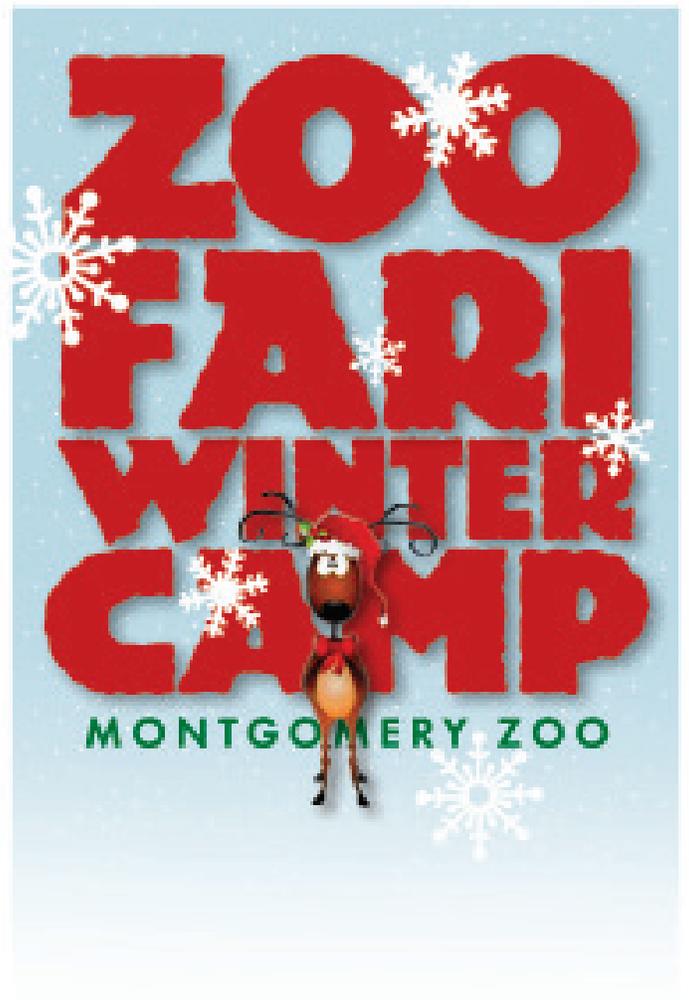


# Parent Information Packet



## ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

**Dear Parent and/or Guardian,**

Thank you for allowing your camper to attend Zoofari Winter Camp at the Montgomery Zoo. It is our joy and pleasure to provide your camper with a wildlife adventure like none other.

At Zoofari Winter Camp, we plan to provide your camper with an experience that will be fun, exciting, and also educational. We are going to take a walk through a wild winter wonderland as we discuss how animals are equipped to survive the change in their environments throughout the winter season.

Along with this packet, you have received a list of camp requirements, camp release form, disciplinary code, list of daily activities, and lunch schedule. Please go over this information with your camper so they are aware of the daily activities and camp expectations. This should help answer some of your questions about our camp.

Let me remind you, that many of our activities will be held outside. Please dress your camper appropriately for the daily temperatures and make sure to bring a water bottle. Also, if your camper has any special dietary needs, please make us aware and it may be best for you to provide the appropriate food and snacks for your camper.

Again, welcome to Zoofari Winter Camp! We are looking forward to a wonderful winter at the Montgomery Zoo. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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## ZOO FARI WINTER CAMP PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Please see the Zoofari Winter Camp release form that is included in your packet. We ask that you and your camper go over this form, sign it, and return it to the Education Department at check-in at the first day of camp. We must have this release form before your child can enter camp. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

- Drop off and pick up will be at the Front Gate of the Montgomery Zoo. A zoo representative will meet your child during these times:

Drop-off times: 7:30am - 8am  
Pick up times: 5pm - 5:30pm

Should you need to drop-off your camper late or pick-up your camper early, please make the camp director aware.

- You will be given two ID cards to pick up your camper each day. The card must be displayed on the dashboard of your car. The second card can be given to a spouse or friend who may be picking up your child. More cards can be requested before camp begins. We will not release your child to a person without a card.

- A lunch menu has been provided for each day of camp (*page 6 of this document*). Lunch is at 12pm (noon) daily. If your camper will not eat the lunch provided for the day or has dietary restrictions, you may want to send an alternate lunch. Snacks will be provided daily (one AM and one PM), but you may send an alternate snack as well.

