



# **Camp Cougar Mountain**

## **“Conservation Through Exploration”**

### **Summer 2026 Camp Schedule**

## **Accessibility and Inclusion**

**At Camp Cougar Mountain we are committed to working toward the inclusion of all campers. While we cannot guarantee the ability to support all campers’ needs, below is information for better understanding of our programming, resources, and accommodations**

Questions?

For questions, specific accommodation requests, and additional information contact us at [education@cougarmountainzoo.org](mailto:education@cougarmountainzoo.org)

### **Additional Information**

See our Camp Additional Information Webpage for more information on daily camp activities.

### **Accessibility FAQs**

*Is my child ready for Camp Cougar Mountain?*

To ensure full enjoyment of camp, participants should be able to:

1. Follow Basic Instructions.
2. Stay with their group.
3. Communicate their needs.
4. Engage with group activities.
5. Use the restroom independently.

*How is the learning environment different than home or classroom?*

Learning will occur both indoors and outdoors throughout the camper’s day. There will be a lot of stimuli with daily camp activities, as well as the ambient sights and sounds of the zoo. Being

outdoors means campers will at times experience noisy and hot environments throughout the Summer and going into certain spaces or behind the scenes areas also means campers may deal with new and unfamiliar areas. During certain days of the week, the zoo will also be open to general admission with non-camp guests on grounds. Campers will also have the opportunity to meet various zoo ambassadors throughout their camp week. To keep these encounters safe for the campers and animals, campers must stay with the group and follow all instructions from their camp leaders.

### *How do we support your child?*

Camp leaders will use comfortable and appropriate communication based on the needs of campers to ensure they communicate clearly and effectively. There will be breaks and spaces available for sensory regulation. Positive reinforcement will be utilized to encourage participation

If your child works with a support person at home or school, we ask that you send them to zoo camp with a support person. Support people/aides are welcome to attend camp at no extra cost to ensure your camper has the best time possible at camp. If your child will be coming to camp with a support person, please email [education@cougarmountainzoo.org](mailto:education@cougarmountainzoo.org) and provide contact information for the support person. A background check will be required for any support persons attending camp.

### *How can you prepare your child to attend camp?*

1. Let them know what they can expect at Camp Cougar Mountain by sharing camp details and using provided information about daily experiences, schedules, and activities.
2. Practice following directions in a low-pressure way.
3. Pack comfort or sensory tools to help your camper feel at ease.
4. Share any helpful information about triggers, calming strategies, etc. with us at [education@cougarmountainzoo.org](mailto:education@cougarmountainzoo.org)