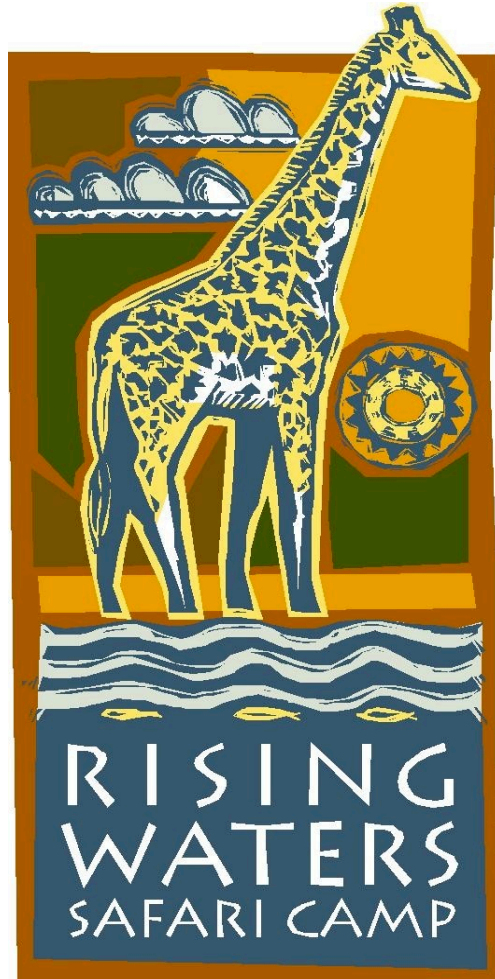


RISING WATERS SAFARI CAMP



SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

RISING WATERS SAFARI CAMP SCHEDULE*:

Evenings:

Please arrive promptly at 6:45 PM

Follow signs to park in the Rhino Lot. An instructor will greet you and show you where to unload your gear.

7:00

Welcome and introduction

Programming:

- ❖ A visit to our new African Elephant Crossing Exhibit
- ❖ An opportunity to meet some of the Zoo's small education animals
- ❖ A craft designed to take home.
- ❖ Snack Break! The Zoo will provide a light evening snack. *Campers should eat dinner before arriving at the Zoo. If a participant has special dietary needs, please contact the Education Division prior to your program date.*
- ❖ Activities focusing on African culture
- ❖ An evening night hike through the Zoo's African Savanna with night vision binoculars

11:00

- ❖ Bedtime! Accommodations consist of a large walk-in safari tent, which includes a twin sized bunked beds. Tents sleep 8
- ❖ Campers should bring their own sleeping bags and pillows.
- ❖ Restrooms are available but there are no showers.

Mornings:

7:00-7:30

- ❖ Breakfast! The Zoo will provide a continental breakfast.

7:30-11:00

- ❖ Clean up and pack up gear
- ❖ An introduction to the Sarah Allison Steffee Center for Zoological Medicine
- ❖ An activity using Zoo maps and biofacts
- ❖ A behind the scenes tour

*Times are approximate and programming is subject to change.

RISING WATERS SAFARI CAMP GUIDELINES:

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags and pillows are necessary. Unless weather is severe, we will continue with the outdoor portion of our program. Please be sure to pack appropriate clothing (sleepwear, change of clothes, rain gear, toiletries, outdoor garments, and comfortable shoes). In the event of hazardous weather, campers will sleep in the Sarah Allison Steffee Center for Zoological Medicine.

Waiver/emergency treatment release forms – must be filled out and signed on both sides. Every participant (child and **adult**) is required to have his or her own form. **Waivers/emergency treatment release forms should be sent to the Zoo at the time of final payment.** Children will not be permitted to attend the overnight program without a completed and signed form.

Insect repellent – participants are responsible for their own insect repellent.

Medications – the Zoo will not be responsible for the dispensing of any medications. Medications will be the responsibility of the group chaperone or parent of the participant.

TO ENSURE THAT YOUR OVERNIGHT RUNS SMOOTHLY, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

All participants must be at least six years old to participate. There are no exceptions!

Due to safety and security reasons, we cannot accommodate any participant needing to arrive or leave between the hours of 7:30 PM -7:30 AM.

A minimum of 15 persons is required for the Rising Waters Safari Camp overnight to proceed. The camp cannot accommodate any more than 48 participants.

Each tent has the capacity for 8 participants. The instructors, upon arrival, will determine where each participant is sleeping. Please note, there may be more than one group signed up for the program. Smaller families and groups may share a tent with another.

Your **non-refundable** deposit is due upon registration and will be deducted from your total camp-in fee. The remainder of your fee must be paid at least 14 days prior to your camp-in date. Checks should be made payable to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. [We can accept only one check per group.](#)

If a participant becomes ill during any part of the program, we will assist them in making arrangements to get home. Please make sure that all children have their waiver form filled out with phone numbers of someone who can be reached during their stay at the Zoo.

