



ZOO CAMP

Farm Camp Social story

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	I will arrive at the Zoo with my adult. We will go to a special drop off at Galaxie Gate. This is different from where we usually go at the zoo.
	When I arrive, we will stay in our car and wait for our turn to check in. My adult will check me into camp every day.
	Once I am checked in, I will go with my camp group and instructors. We will sit under the shelter and wait until everybody is there from camp.
	There are lots of adults at Zoo Camp to help me. They are dressed in blue shirts or black sweatshirts. It says Zoo Camp on their clothing. I will have two teachers who are there to help me.

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	We will walk from the drop off to our own classroom.
	My instructor will write on the board what we are doing each day and explain it to me. If I have any questions or am worried, I can go to my instructors for help. There is a bathroom inside the classroom and a place to get water.
	I will get my own purple zoo camp shirt to wear. I will wear this every day that I am at camp.
	At Zoo Camp I will learn about animals, play games, do art, and walk around the Zoo. I will also play outside in nature. My instructors will have lots of fun activities planned for each day!

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	I will see lots of animals at the Minnesota Zoo I will stay with my group and my instructor as we explore the zoo and learn about animals.
	I will see play areas at the Minnesota Zoo, too. My instructors will tell me when it is time to play there.
	For snack and lunch, I will eat what I brought with me for the day. I will eat and talk with my zoo camp group.
	We will get to see animals up close! My instructor will tell me if we can touch them and show me how. They will also tell me if I can give them food.

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	We will look at biofacts. These are fur and bones of animals that we can study and learn from. My instructor will show us how to look at them to be safe.
	Children, music, and animal noises are some of the sounds I will hear at the zoo. There may also be construction. If it is too loud, I can put on my headphones or ask to go to a quiet place. It is important to let my instructor know that it is too loud for me.
	Animals, people, food, and the outdoors are some of the smells I will smell at the zoo. I can bring something from home with a special smell if that will help me.
	It is summertime, so it may be hot. I can bring sunglasses and a hat. I can have a water bottle with me to keep me cool. I will keep them in my backpack with my snack. I can drink water whenever I'm thirsty and ask my instructor when I need more.

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	When it is time to go home, I will walk back to the check-in area with my group.
	I will sit under the shade with my group and wait my turn until my adult's car is in front of the structure.
	Zoo camp is fun! I will make new friends who love animals, like me.

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