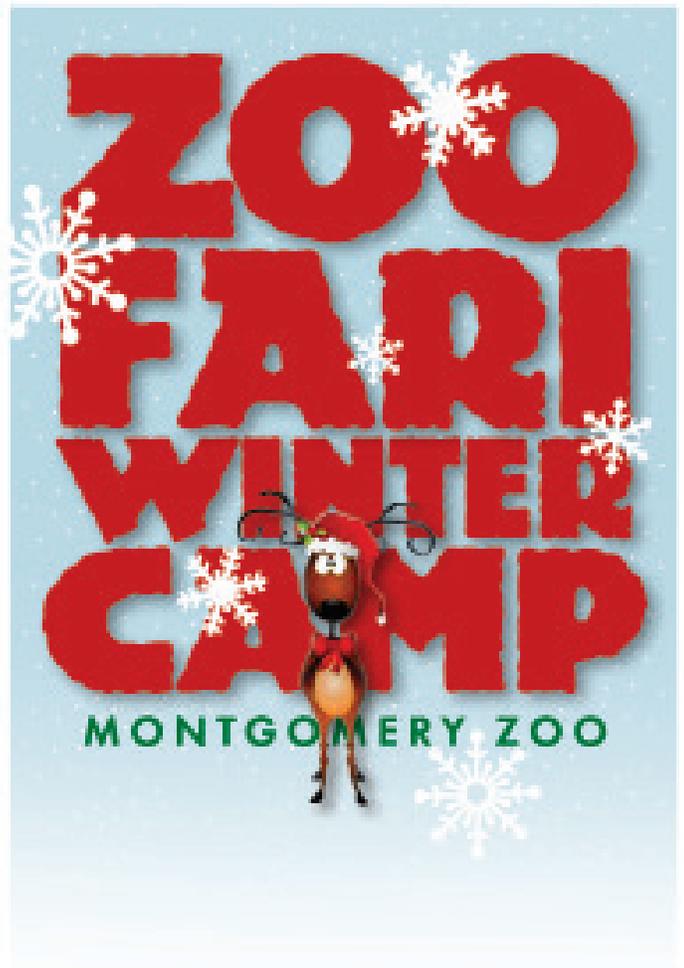
- Please send a water bottle with your camper every day. If they don't have one, we will provide cups for them to use. We always have a cooler of fresh cool water. Please talk to your camper about drinking lots of water during the day. It is very hot in the summer and we do spend some time outdoors.

- Tennis shoes are required for all campers. We do a lot of walking and spend time on the playground. Flip flops, sandals, and crocs tend to be hard to walk in and a safety hazard for children on the playground.

- Gift Shop day will be on the last day of camp. Your camper will be given an opportunity to go to both gift shops (Front Gate Main Admissions and the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum). This is the only day that they will need money. Adult counselors are willing to hold money for the campers. If you would like us to hold your camper's money, please place it in an envelope and label it with the camper's name. We can only replace money if we are the ones that lost it.

- Please note: For insurance reasons and for the safety of all involved, the campers will not have any direct contact with the zoo animals.

- If you need to contact the zoo camp director or your camper, you may call the Zoo at (334) 625-4905 or (334) 354-6034. If it is an emergency, please call the Zoo's Security staff at (334) 354-6243.



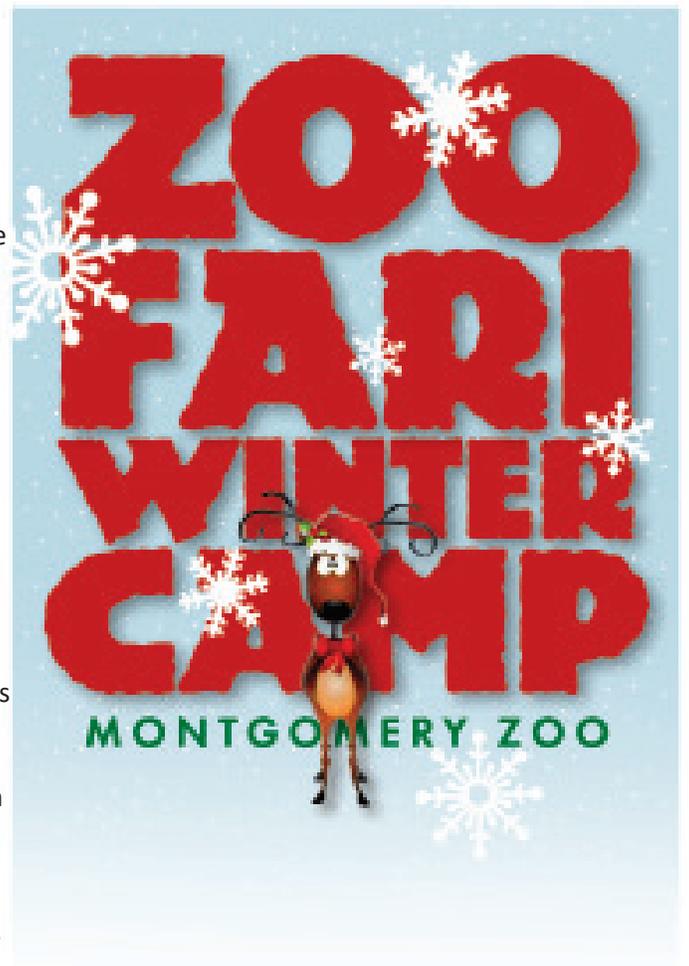
# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP RELEASE STATEMENTS

**Medication Waiver:** I understand that camp staff will hold my child's medication in a safe location. Camp staff is not responsible for reminding my child when to take medication, nor will they administer it to my child. It is my responsibility as Parent/Guardian to inform my child of proper dosage and release the Montgomery Zoo from any and all claims resulting from my child bringing medication to camp.

