

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

Camp Participant Form / Parks Tacoma Waiver / Behavior Policies

**** Please bring (not email) this completed form to the first day of camp. ****

_____/_____/_____/_____
Child's First Name Last Name Date of Birth Preferred Pronouns

_____/_____/_____
Grade School Attending Ethnicity (optional)

_____/_____/_____
Child's Home Address City Zip Code

Program(s) Title and Date(s): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian and Emergency Contact Information ~ allowed to check-out Participant

_____/_____/_____
Name (as it appears on photo ID) Relationship to Participant Phone #

_____/_____/_____
Name (as it appears on photo ID) Relationship to Participant Phone #

Additional Parent/Guardian/Adult/Teens ~ allowed to check-out Participant

(You can request a form so that your teen (Ages 13-17) can check themselves out. - pdza.camps@pdza.org)

_____/_____/_____
Name (as it appears on photo ID) Relationship to Participant Phone #

_____/_____/_____
Name (as it appears on photo ID) Relationship to Participant Phone #

Allergies/Medications or other health concerns that would be helpful for camp staff to know about:

Tell us how we can help support your child during their Zoo Camp experience.

(Please read the Behavior Policy on the next page)

Examples: It's their first time at camp. They struggle with transitions or have anxiety.

Are there any triggers that may lead to challenging behavior? If so, what is the suggested response by staff?

Is there something in your child's IEP or 504 that may help us guide them during their camp experience?

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I certify that I am the legal parent/guardian of _____ . In consideration of acceptance into the above referenced program, I do hereby, for myself, my spouse, my children, my heirs, executors and assigns, release the Parks Tacoma and the officials, officers, agents, and employees and volunteers of the Park District from liability for any harm, injury, or damage which I, or my minor children may suffer while participating in the above described program. This includes all risks that relate to this activity whether foreseen or unforeseen.

- I agree to hold Parks Tacoma and its agents, officials, employees and volunteers harmless from any damage to persons or property, resulting from the negligence and/or intentional act of myself or my children.
- I assume the responsibility of my child or ward's mental and physical fitness to participate in said activity and agree to abide by all rules and requirements of the program and the Park District.
- I agree to have my photo or photo of my child or children, taken during classes to be used only for publicity purposes by the Park District.
- I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this agreement for and on behalf of the participant. I understand the terms and have signed this document as my own free act.
- I, the undersigned, hereby expressly agree that this release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Washington and if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
- I have fully informed myself of the contents of this release by reading it before I sign it. I realize that by signing this document I am giving up legal rights which I may be entitled to.

Behavior Management Policies

We are committed to providing an inclusive, safe, fun, and educational experience while ensuring the health, safety and well-being of all participants, zoo staff, volunteers, and animals.

- Community behavioral agreements will be discussed at the beginning of each camp day.
- When the actions of a participant negatively affect one's own or others' experiences, steps will be taken to seek mutually beneficial and camper-centered resolutions. These steps include:
 1. Camp instructors reminding camper of behavioral agreements and discussing potential harm caused and how they may alter their behavior.
 2. If negative behaviors continue, camp staff will bring concerns to Zoo Camp leadership. The responsible adult will be contacted either by phone or at the end of the camp day to discuss possible solutions.
- Should the negative behavior(s) continue to pose risks to the wellbeing and/or safety or interfere with camp operations by the end of the next day of camp, PDZA staff reserve the right to:
 1. Require an adult to come pick up a camper before the end of the camp day
 2. Ask that a camper does not return to camp the next or any following days based on the impact to camp to other and/or operations
 3. Turn away a camper at check-in the following day
- Based on the seriousness of the camper's behavior, arrangements may be made to allow a camper to return after a "day off" from the camp, contingent on agreements made between the adult guardian and Zoo Camp leadership.

I have read and understand the content of this document:

Signature: _____

Date: _____