

SD 2010 Parent Testimonials

I was unsure whether my 11 year old son would find the class to his age level. I was very happy to hear all the great things he did and enjoyed! Keep up the great work!

My son just LOVED going to "zoo school". We have been zoo members for a couple of years now, and he thought he knew the zoo inside and out, but the chance to go behind the scenes and spend a couple of days at the zoo without mom and dad was a great experience for him. He wants to do it again next summer and can't wait until he's old enough for the overnight camps. Definitely 2 thumbs up from this 4yo! And from a parent's perspective everything was very organized and thorough. Job well done!

Thank you again for another wonderful experience at the zoo. My daughter had a blast! The lessons were fun, exciting, engaging, and hands on....she loved them all...including the teachers. :) As a parent I loved the all day classes over the morning classes we had taken in the past (especially nice to have the longer day camps for the older children).

I wish I had signed up my child for even more classes! He said he wanted to go all summer!

My daughter loved all that she did and didn't want the class to end. She shared many facts and information with us about her adventures and has incorporated lots of new vocabulary in her conversations. This was a high quality, educational and exciting program.

This was an excellent class, prompting creativity and experiences with wildlife. This was one of my son's favorite classes this summer--and he's doing several around the city. Thanks!

He took us on a "tour" of the zoo after his last class...we couldn't believe how much he had learned!!! What a great experience and great teachers!

His love for animals only intensified and he was so excited to go back the next day.

The program is well coordinated, organized and well run. My children had such a fantastic time and I have and will continue to highly recommend it to all! Thank you for offering such great programs!

The zoo classes are an excellent summer enrichment opportunity, a great value and a wonderful experience.

Having used several different summer programs this one was well organized, the children had a good time (not always easy with a 12 year old) and came away with a greater appreciation of the zoo.

This class was a step OUTSIDE of the box . . . I highly recommend it for next year!!

Olivia said this was the best camp she went to all summer

Thank you for the well educated teachers who looked like they too really enjoyed doing their job.

What kids like about Summer Discovery:

Preparing enrichments and watching the animals use them
Zoo visits and behind the scenes
Going places I usually can't go with you, mom, and touching the animals.
Seeing the animals up close
Feeding and touching the animals
Painting my shirt
Touching all of the different animals.
Doing crafts
Putting sand out and getting the animal tracks
Making food for the animals
Learning to take care of the animals and what they were like, feeding the animals, and that everyone worked together
Going to the animal hospital
Going into the zookeeper rooms
He loved making the treats for the bears and watching them eat them
Craft projects - story time - snacks :-)
Weighing animals, listening to their heartbeats and seeing baby penguins

What parents liked about Summer Discovery

That they get to see different things than when I take them to the zoo
She came home and explained LOTS of new information about animals that none of us knew before this camp.
I liked that both children could attend at the same time with the variety of classes/ages offered.
The fact he wouldn't stop talking about what he did during the day!!
My son's enthusiasm to go everyday!
The supervision level and knowledge she learned about the animals
His love for animals only intensified and he was so excited to go back the next day.
We like the hands-on experiences that are not typical of conventional school.
I liked that you incorporated various skills in the crafts (coloring, cutting) and that the kids were taken to various areas of the zoo.
That he came home everyday thrilled and full of stories about his experience
I liked that he was able to have an experience with nature and animals in a class setting. His teachers were awesome! They really handled the group of 4-6 year olds with skill. Thanks!!
It was all really great-- loved that there was a strong educational component tied in with fun
The newsletter that explained what they were doing each day - good prep questions to start discussions