If you can’t find the answer to your question, please email Heather at hdewey@pueblozoo.org

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Make sure your camper is wearing sunscreen, bug spray, closed-toe shoes, and clothing appropriate for play! You can send along your own sunscreen and bug spray, although we have some here at all times. Please send a water bottle along so we can help the campers stay hydrated. Also—label all their stuff! That way, if/when they lose it, we can return it to you.

FOOD

The zoo will provide morning and afternoon snacks (individually wrapped snacks like fruit snacks, Goldfish, animal crackers, Veggie Straws, etc.) You are welcome to pack something for your camper if you prefer. If you bought a lunch for your camper, they will be provided with that each day. If you pack a lunch for your camper, please make sure there is nothing that needs to be heated. We have a refrigerator, but not an easily accessible way to heating food.

Pizza Fridays! New this year— we will be offering everyone the opportunity to buy a pizza lunch on Fridays. The cost will be $5.00. If you wish to take part in this lunch offering, please let us know on Monday of your camp week.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

This year we ask that you drop off and pick up your camper at the Mandari Gate (see attached map). It will open at 8:45am and again at 3:45pm. Having drop off/pick up here helps to lessen congestion at the front gate. We ask that you drop off and pick up within these windows of time (8:45-9:00am & 3:45-4:00pm).

You also MUST sign your camper in and out of camp each day. There will be sign in/out sheets at the Mandari Gate for your camper.

The exception to this will be for the week of July 19-23. We are hosting a rental that week at the Mandari Pavilion and access to that gate will not be available. We ask that week, you use the main gate.

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

We are always excited to bring old friends together and see new friendships grow at summer camp! We hope that your camper is able to bring their best individual self to camp each day. We will address any behavioral concerns as they are presented. We very rarely see difficult situations that are without a solution. In the event that a camper is unable to treat others with respect, a parent or guardian will be notified in an effort to help understand the problem and fix it. If a solution cannot be found, we do reserve the right to ask campers not to return. Please help us by reminding your camper that the children at camp and the educators facilitating their group should be treated with respect and kindness.
FRIDAY PARTY TIME!

Another new event we’ll be trying out this year, is bringing all of our campers, educators, parents and guardians together starting at 3:00pm each Friday of camp. This allows you to visit the zoo with your camper and your family, meet their new friends, see what they created during their week, and grab a cool summer treat. No admission will be charged for your family to visit the zoo.

You may leave early with your child or pick them up at the regularly scheduled time of 4:00pm.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The precautions of the last year are fading away a bit, but we’d like everyone to be prepared and alert to the lingering COVID-19 virus.

Campers will not be required to wear masks while outside. Depending upon the situation while indoors, particularly if an animal presentation is happening and that animal has a history of being susceptible to COVID-19, campers may be asked to wear a mask. We have plenty of disposable masks here that we can distribute, but sending one along with your camper each day is advised.

We also expect campers and their families to follow the same protocol that they most likely have all year long while attending school.

IF YOUR CAMPER IS NOT FEELING WELL AND/OR IS SYMPTOMATIC OF COVID-19, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CAMPER TO THE ZOO.

We could like to keep camps open all summer and that’s going to take the help and responsibility of everyone.

ZOO CAMP ADD-ONS

If you ordered a t-shirt, cooling scarf, or water bottle, they will be given to your camper on the first day of camp.

If you would like to purchase one of these items during the week of camp, please let your camp educator or Heather know and we will assist you with that purchase.

Pricing for these items:

Shirt- $10
Cooling scarf- $4.50
Water bottle- $5.50