**Fresno Chaffee Zoo Camp is an inclusive experience!**

All of our lessons and activities are age-appropriate and designed for multiple learning styles. While we encourage campers to participate in all activities as planned, we are able to provide some accommodations for campers with special needs.

**Is camp a right fit for my child?**

Our program is likely a good fit for your child to attend if:

- **They are predominantly independent** (must be able to eat, use the restroom, and dress themselves independently).
- **They have an effective communication system that they can use independently or with minimal assistance.**
- **They can actively participate in a group setting without negatively impacting other group participants.** Inappropriate behaviors include running away, kicking, hitting, pinching or biting, displays of consistent defiant behavior (this includes, but is not limited to the following: constant refusal to stand in a line, constant refusal to participate in a variety of activities, constant refusal to abide by classroom rules)
- **They do not possess a serious medical problem that requires a nurse or qualified health aide for constant supervision.**

We ask that you please provide camp staff with any information that will help us help your child to have a successful and enjoyable experience at Zoo Camp. *(Please provide information through the registration pages online, or by a separate email with the Program Manager.)*

If your child has special needs and requires one-on-one supervision, they are still welcome to attend camp! We would require the camper to attend with an aide or caregiver *(who will attend camp at no additional charge)*. Please contact the Zoo Education office to discuss your family's needs prior to completing camper registration*.

*Please note that the zoo does not employ specific individuals certified or extensively trained in Special Education. However, our camp instructors do receive pre-camp training that includes some basic skills for working with children who have special needs.*

*Please note: our program is a drop off program. We cannot accommodate families who want to stay with their camper for reasons other than special needs accommodations.*

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