



## 2020 Summer Safari Day Camp Scholarship Application

Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) is pleased to offer scholarships for the 2020 Summer Safari Day Camp season. Safari Day campers at the National Zoo explore the lives, habitats, and conservation of animals around the world. Weeklong sessions include exciting hands-on activities, craft projects, science experiments, and walks through the Zoo. There is no direct contact with the animals.

### Applicant Criteria

Summer Safari Day Camp is for children entering grades K-7. Following DC kindergarten eligibility law, children must turn five (5) years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible for our K-1 programs. There are no pre-K Summer Safari sessions. Children should register for the grade level they will be entering in the fall, and they may register only within their correct age group. Sample characteristics of a good applicant include, but are not limited to:

- An interest in science, animals, and/or the environment, as well as a desire to learn more about wildlife and wild places.
- Curiosity in or willingness to explore the outdoors.
- Ability to get along well with others.
- A willingness to try new things and meet new people.

### What is covered?

Each scholarship includes full tuition for one week-long camp session. Camp tuition includes a hat, reusable water bottle, and a ride on the Speedwell Conservation Carousel. Scholarship applicants may request before- and after-camp care, however due to limited availability FONZ may not be able to offer it as part of the scholarship package.

### Applicants should be aware of the following information:

- Summer Safari Day Camp takes place at the National Zoo in Washington, DC. While campers will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy our exhibits and animals, there is never any direct contact with the animals.
- Campers will split their time between the classroom and walks through the Zoo. They will walk about two (2) miles each day in the heat and possibly rain. Campers should have appropriate walking shoes (no flip flops) and rain gear, if needed.
- Summer Safari Day Camp maintains a non-competitive, violence-free environment. Disruptive, violent, defiant, or abusive behavior will not be tolerated. A child who is consistently disruptive or defiant or displays violence or abuse towards other campers, teen volunteers, teachers, or Camp staff may be dismissed from camp.

### To Apply

The Summer Safari Day Camp Scholarship Application Packet is composed of 4 parts:

**Part A: Summer Safari Day Camp Application Form** - to be completed by the child with a parent/guardian.

**Part B: Summer Safari Day Camp Recommendation Form** –Students must identify two individuals willing to serve as a reference on their behalf. References should be adults, 18 years and older, who know the child well (teacher, counselor, tutor, family friend, etc.). References cannot be related to the child, including parents/step-parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, etc. Each reference must complete a separate Letter of Recommendation Form. References should send the form directly to Summer Safari Day Camp, as noted on the form.

**Part C: Demonstration of Financial Need** - Please provide evidence of financial need, such as a copy of your family's 2018 or 2019 Income Tax Return, an official letter from your school identifying your participation in the National School Lunch Program, or proof of other public benefits such as subsidized housing.

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**Part D: Summer Safari Day Camp Scholarship Parent/Guardian Agreement Form** – to be signed by the child’s parent/legal guardian.

Your complete packet must be received by the Summer Safari Day Camp office no later than **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. The applicant should send their application form (Part A), demonstration of financial need (Part C), and parent/guardian agreement form (Part D) all together to:

FONZ Summer Safari Day Camp  
Attn: Camp Scholarships  
PO Box 37012  
MRC 5516  
Washington, DC 20013

We will inform scholarship recipients by **April 3rd, 2020**.

For more information visit our website <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Education/Camps/DayCamp>. If you have any additional questions please contact the Summer Safari Day Camp office at 202-633-3024 or email us at [fonz\\_programs@si.edu](mailto:fonz_programs@si.edu).

Thank you for your interest in Summer Safari Day Camp! We hope to see you this summer!

Safari Day Camps  
Friends of the National Zoo



## Part A: Summer Safari Day Camp Scholarship Application Form

Safari Day campers at the National Zoo explore the lives, habitats, and conservation of animals around the world. Weeklong sessions include exciting hands-on activities, craft projects, science experiments, and walks through the Zoo. There is no direct contact with the animals.

Following DC kindergarten eligibility law, children must turn five (5) years of age on or before September 30th to be eligible for our K-1 programs.

### Part A. To be completed by child with a parent/guardian. Please provide complete, legible answers.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Which weeks is your child available to attend camp? (Please check **any** weeks your child is free, but please note that a scholarship covers only one week.)