**Authorization of Treatment:** I hereby give my permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order treatment and necessary transportation for my child in case of emergency. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician to secure and administer treatment to my child.

**Release Statement:** I acknowledge that there are natural hazards associated with camp programs and related activities. I understand that this is an active camp and that many of the activities will take place outdoors on zoo grounds. I hereby affirm that my child is in good health and physically capable of performing the required activities of the camp. I hereby release and forever discharge the Montgomery Zoo from all claim of liability for any damages or injuries which may be sustained while my child is at camp.

**Photo Release:** I give my consent, to the Montgomery Zoo and the Montgomery Area Zoological Society, without compensation to me or the youth/applicant on this form to use any photographs or videotape taken of the youth/applicant on these form in future promotional or marketing materials of Montgomery Zoo.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camp dates attending

**Zoofari Camp Disciplinary Policy:** Zoofari Camp is meant to be a fun, educational, and recreational activity. For the benefit of all campers, it is important that children behave appropriately within the summer camps. If it becomes necessary to take disciplinary action against a camper, the steps are outlined below.

**1st incident:** The camper will receive a verbal warning and an explanation as to why their behavior is inappropriate (whenever possible this will be done away from other campers).

**2nd incident:** Staff will determine an appropriate consequence for the camper's action. For example, the camper may receive a time out or exclusion from participating in an activity. The camper's parent/guardian will be notified of their behavior when they arrive to pick up the child.

**3rd incident:** The camper will be excused from camp without a tuition refund.

*The Zoofari Camp Director and Zoo Director reserve the right to ban any child from zoo camp following a first incident in cases of serious behavior problems.*

# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

## Camper Code of Conduct

In order to maintain a safe, peaceful, and positive Zoofari Camp environment, we require parents/guardians and campers to read and comprehend the importance of abiding by the following code of conduct.

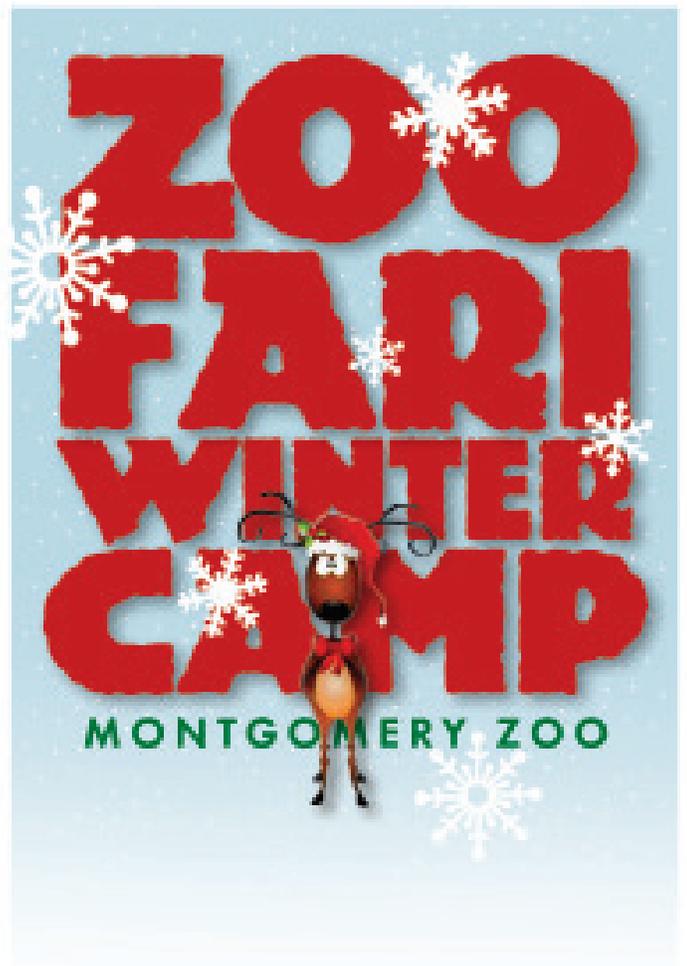
I will follow the camp schedule. I will bring only necessary items to camp (no weapons, no electronic items, no valuables, etc.) I will respect counselors, directors, other campers, and animals by following all proper behavior procedures. This includes, but is not limited to: foul language, name calling, bullying, teasing, and/or fighting. I will follow all safety rules set forth by the camp staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Parents and/or Guardian:** We ask that you and your camper go over this form, sign it, and return it to the Education Department at check-in at the first day of camp. We must have this release form before your child can enter camp. *Thank you for your attention to this matter.*

## ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP LUNCH MENU

Lunch is served at the Overlook Cafe at 12pm (noon) daily. If your camper will not eat the lunch provided for the day, you may send an alternate lunch with them. Snacks will be provided daily, but you may send an alternate snack as well.

