apply for 1 scholarship per eligible child (K-5th grade).

Is there a scholarship available for Wild Careers Camp?

No, not at this time.

Will all eligible applicants receive a Zoo Camp scholarship?

A limited number of scholarships are available. More applicants than available scholarships are anticipated.

How are Zoo Camp scholarships awarded?

Scholarships will be awarded randomly from the pool of eligible applicants.

When will families be notified about scholarship awards?

Zoo Camp scholarship recipients will be notified by phone the week of April 12, 2024. To complete the Zoo Camp registration process, additional camper information, as well as a \$20 processing fee, will be collected by May 1. Applicants not receiving a scholarship will be notified by email the week of April 12, 2024.

Can I choose the dates of Zoo Camp?

On the application, please indicate your preferred Zoo Camp weeks. Education staff will do their best to place your camper in their preferred week of camp, but there is always a chance that may not be possible. If this happens, you will be offered an alternate week of summer camp. You can then choose to accept or decline the scholarship based on your availability.

What if I need to cancel the Zoo Camp application or change the dates of Zoo Camp?

If you need to cancel or make changes for any reason, please notify Education staff as soon as possible.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Education staff can be contacted by emailing education@sazoo.org or by calling 210-734-7184.