

Thank you for coming to Zoo Camp. The following information should clarify any concerns you may have and answer most of your questions about the Zoo Camp Experience.

**Teachers, please provide your adult helpers with a copy of these guidelines.**

### Planning for Your Camp

#### Number of children

Zoo Camp can be run for groups between a **minimum 20** and a **maximum 34** children. Groups with fewer than 20 children may still be able to attend camp by paying a surcharge.

#### Supervisory Ratio

The **minimum** number of adult supervisors that are required for camp is **four** adults, two of which must be employees of the school or representatives of the organisation. If you have **less than 20 children** attending camp, you require **four** adult supervisors. For camps with **20 or more children**, a **1:5** ratio of adults to children is required. The **maximum** number of adult supervisors that can attend camp is **seven**.

#### Arrival Time for Zoo Camp

We recommend that your group arrives at Perth Zoo between 4:30pm and 4:45pm on the afternoon of your camp. Zoo Camp is a magical experience! We find that if students have spent the day in the Zoo before camp, they are tired, have seen most of what is covered during camp and are unable to fully engage in the majesty of camp.

### Before Your Camp

#### What to Bring

Please ensure that students and adults bring the following:

- Bedding, please bring a pillow, fitted sheet and sleeping bag (we provide mattresses)
- Toiletries and pyjamas
- Drink bottle
- Warm clothes
- Enclosed footwear
- Mosquito repellent (preferably roll-on)
- Supplies for a BBQ dinner or similar (we recommend a shared meal rather than individual students bringing individual meals)

We have attached a packing list that you can give to students/parents to ensure they bring all the necessary gear.

#### Sleeping Arrangements

Students and adults will be sleeping communally in the Homestead Barn, which is an enclosed wooden building with concrete floors but does not have heating or cooling appliances. All participants must bring their own pillow, fitted sheet and sleeping bag.

#### Meals

Dinner: Your group will provide your evening meal. We recommend you bring a shared BBQ dinner and we can provide the BBQ and cooking tools.

Supper: Perth Zoo will supply an evening snack of fruit and biscuits. We suggest participants with food allergies bring their own evening snack.

Breakfast: Perth Zoo will provide breakfast of cereal and toast. We suggest participants with food allergies bring their own breakfast supplies.

### Amenities

Toilets: During the night (10:00pm - 6:30am), students and adults must use the designated toilet facilities which will be shown to you by your Zoo Camp Leaders during camp. Students must be escorted to toilets by a supervisor or adult helper. A two-way radio must be taken.

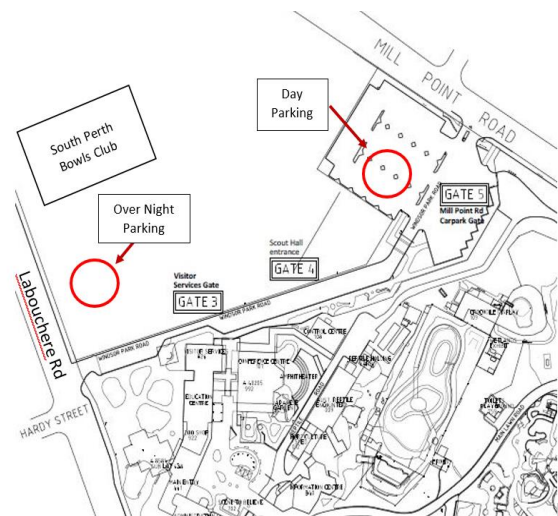
Showers: Shower facilities are not available for staff, adult helpers or students.

## On Arrival at Your Camp

### Parking

Buses can park, free of charge, in the car park located off Mill Point Road. We recommend you bring at least one car to be used in case of an emergency. While parking is not available inside the zoo overnight, you can park around the Zoo. These car parks are patrolled by the City of South Perth.

Cars arriving at or around 4:30pm are best parked in the Labouchere Rd carpark between South Perth Bowls Club and the zoo. You may need to pay for parking in the morning.