Please see the daily menu below.

**Thursday 12/26:** Hot Dog Combo

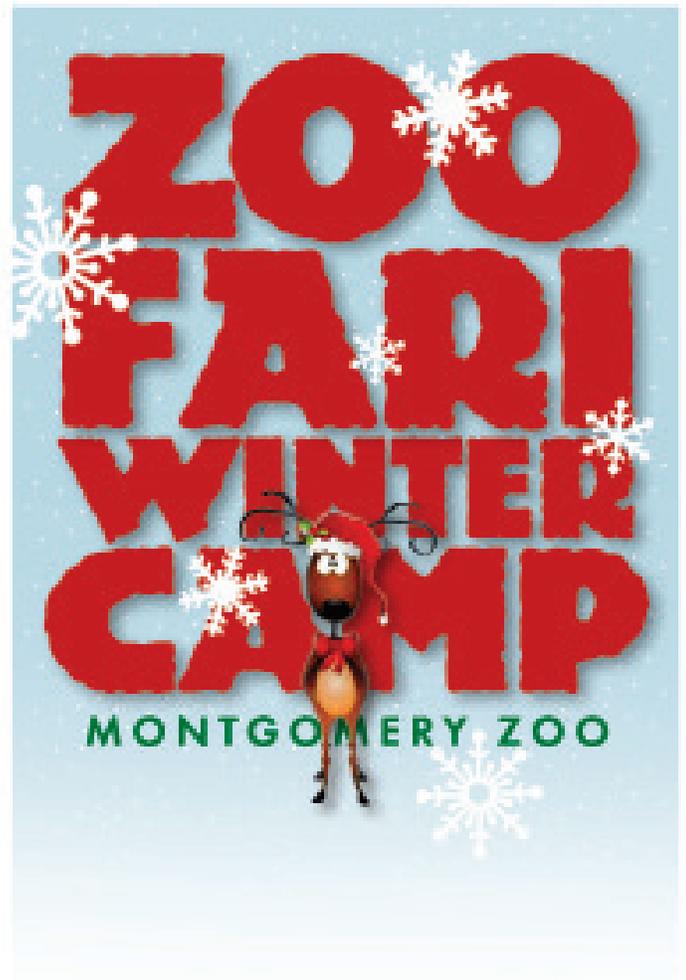
**Friday 12/27:** Pizza Combo

**Monday 12/30:** Hamburger Combo

**Tuesday 12/31:** Pizza Combo

**Thursday 1/2:** Chicken Nugget Combo

**Friday 1/3:** Ham/Cheese Wrap Combo



**Note:** All combos include chips, cookies and drinks (lemonade or water).  
On Friday, the cookie will be substituted for an ice cream sandwich.

# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP

## THURSDAY 12/26 ACTIVITIES

### Today's topic: Creatures of Snow

#### Intro to camp

- Intro to each other and counselors
- Name tags, shirts, rules, camp expectations

#### Zoo Scavenger Hunt

- *lead by Zooteens and Docents*
- *Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals*
  - 1) Canadian Lynx
  - 2) Elk & Big Horn Sheep
  - 3) Black Bear
  - 4) Bald Eagle
  - 5) River Otters
  - 6) Museum (caribou & polar bear)

#### Animal presentations at Education pavilion

- *presentation focus on animals which encounter snow in the winter and how they are adapted for cold weather.*
- *all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:*
  - 1) Helena, great horned owl
  - 2) Gunner, red-tailed hawk
  - 3) Toby, chinchilla
  - 4) Rusti, eastern screech owl

#### Keeper talks

- Canadian Lynx
- River Otters (with enrichment)

