MINNESOTA ZOO

ZOO CAMP

Social story

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	I will arrive at the Zoo with my adult. We will follow the signs that say Zoo Camp drop off.
	When I arrive, we will wait in line to be checked in. There will be a sign saying which line to wait in. It will have the name of my camp and a color. 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 at a picnic table. There will be lots of other children my age in my group.
	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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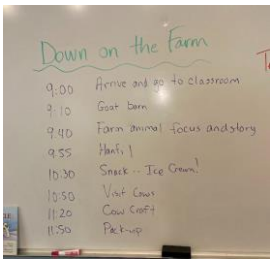
	I will get my own blue zoo camp shirt to wear. I will wear this every day that I am at camp.
	At Zoo Camp I will learn about animals, play games, do art, and walk around the Zoo. My instructors will have lots of fun activities planned for each day!
	We will also have our own classroom. My instructor 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.
	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.

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	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.
	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.

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	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.
	When it is time to go home, I will go back to the check-in area with my group. I will sit at a picnic table with my group and wait my turn. When they call my name, I will go to my adult.
	Zoo camp is fun! I will make new friends who love animals, like me.

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