



Dear parents/guardians of keeper campers,

July 2, 2021

Here are the updated Covid related guidelines for keeper camp, as well as a few reminders. **We thank you in advance to taking the time to read everything so that you're ready for camp.**

## Wearing masks

- Campers, staff and parents/guardians must wear a mask at sign in and sign out each day.
- Campers and staff do not have to wear a mask while inside the zoo camp zone. The zoo camp zone includes inside the Education Centre and the fenced in area surrounding the Education centre.
- When visiting the zoo, campers and staff must follow the same mask wearing requirements of the visitors. This includes wearing a mask inside the buildings (not including the Education centre) and when the group is unable to social distance from other visitors.

## Groupings

- There will be 3 groups of campers in the zoo camp zone at the same time.
- Although groups are now permitted to intermingle, it is encouraged to keep the groups separate as much as possible.
- The groups will be separated the majority of the time by utilizing separate wings of the building. In addition, the use of shared spaces will be staggered for each group.

## Cleaning and disinfection

- In addition to the usual cleaning and disinfection protocols, all shared materials will be cleaned when soiled and disinfected twice daily.
- High touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, light switches, tabletops, etc. will be disinfected twice daily.
- Washrooms will be disinfected twice daily and cleaned at the end of each day.

## Sign in/sign out process

- Sign in/out of campers will be take place outdoors, rain or shine – therefore be prepared if it's raining!
- Sign in/out will take place at the small tent at the Education gate, located immediately to the left of the Zoo's entrance building.
- During this time, campers, parents/guardians, and staff must wear masks and social distance from each other.
- Campers must be accompanied by an adult to the sign in/out tent on the first morning. For the remainder of the week, campers can be dropped off or picked up outside the designated drop off (9 am) and pick up (4:30 pm) times if the parent indicated permission on the registration form.
- On the first morning, parents/guardians must park their vehicle in the parking lot, exit their vehicle, and accompany their camper(s) to the tent.



## Access to the zoo camp zone

- Access to the zoo camp zone will be limited to campers, camp staff, and visitors who are performing an essential service.
- Visitors (including other zoo staff) who are performing an essential service must receive permission from the camp administrator, director or designate and complete all screening requirements prior to entering the zoo camp zone.

## Screening

- Parents are responsible for reviewing the [screening questions](#) daily with their camper(s) and only sending their camper to camp when they are well and have met the criteria outlined in the screening questionnaire.
- Parents/guardians must complete the [Parental confirmation and acknowledgment of screening responsibility online form](#) prior to the first day of camp or complete a paper copy on the morning of the first day of camp.
- Staff are responsible to perform current screening questions on themselves prior to coming to work.
- Screening and contact tracing information will be taken for all essential visitors.

## Reminders

- The drop-off time is at 9 am.
- The pick-up time is at 4:30 pm.
- Zoo camp will not provide any food items to the campers.
- Each day, all campers need to bring:
  - 2 nut free snacks
  - A nut free lunch that doesn't require a microwave
  - A water bottle
  - Two community masks
  - Weather appropriate clothing (rain or shine)
  - Sunscreen
  - Comfortable shoes (sneakers and sneaker-like sandals are recommended)
  - Steel toe boots or boot caps

## Steel toe boots and steel toe boot caps

- Campers are required to provide their own steel toe boots that cover the ankle. Boots that are similar to shoes, leaving the ankle exposed, are not permitted. Campers must wear these boots whenever they are working in an Animal Care section. Campers can wear sneakers or sneaker-like sandals during the remainder of the day.
- Alternatively, campers may wear steel toe "boot caps." These boot caps go over a regular pair of boots.
  - If you'd like to purchase these boot caps for your camper, the boot caps must be worn with a pair of boots that cover the ankle. Wearing the toe caps over sneakers, sandals, or other non-athletic footwear that doesn't cover the ankle is not acceptable. Both steel toe boots and boot caps must be CSA approved.
  - We have done a little bit of online browsing and have found 2 different styles that can be ordered online from Amazon.ca and Uline.ca. Locally, one style can be found at Brunswick Fyre on Edinburg Drive.



## Policies

- During camp, campers may be videotaped or photographed by or on behalf of the MHZoo. Attendance at camp serves as permission for use of these images for the promotion of the Zoo's education programs. Parents can opt out of this policy by indicating on their camper's registration form.
- If a camper is deliberately physically and/or verbally aggressive towards other camper(s) or staff, the camper will be immediately dismissed from camp for the remainder of the day. Upon consultation between parents and staff, the camper may be permitted to return to camp the next day. However, if a second incident occurs during the same week, the camper will be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the week. Parents/guardians will be required to pick up their child within an hour of being notified of the aforementioned incident(s).
- Zoo Camp welcomes all campers and strives to include and support campers with additional needs. Campers with additional needs may attend camp with or without a caregiver, depending on their abilities. A caregiver is required for campers who have caregivers in educational institutions/home school settings and/or if a camper is not able to participate during a camp day on his or her own, due to additional needs. The caregiver receives free admission to zoo camp.
- If the Zoo staff determine that a camper requires a caregiver in order to ensure a positive camp experience for that camper and the other campers in their group, the parents/guardians will be required to provide a caregiver or an alternative arrangement.
- If a camper does not have the ability and willingness to speak English or French while at camp, parents/guardians must provide translation/interpretation.
- All campers must follow all safety rules and regulations as set by the Animal Care and Education Staff of the Magnetic Hill Zoo. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations causing potential endangerment to themselves, other Magnetic Hill Zoo Staff, the general public, and the animals will result in immediate removal from the Program without refund.
- No refunds will be given within 14 days of the session date. Exceptions will be made in the case of illness, unforeseen circumstances or if the camp is cancelled by the Magnetic Hill Zoo.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We look forward to meeting your keeper camper!!**

From your summer camp staff team,

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