



2018 ZooCamp Scholarship Fund for Children with Autism

The ZooCamp Scholarship Fund for Children with Autism is a collaborative effort of the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at Rhode Island College and Roger Williams Park Zoo with the objective to increase accessibility of summer ZooCamp to children on the autism spectrum while providing supports for success.

The 2018 ZooCamp Scholarship Fund for Children with Autism will provide twenty (20) full one-week scholarships and five (5) full two consecutive week scholarships to Summer Adventures ZooCamp for children ages 6 – 10, and four (4) full one-week scholarships to children ages 11 – 13 to Conservation Heroes ZooCamp. A full-time Inclusion Specialist works with ZooCamp staff to integrate campers into an inclusive, curriculum based ZooCamp experience. This staff member supports all campers and staff, and will not provide consistent 1:1 support to any camper.

Dates: Choice of weeks:

- June 18 – August 24 for Summer Adventures ZooCamp (ages 6 – 10)
- Week of June 25, July 30, August 6, or August 13 for Conservation Heroes ZooCamp (ages 11 – 13)

Times: 8:20 AM – 3:30 PM Monday – Friday

Includes: One week of ZooCamp & ZooCamp t-shirt

CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be the required age at time of camp & diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) (*e.g. this would include ASD or other specific diagnoses such as autism, Asperger Syndrome, PDD-NOS, etc.*)
- Students that require a 1:1 aide at school are eligible to apply for a scholarship, but must be accompanied to ZooCamp by a non-parent aide if awarded a scholarship. A limited number of small stipends are available to support the provision of an aide.
- Transportation to and from Roger Williams Park Zoo must be provided by parents/guardians.
- Parents/guardians must participate in one (1) camp orientation session prior to their child's week at ZooCamp. At these sessions, campers will be given the opportunity to "check-in" for camp, receive their complimentary ZooCamp t-shirt, get their nametag, meet camp staff, and experience the camp classroom.
- Parents/guardians must agree to participate in pre/post surveys, data collection, and to provide details to ZooCamp staff regarding their child's IEP, behavior plans, and any other necessary/helpful supports. To best enable our staff to provide your child with a valuable experience, the information provided will be shared with ZooCamp staff, teen volunteers, and Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities consultants.

To request an application, please contact programs@rwpzoo.org.

Application deadline is May 21, 2018.