#### Crafts for the day

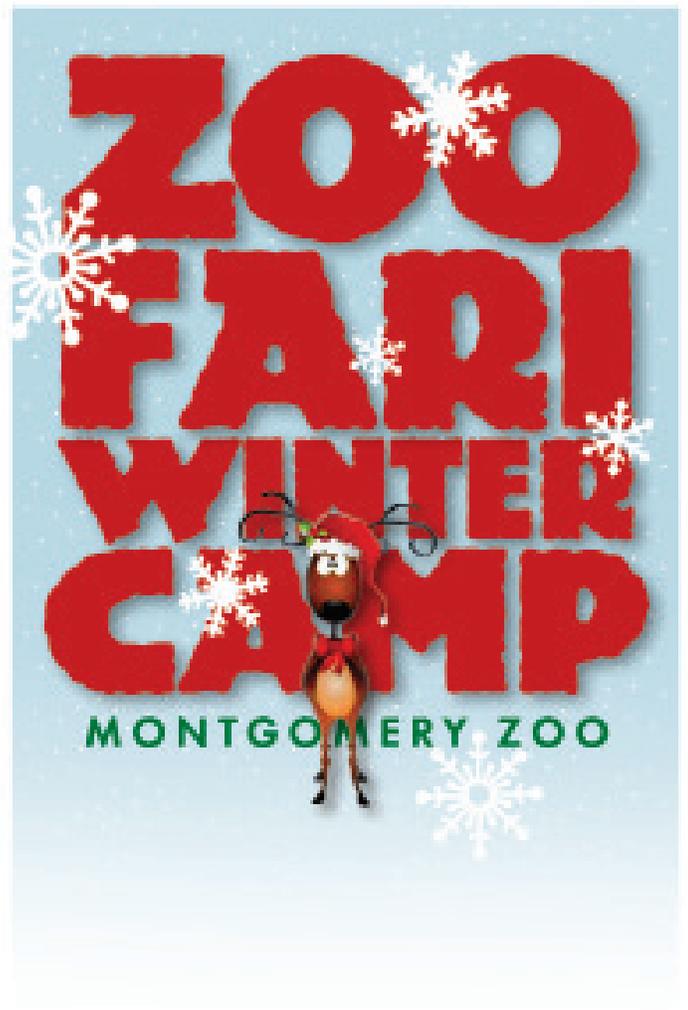
- Make your own snowglobe
- Build a Snowman

#### Extra outside activities

- Game/Conversation time
- Train, playground, sky lift

#### Food / beverages

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink



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# ZOO FARI WINTER CAMP FRIDAY 12/27 ACTIVITIES

## Today's topic: Tropical Winter

### Zoo Scavenger Hunt

- lead by Zooteens and Docents
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) Flamingoes
  - 2) Ring-tailed Lemurs
  - 3) Spider Monkeys
  - 4) Indian Rhinoceros
  - 5) Macaws
  - 6) Reptile House

### Animal presentations at Education pavilion

- presentation focus on animals who live in the tropics and how they adapt to the change of season
- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
  - 1) Spec, White-fronted Amazon parrot
  - 2) Meep, Lady Ross Turaco
  - 3) Wendy, African serval cat
  - 4) Homer, ball python
  - 5) Oso, kinkajou

### Keeper talks

- Giraffe Encounter (split groups)  
*Campers BTS tour, cable yard, each create painting, pic taken while giraffe painting their pic*
- Stingray Bay (with feeding)

### Crafts for the day

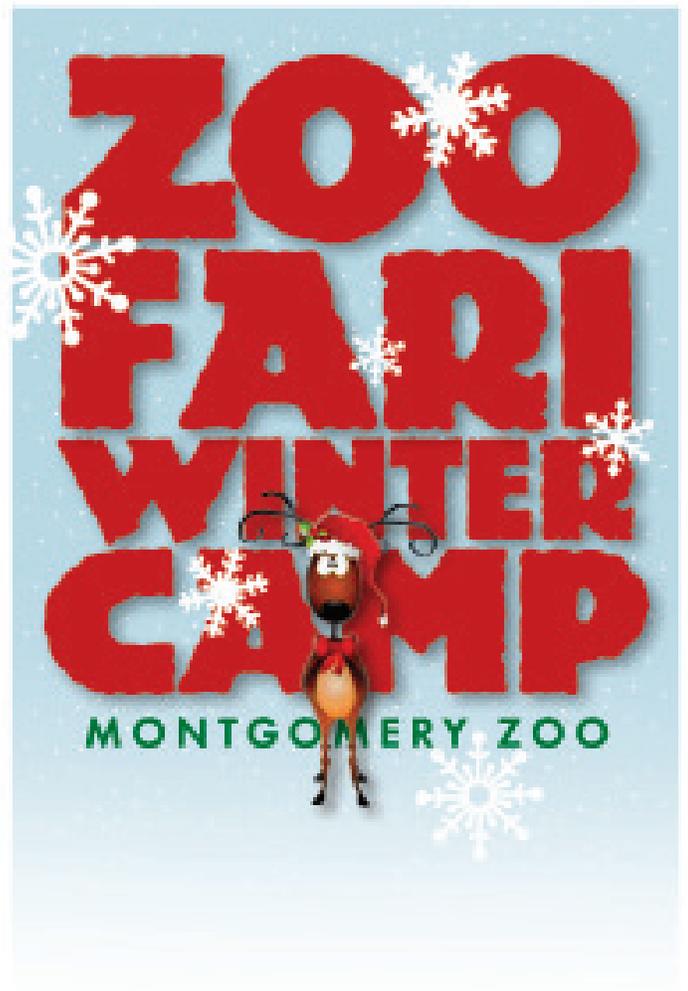
- Giraffe painting and picture
- Balloon or Pom Pom Animals

