Family Sundown Safari

General Information

Go on Safari in Oakland! Family Sundown Safari is a hands-on educational summer program for families with children ages four and up. With an Education Specialist, you will explore the Wayne and Gladys Valley Children’s Zoo on a private sunset tour, get a behind the scenes experience, and make an enrichment craft for some of our Zoo animals. Head to the Wildlife Theater for an amazing night show. After enjoying the evening’s festivities, circle around the campfire to roast s’mores before drifting off to sleep in the Zoo meadow. Shortly after awaking to singing siamangs, you’ll enjoy a hot breakfast, meet some of our animal ambassadors up-close, embark on an early morning tour, and watch the animals enjoy the treats you made for them. Your family will never forget their incredibly fun and unique camp out at the Oakland Zoo!

For Ages
4 years to adult; this program is not suitable for children under 4.

Times
5:00 pm to 10:00 am – after your program you are free to explore the Zoo on your own for the remainder of the day.

Availability
Saturdays in July and August. July 11, 18 & 25 and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

Where
Maddie’s Center for Science and Environmental Education; participants are to meet their Education Specialist at the Lower Entrance cashier booth.

Attendees
Maximum 50 (includes all students and adults)
Chaperones: Children may not attend program without an accompanying adult.

Food Provided
Evening: Child Friendly Catering*
Morning: Child Friendly Catering*
Note: Dinner is included, but families are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks. Please do not bring anything that requires cooking or that cannot be kept in your personal cooler.

*Food items may contain dairy products or nuts. Please contact us with any concerns regarding participant food allergies. Menu changes based on availability and season.

Bring
A complete list will be included with your confirmation packet.

Program Outline*

Evening Schedule:
5:00-6:00 – Check In & Set-Up Tents
6:00-6:15 – Intro and Zoo rules
6:15-7:00 – Dinner
7:00-8:15 – Evening Zoo tour & enrichment making
8:15-8:45 – Nighttime Wildlife Theater show
8:45-9:30 – S’mores around the bonfire in meadow (optional bedtime for younger participants)
9:30-10:00 – Settle into tents, lights out

Morning Schedule:
6:30-7:00 – Wake up
7:00-8:00 – Breakfast
8:00-8:30 – Animal Close-up
8:30-9:45 – Zoo Tour & enrichment viewing
9:45-10:00 – Pack-up & return personal items to vehicles

*Times are approximate, and subject to change.
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Fees & Policies

Pricing & What’s Included

Members: $100 per participant (child or adult)
Non-members: $110 (child or adult)
Zoo admission included in the overnight price.
Optional: $15 per Family Sundown Safari t-shirt, pre-order only.

How & When To Book

Submit this completed form via email (below) or fax to (510) 729-7324, at least 30 days in advance. Our programs are very popular, so we recommend that you fax or email your request at least 6 weeks in advance of the date you would like to reserve. We cannot accommodate requests for bookings less than two weeks prior to the event.

Payment

$50 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of the reservation and the balance two weeks before the date of the program, or your reservation may be cancelled. You will be sent an email reminder that your payment is due two weeks before the deadline.

Overnight programs take place rain or shine.

Cancellation

There is a $50 cancellation fee regardless of when the cancellation is made. Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to the event may be completely refunded, minus the $50 deposit. Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the event may forfeit all payments.

Late Policy

It is very important for all program participants (children and adults) to be at the Zoo a few minutes before 5:00pm to insure the program starts on time. We cannot interrupt the program to admit late arrivals. Also note that the Zoo gates are locked from around 11:00pm until 7:00am and we are unable to interrupt the program for early departures unless there is a medical or family emergency.

Publicity Release

During our Education programs, we often take photographs, audio, or video recordings. These images and recordings are used in print and online promotional materials. We take care to protect participant privacy by not identifying participants by name and we do not share or sell these images to other organizations. By signing up for this program, I authorize the Oakland Zoo to use my child’s image for educational and public relations purposes related to the zoo only. I understand that we will not receive compensation for use of images, audio, or video of my child taken while he or she is enrolled in Oakland Zoo Education programs. If you have any questions or concerns please call our reservations associate and ask to speak with the program manager.

Paula Booth, Reservations Associate
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Contact & Payment

Contact Information

Registering Adult: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________
City, State, Zip: ______________________________
Contact Phone: ______________________________
Contact E-mail: ______________________________
Are you a member of the Oakland Zoo? ☐ Yes, Member #:________________
☐ No
Other adult first name(s): _________________________
Children’s first names and ages: _________________________
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Program Information

2020 Dates: July 11, 18, & 25 and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Preferred Date: Choice 1________ Choice 2________ Choice 3___________

Participants:  Members Non-members
# of Children: ______ $100 ea $110 ea = $ ________
# of Adults: ______ $100 ea $110 ea = $ ________

*Optional # of T-Shirts: ________ $15 ea = $ ________
# of Youth Sizes: S (6-8) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (14-16) _____
# of Adult Sizes:  S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Please list any allergies, physical, mental or emotional conditions which our staff should be aware:
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Payment Information

☐ Check#________ Amount $__________ (payable to “Oakland Zoo”)

☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover
Number: ____________________________________________
Exp. Date:_______/_______ Security Code ____________________
Name on Card: _______________________________________
Amount to charge: $______________ (deposit or full amount)
Signature: _______________________________ Date___________

Return completed form, at least 30 days in advance, to:

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