

Animal Care 101 (8th-9th Grades)



CAMP DESCRIPTION



In this special week of camp, students entering 8th & 9th grade will interact directly with Denver Zoo's animal care staff. Our team of Animal Ambassador zookeepers will teach campers the ins and outs of how they care for and train (small) animals. Campers will discover how keepers set goals for their animals, and how to create fun enrichment that helps our animals show off their impressive, natural behaviors. If your soon-to-be 8th-9th grader is hoping to work at a zoo some day, this camp will demonstrate what it's all about!

WEEK OVERVIEW

Daily Schedule Subject to Change. *Animal Ambassador subject to change based on animal needs*

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Theme of the Day	<i>Basic Intro to Animal Needs</i>	<i>Training and Positive Reinforcement</i>	<i>Collaborating Across Departments</i>	<i>Enrichment Plans and Goals</i>	<i>Specific Animal Stories - Individual Needs</i>
Zoo Keeper Mentoring	Monitoring, recording, and keeping animals healthy!	Positive reinforcement!	Cross-department communication. Veterinary Team	Enrichment	Individualization and Empathy.
Activities/ Explorations	Toyota Elephant Passage	Predator Ridge	Pachyderm Building and Outdoor Bird Exhibits, or camper choice.	Primate Panorama and Emerald Forest	Tropical Discovery.

TAKING IT HOME

What do we need to know to take the best care of zoo animals? What are some ways that keepers and other staff are able to connect visitors to the animals in our care? Why is it important to do so?

REMINDERS

- Camp runs in rain or shine. Make sure your camper is dressed for the weather.
- Campers are required to bring:
 - Backpack
 - Sack lunch + 2 snacks
 - Water bottle
- Drop-off and Pick-up occurs at the Special Programs Entrance (Gate 1), according to their designated time window. You will need to bring an ID **every day** for pick-up.
 - Drop-off: **8:45-9:00 AM**
 - Pick-up: **3:45-4:00 PM**