### Extra outside activities

- Game/Conversation time
- Train, playground, sky lift

### Food / beverages

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink



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# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP MONDAY 12/30 ACTIVITIES

## Today's topic: Winter in the Desert

### Zoo Scavenger Hunt

- lead by Zooteens and Docents
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) African Spurred Tortoise
  - 2) Kangaroo
  - 3) Andean Condor
  - 4) Museum (Coyote, Desert Pig, Gila Monster)

### Animal presentations at Education pavilion

- presentation focus on animals who live in deserts and how they survive harsh weather changes
- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
  - 1) Dezy, Desert Kingsnake
  - 2) Phoenix, Harris Hawk
  - 3) Feebee, Gunther, or Ike, Bettong
  - 4) Starr, Indian Star Tortoise
  - 5) Dutchess, Emperor Scorpion

### Keeper talks

- Reptile Facility tour lead by keeper
- Keeper talk at Cuban Iguana (with enrichment)

### Craft for the day

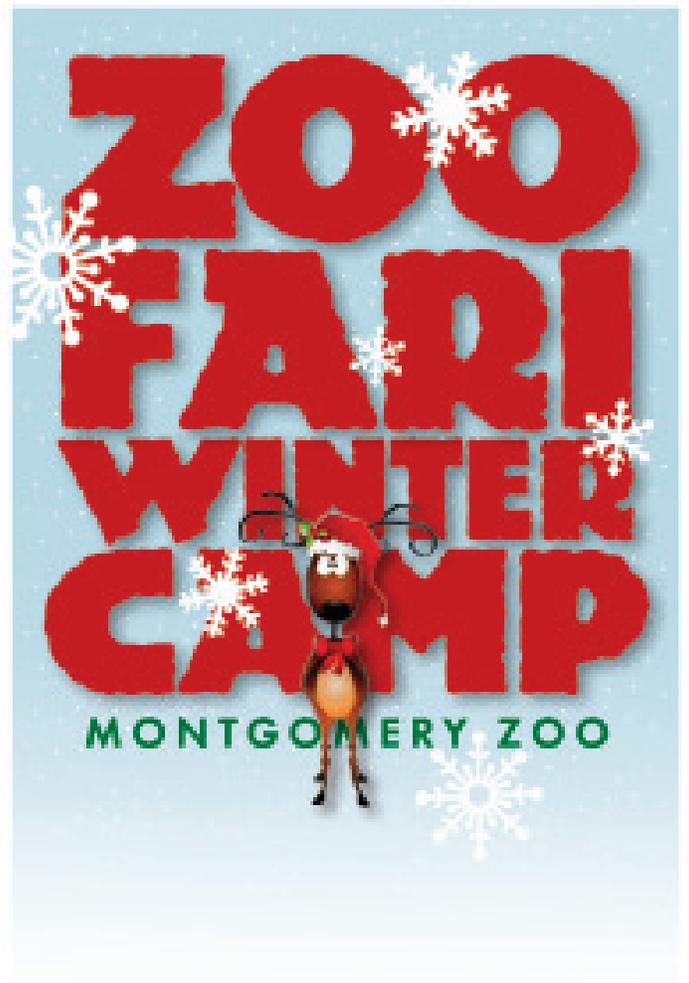
- SandArt
- Origami or Sponge Painting

### Extra outside activities

- Game/Conversation time
- Train ride, playground, sky lift ride

### Food / beverages

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink



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# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP TUESDAY 12/31 ACTIVITIES

## Today's topic: A Wild New Year Celebration

### Zoo Scavenger Hunt

- lead by Zooteens and Docents
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) Siamangs
  - 2) Squirrel Monkeys
  - 3) Maned Wolf
  - 4) Cheetahs

### Animal presentations at Education pavilion

- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
  - 1) Brittany Rose, Rose-Haired Tarantula
  - 2) Spud, Rhinoceros Iguana
  - 3) Marina, Ruwenzori Long-Haired Fruit Bat
  - 4) Padme & Chewy, Sugar Gliders
  - 5) Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches

### Keeper talks

- Bengal Tiger night quarters BTS Tour (split groups)
- Spider monkeys feeding and keeper talk