### What to do when you arrive at the Zoo

If your group is arriving all together at the recommended time of 4:30pm, please come through the main entrance and see the cashiers (if your group is arriving by parent drop-off please ensure everyone has arrived before coming through the gates together at 4:30pm). Then assemble in the School Group Meeting to the left of the entrance of the Zoo. Your Zoo Camp Leaders will meet you for a 5:00pm start. Heavy equipment such as eskies will be loaded on to a Zebra Car buggy. Students will carry their own belongings.

If your group cannot arrive until 5:00 pm, please assemble outside the main entrance. Cashiers will be closed so please call the Zoo Camp mobile on **0438 992 590** once you have arrived and the Zoo Camp Leaders will come to meet you.

Groups can enter the Zoo from 4:30 pm on the day of your camp. If you wish to enter the Zoo before 4:30pm please be aware that general admission charges will apply and will require an additional booking - please contact the Discovery and Learning on 9474 0365.

The Zoo Camp Leaders will be available from 4:30pm on the first day of camp on the Zoo Camp mobile on **0438 992 590**. Please do not try to call this number at other times as it is used during Zoo Camp hours only.

## During Your Camp

### Role of the School Supervisory Team

Your first activity will run from 5:30pm – 6:00 pm, small groups of students will move around the Zoo (in search of clues). Your role may include supervising one of these groups. You will carry a Zoo two-way radio for communication. All other activities will be supervised by Zoo Camp Leaders. Make sure you have comfortable shoes for the walk.

While this activity is taking place, some of you will be required to cook the BBQ. Following this, some of the adults will need to assist with the washing up while the Zoo Camp Leaders organise the students for their next block of activities. Please join in for the remainder of the night's activities which are fully supervised by the Zoo Camp Leaders.

Your assistance in helping your Zoo Camp Leaders to keep groups together while they are walking around the Zoo is also appreciated. Teachers and adult helpers will need to help students set up and pack away camp mattresses.

Overnight Supervision: Zoo Camp Leaders will remain onsite (located in the Homestead House adjacent to the Homestead Barn) overnight and will be within two-way radio contact of the supervisors. At all times the duty of care and supervision of campers remains the responsibility of the group's adult supervisors.

In line with the Zoo's emergency response plan, **no student or adult is to leave the group, walk through the grounds unescorted by a Zoo Camp Leader or sleep in any other area unless otherwise instructed.**

All supervisors and adult helpers are expected to be on site for the duration from the commencement of Zoo Camp. In addition, letting teachers, adults and students in and out of the grounds during camp is disruptive to the camp's proceedings and should be avoided.

### **Please Note**

Perth Zoo is a completely non-smoking venue. Any supervisors and adult helpers who smoke will need to abstain for the night. Alcohol is not to be consumed during your visit. This includes when students are sleeping.

### **The Program**

We have a very full program and the Zoo Camp Leaders will guide you as to when activities will start and finish and how they will be organised. As we are working with both animals and children, there may be some changes, however a typical program is outlined below.

<u>Evening Program</u>	<u>Morning Program</u>
5:00pm Welcome and Briefing	6:30am Wake Up - Pack Up
5:30pm Race to Save Activity	7:00am Breakfast (provided by the Zoo)
6:00pm BBQ Dinner (provided by group)	8:30am Introduction and Keeper Visit
7:00pm Conservation Focused Activities	9:00am Farewell
8:15pm Supper Snack (provided by the Zoo)	
8:45pm Night Walk	
9:45pm Get ready for bed	
10:00pm Lights Out!	

### **After Your Camp**

Zoo Camp finishes at 9:00am. Participants are welcome to stay in the Zoo at the conclusion of camp, to do your own self-guided visit at the Zoo after your camp for no extra charge.

If you do intend to stay in the grounds after your camp you can request to store your camp gear at the Homestead camp site. A key to the storage area is available to supervisors, with a driver's license as ID. There will not be access to a buggy to transport stored items when you are leaving the Zoo.

For any other queries regarding your booking or experience please contact Discovery and Learning on 9474 0365 Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We hope that you have an enjoyable Zoo Camp Experience!



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