Week 1 (June 22 – June 26) \_\_\_\_\_ Week 5 (July 20 – July 24) \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2 (June 29 – July 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (No Camp July 3) Week 6 (July 27 – July 31) \_\_\_\_\_

Week 3 (July 6 – July 10) \_\_\_\_\_ Week 7 (August 3 – August 7) \_\_\_\_\_

Week 4 (July 13 – July 17) \_\_\_\_\_ Week 8 (August 10 – August 14) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the grade your child will enter in September:      K      1      2      3      4      5      6      7

Although your scholarship does not cover before-camp care or after-camp care at this time, if it becomes available, are you interested in placing your child in:

\_\_\_ *Before-Camp Care* (begins at 8 a.m.)      \_\_\_ *After-Camp Care* (3 – 6 p.m.)

School Name, City, Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Contact Information (If different from parent/guardian)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please share these statements with your child and mark his/her response in the appropriate box.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1) I am interested in science and animals.				
2) I am like the outdoors, walking, and being active.				
3) I am interested in learning more about the environment and how I can help to protect it.				
4) I enjoy making crafts.				
5) I enjoy participating in science experiments.				
6) I get along well with my classmates.				
7) I like school.				

Please provide a short answer to the following questions.

We'd like to hear from your child directly, and encourage you to write down your child's thoughts if s/he is not a strong writer. You may use a separate piece of paper for these questions.

1) Why are you interested in attending Summer Safari Day Camp at the National Zoo?

2) What are your hobbies and interests?

3) What part of camp are you most excited about? Why?

4) What part of camp do you think will be the hardest for you? Why?



## Part B: Letter of Recommendation Form

References should be non-related, adults (18 years and older) who know you well (teacher, counselor, tutor, family friend, etc.). Two references are required. Each reference must complete a separate Letter of Recommendation Form. References should send the form directly to the Summer Safari Day Camp office, as noted below, by **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

### To Reference:

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(Name of Applicant)

scholarship to attend a session of Summer Safari Day Camp at Smithsonian's National Zoo. Safari Day campers explore the lives, habitats, and conservation of animals around the world. Weeklong sessions include exciting hands-on activities, craft projects, science experiments, and walks through the Zoo. There is no direct contact with the animals.

Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?    Very Well                      Well                      Some                      Little

### Answer the following statements to the best of your knowledge.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Say
Has an aptitude for science.					
Is interested in animals and wildlife.					
Likes the outdoors, walking, and being active.					
Gets along well with others.					
Makes friends easily.					
Is curious, willing to try new things, and meet new people.					
Adjusts well to new environments.					
Follows direction.					
Stays on task.					

*Please complete the questions on the following page*

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What qualities do you believe make this child a good scholarship candidate?

How do you believe this child would benefit from this experience?

Why should we award a scholarship to this child?

Additional comments...

Reference Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part D: Parent/Guardian Agreement Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) is pleased that you are choosing to apply for a Summer Safari Day Camp scholarship. Should your child be awarded a scholarship to attend camp, it will include full tuition for one camp session. Camp tuition includes a hat, reusable water bottle, and a ride on the Speedwell Conservation Carousel. (Value \$500) Scholarship applicants may request before- and after-camp care, however due to limited availability FONZ may not be able to offer it as part of the scholarship package. We will do our best to honor requests for extended day care.

### The Application Process:

- Together with your child, complete the *Summer Safari Day Camp Application Form (Part A)*
- Secure two non-related, adult *References (Part B)*.
- Attach a *Demonstration of Financial Need (Part C)*. This can be a copy of your 2017 or 2018 tax return, official documentation citing participation in the National School Lunch Program, or other such documentation.
- Sign and the *Parent/Guardian Agreement Form (Part D)*.

Summer Safari Day Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). As such, if your child receives a scholarship you will be responsible for the completion and timely return of all camp-related forms. If your child will carry medication with him/her during camp, your child's physician must complete the Safari Day Camp Medication Authorization forms. We cannot accept forms other than our own.

*By signing you agree to support your child's application to participate in Summer Safari Day Camp this summer. You and your child agree to the safety rules and behavior expectations for Summer Safari Day Camp.*

Child/Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Before you send the Summer Safari Day Camp application packet, do you have the following forms ready?

\_\_\_ Part A: Summer Safari Day Camp Application Form

\_\_\_ Part C: Demonstration of Financial Need

\_\_\_ Part D: Parent/Guardian Agreement Form

**Forms are due by March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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