



Summer Camp 2026 Scholarship Information

San Antonio Zoo is excited announce scholarships for Summer Zoo Camp 2026! Zoo Camp Scholarships are designed for campers K-5th grade and cover the cost for registration for one week of summer camp (outside a \$20 processing fee) and After Care.

Please see below for information regarding Summer Camp scholarships, the application process, and eligibility requirements. Information on Summer Camp 2026 at San Antonio Zoo, including camp themes and dates, can be found by visiting the [San Antonio Zoo website](#).

Important Dates

Scholarship Application Opens: March 1, 2026

Scholarship Application Closes: March 31, 2026

Notification of Scholarship: April 10, 2026

Processing Fee Due (only if scholarship is awarded and accepted): May 1, 2026

Application Process

Please review all the information about Zoo Camp and Zoo Camp Scholarships on this page and the website before submitting an application.

Applications for the 2026 Zoo Camp Scholarship will be made available on the [San Antonio Zoo website](#) on March 2nd, 2026. Families wishing to apply for a scholarship for their children must fill out the application in full and meet the eligibility requirements. Families applying for a Zoo Camp Scholarship cannot be currently registered for a Summer 2026 Zoo Camp session. Families will be able to indicate their preferred Zoo Camp dates on the application, but specific weeks of camp cannot be guaranteed.

Once all the applications have been reviewed, the Education Department will choose the scholarship awards randomly from the pool of eligible applications. Families offered scholarships will be notified by email and have until May 1st to submit a \$20, non-refundable processing fee to keep their award and Zoo Camp dates.

Eligibility Requirements

- Child entering Kinder- 5th grade in the fall of 2026.
- Not already registered for a summer 2026 Zoo Camp session.
- Family eligibility/participation with one or more of the following programs:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or another supplemental nutrition program
 - Child Care Services (CCS) through the Texas Workforce Commission
 - Foster Family Care
 - Kinship Care

Zoo Camp Scholarship FAQ

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 2026 Scholarship online using the link on the [San Antonio Zoo's Website](#). If you need assistance filling out an application, please call 210.734.7184 (option 3, then option 2) or email education@sazoo.org.

When does the Zoo Camp 2026 Scholarship application open/close?

The scholarship application opens March 1, 2026 and closes March 31, 2026.

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 if you are selected for a scholarship. The \$20 non-refundable processing fee is due May 1, 2026.

What does a Zoo Camp Scholarship include?

The Zoo Camp Scholarship covers the costs for an eligible child to attend a single session of Zoo Camp at San Antonio Zoo in addition to After Care, and a Zoo Camp t-shirt during the 2026 Summer Camp season. Single sessions of Zoo Camp are typically one week long, Monday-Friday but can vary. Please refer to the session dates and times on the Zoo Camp webpage.

What is not included?

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

What are the eligibility criteria for a Zoo Camp 2026 Scholarship?

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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 6th-8th graders for the Wild Careers or Research Rangers camp?

No. Scholarships are only available for elementary-aged campers (K-5th grade) at this time.

Will all eligible applicants receive a Zoo Camp scholarship?

Unfortunately, a limited number of scholarships are available. There is no guarantee that all applicants will be awarded a scholarship.

How are Zoo Camp scholarships awarded?

Scholarships will be awarded randomly from the pool of eligible applicants as determined by the Education Team.

When will families be notified about scholarship awards?

Zoo Camp scholarship recipients will be notified by email the week of April 10, 2026. 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 also be notified by email during this time.

Can I choose the dates of Zoo Camp?

On the application, please indicate your preferred Zoo Camp weeks. The Zoo Camp Team 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, (option 3, then option 2).