Participants are welcome to stay in The RainForest and/or Zoo immediately following their program, if they choose to. Rising Waters Safari Camp, however, will not be accessible. If participants choose to stay, they must have means to store their gear.

If you need more information, please call the Conservation Education Division at (216) 635-3391. In case of emergency during an overnight, campers can be reached through the Ranger Department at (440) 331-5530.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPERONES AND PARENTS:

1. For registered groups, one adult chaperone per ten children is required.
2. Chaperones must be a minimum of 18-years old.
3. Chaperones must accompany campers throughout the entire program.
4. Chaperones are responsible for the management of the campers, including any necessary disciplinary measures. Chaperones are also required to enforce regulations regarding Zoo property and equipment.
5. Everyone, including chaperones, must follow the instructions of Zoo staff.
6. All participants must take part in all scheduled activities.
7. No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed.
8. No coolers, drink items, or food items are permitted. Water bottles are allowed. Food needed for medical reasons is allowed. Please call and confirm with Education Registration staff.
9. No televisions, radios, CD/tape players, video games, or flashlights please. Cameras are allowed
10. Children participants are not permitted to bring cell phones. Adult participants may bring cell phones for emergency purposes only.
11. No running or horseplay throughout the Zoo.

*Please make a copy of these guidelines and distribute to each chaperone.

Thank you for enrolling your group for our Rising Waters Safari Camp. This is a unique opportunity to learn about wildlife conservation, and zoo philosophy. In order to maintain the quality of our program, our reservation schedule is as follows:

Important! Program Checklist



Upon Registration

Your camp-in deposit must be paid. A 25% deposit is required. **The non-refundable deposit will be put toward your final payment.**

We reserve the right to reschedule your overnight if we have fewer than 15 campers registered



14 Days Before Your Program Date

A final count of participants, final payment and waivers are due. If this information is not received within this time frame, your reservation will be canceled and you will lose your non-refundable deposit. You have until this time to make changes in your group size, only if room is available as verified by the registration department. If you can provide a roster of participants it will make any questions about participants or waivers easier to answer.

This is the last day you may change your program date and utilize your current deposit. After this date your deposit cannot be used towards another date.



7 Days Before Your Program

Any changes in your program roster should be made by this time, (for example if you are exchanging one camper for another with no number changes.)



The Night of the Program

No additional campers will be accepted on the day of the program. There will be no refunds for no-shows.

Please review the above policies carefully. Then sign the agreement below and return it along with your camp-in deposit. If you have any questions, please contact the reservation department at (216) 635-3391.

NOTE: Deposits received without the signed agreement will not be processed. This may result in forfeiture of your camp-in date. PLEASE KEEP PARTICIPANT COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Please return this portion with your deposit.

I _____, understand that I am responsible for following the guidelines set forth in this packet.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Signed _____

Education Division

Group's Name _____

3900 Wildlife Way

Overnight Date _____

Cleveland OH 44109

Deposit Due _____

(216) 635-3391

TO CALCULATE PAYMENT

Your deposit is 25% of your total fee.

One adult per every ten children will be admitted free. For example: if your group has 29 children and 6 adults; 2 adults will be admitted free and the additional four adults would pay. Your group would have a total of 33 paying people.

Please use the following formula to calculate your final payment amount.

EXAMPLE: 29 children and 6 adults = 35 participants minus 2 adults free equals
 33 total paying participants
 @ \$38 per person
 =====
 \$1,254.00 Total amount due
 - 313.50 Deposit
 =====
 \$ 940.50 Final payment due

Number of Children	_____	Overnight Date:	_____
Number of Adults	+ _____		_____
Total in Group	= _____	Group Name	_____
Number of Free Adults	- _____		
Number of Paying Participants	= _____		
@\$38 Per Participant	x \$ 38		
Total Amount Due	= _____		
Deposit 25% of total	- _____		_____
Final Payment Due	= _____	Due on	_____

Please note: Chaperones will not be admitted free until your group has ten children registered. For example: if your group has 9 children and 5 adults, your group would be required to pay for all fourteen people with no free adult. There are no free participants if all participants are adults.

↑ ↑ ↑ **PARTICIPANT COPY** ↑ ↑ ↑

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| Please fill in and return with your [final payment](#).

Estimate: Number of Kids _____ Number of Adults _____ Total in Group _____
 (Must be at least six years old.)

Age of Children _____

Final Payment Due _____ Amount Due _____

Check/Money Order (**One check per group**) VISA MasterCard Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Security Code _____ Signature _____

Billing address for credit card: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mail to: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Education Division, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland OH 44109 or Fax to: (216) 661-3312.