### Craft for the day

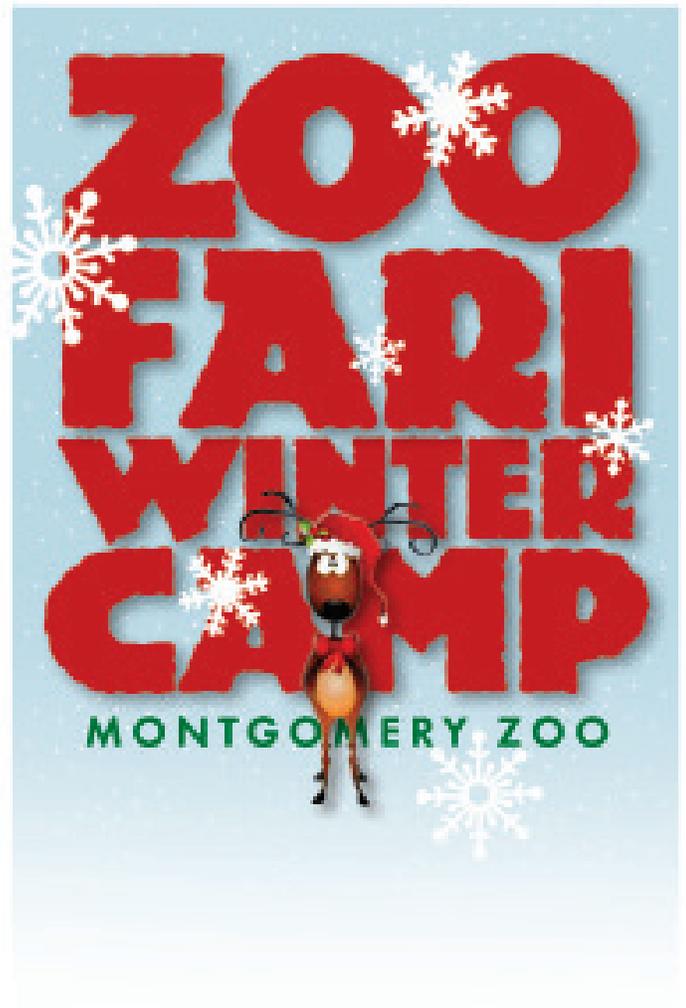
- Make your Own Party Hat
- Decorations for New Year's Eve Party

### Extra outside activities

- Game/Conversation time
- Train, petting zoo, sky lift

### Food / beverages

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink @ New Year's Eve Party



**ALL CAMPERS WILL COME TOGETHER AT 11:45 AM FOR A NEW YEAR'S COUNTDOWN TO NOON COMPLETE WITH A BALLOON DROP AND PARTY!!**

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# ZOO FARI WINTER CAMP THURSDAY 1/2 ACTIVITIES

## Today's topic: Grasslands Winter

### Zoo Scavenger Hunt

- lead by Zooteens and Docents
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) Rhino
  - 2) African Lion
  - 3) African hoofstock
  - 4) Hippo
  - 5) Asian Hoofstock
  - 6) Museum (pronghorn, quail & pheasant)

### Animal presentations at Education pavilion

- presentation focus on animals who live in grasslands
- all participants will have an opportunity to meet the following animals up close:
  - 1) Sheldon, Three-Banded Armadillo
  - 2) Kook, Blue-Winged Kookaburra
  - 3) Anala, Dingo
  - 4) Taz, Bearded Dragon
  - 6) Chelsea, Patagonian Cavy

### Keeper talks

- Elephant feeding and keeper talk
- Chimp keeper talk (with enrichment)

### Craft for the day

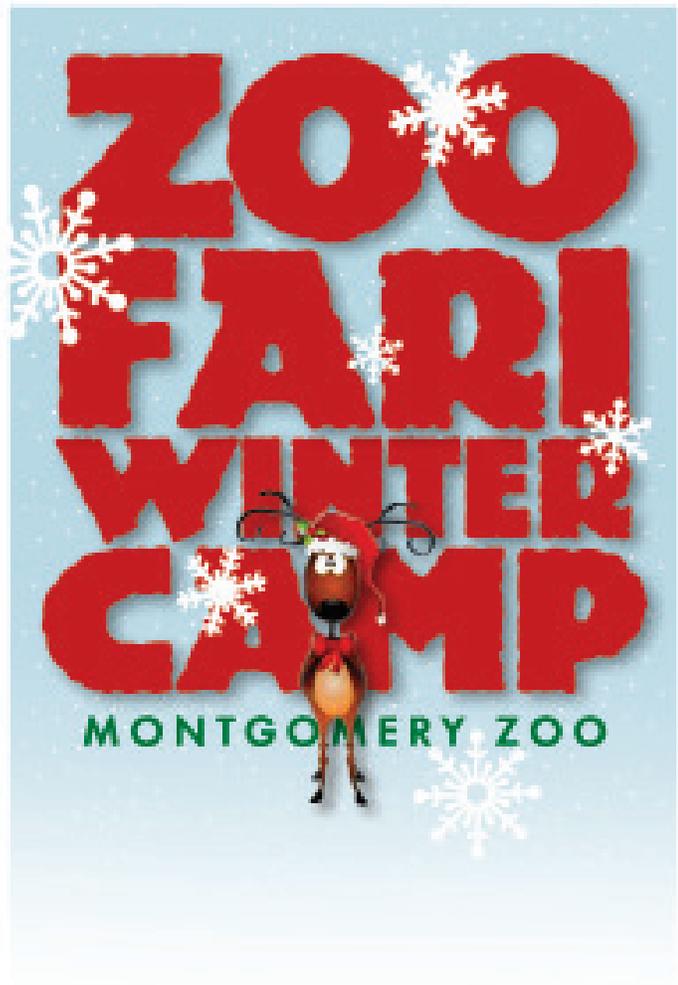
- Elephant milk jugs
- Hoof Print Drawings

### Extra outside activities

- Game/Conversation time
- Petting zoo, parakeet cove

### Food / beverages

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink



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# ZOOFARI WINTER CAMP FRIDAY 1/3 ACTIVITIES

**Today's topic: Zoo Careers & Preparing the Zoo for Winter**

## **Flashlight Tour of Museum**

- lead by Zooteens and Docents, lights off, done prior to Museum opening
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) Elk
  - 2) Timberwolves
  - 3) Bison
  - 4) Polar bear
  - 5) Black bear
  - 6) Fish room

## **Zoo Scavenger Hunt**

- lead by Zooteens and Docents
- Clues will be left in the Zoo so that all participants will have an opportunity to see all the animals
  - 1) Rhino Iguana
  - 2) Alligator
  - 3) Old World Aviary
  - 4) River Hogs

## **Keeper talks**

- Lion Keeper Talk
- South America Flight Cage Keeper Talk
- Ask the Vet Q & A

## **Crafts for the day**

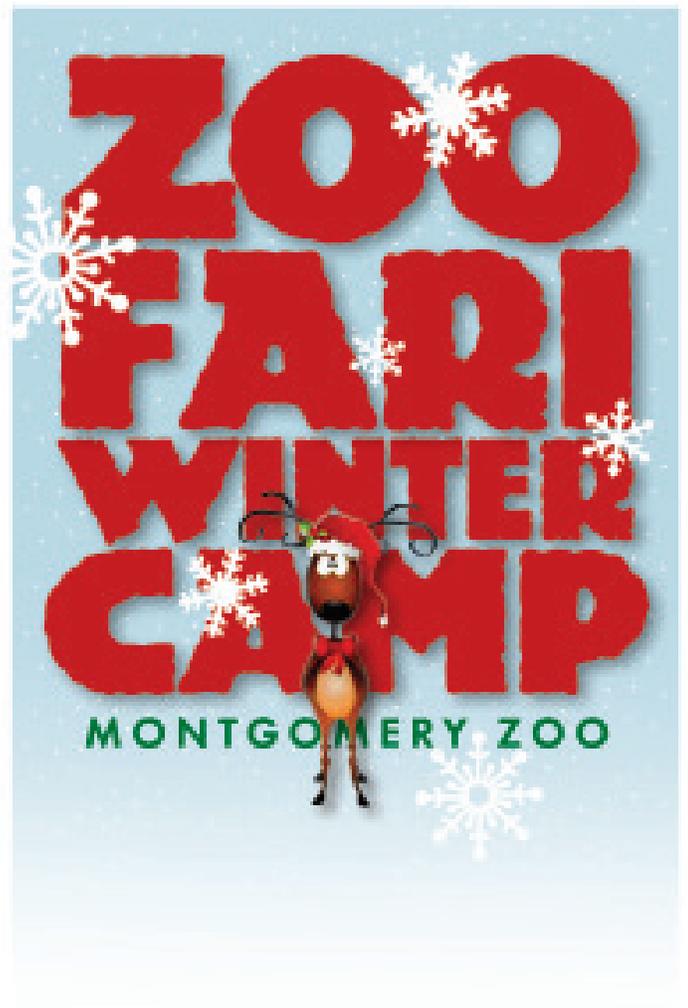
- Design a Zoo Keeper Vest
- Make a Winter Plan for the Zoo

## **Extra outside activities**

- Gift shop day at Main GS and Museum
- Keeper Games
- Train, parakeet cove, sky lift

## **Food / beverages**

- AM and PM snack with drink (rest time)
- Noon lunch with drink



**ALL CAMPERS REMEMBER TO BRING MONEY FOR SOVENIRS AND KEEPSAKES. FRIDAY 1/3 IS SHOPPING AT THE ZOO GIFT SHOPS DAY!**

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