



SAFARI ZOO CAMP- STAFF PREPARATION GUIDE

Though nothing can totally prepare you for your job at Safari Zoo Camp, preparation *is* important! Not only do you need to make sure that you have all the necessary gear, but that you have a fundamental understanding of the many issues we face today, such as environmental degradation and human rights. The more you learn and understand, the more you have to share with others.

We encourage you to explore, study and question the world around you: What is “rennet” found in cheese? Are they still trapping wolves in Ontario? How is coffee linked to deforestation? Do some companies really use child slave labour to make the chocolate we buy? Do elephants feel love?

By opening up our eyes, our minds and our hearts, we become intimately aware of our surroundings. We recognize the impact we have on the world around us. Friends. Animals. Nature. Suddenly, each and every action, each lesson we teach, each moment in our lives... has a purpose. And with this enlightenment, we can offer meaningful guidance.

Note: *Some of the books and DVD's listed below may be found at your local library. Some of the DVD's are available at movie rental outlets, such as Blockbuster. Any of the items marked with an asterisk [*] indicates that Safari Zoo Camp has a copy that can be borrowed for two weeks. It can be picked-up at Jungle Cat World or mailed to you.*

All staff are required to read/view the following material before the start of camp:

REQUIRED READING

*** *How to be a Camp Counsellor... the best job in the world!***

By M. Catherine D Ross

ISBN 0-9736987-0-5

Available from: <http://www.ontariocamps.ca/>

> Everything you need to know to be a great camp counsellor.

REQUIRED VIEWING- DVD

The 11th Hour- Turn Mankind's Darkest Hour Into Its Finest

By Leonardo DiCaprio

Available from: <http://11thhouraction.com/>

> A documentary about the current state of the planet- the problems and solutions. (Approx. 92 min.)



REQUIRED VIEWING- WEBSITES

Jungle Cat World Wildlife Park

<http://www.junglecatworld.com/animals.html>

> A listing of all the animals at the zoo with links to further information

David Suzuki- Our economy and environment

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xBJzvhs_LQ&feature=related (Part 1 of 6)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydNkuo7CEjM&feature=related> (Part 2 of 6)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GTF1VizwS4&feature=related> (Part 3 of 6)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3vi7BS5vLA&feature=related> (Part 4 of 6)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-JB2Nw5a80&feature=related> (Part 5 of 6)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2Nw6Yv3S1A&feature=related> (Part 6 of 6)

> A lecture about our impact on the planet- the problems and solutions. (Approx. 48 min.)

Redefining Progress- The Nature of Economics

<http://www.myfootprint.org/en/>

> A little quiz to determine what impact your lifestyle has on the planet.

The Story of Stuff

<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>

> What you buy has an impact. Good or bad, the choice is yours. Be an educated consumer. (Approx. 21 min.)

Western Association of Independent Camps- Making a Difference

http://www.waic.org/summer_jobs_watch_video.php

> A short video on what it means to be a summer camp counsellor. (Approx. 8 min.)

Ultimate Camp Resource

<http://www.ultimatecampresource.com/>

> A listing of fun activities for kids.

It's highly recommended that staff read/view the following material before the start of camp:

RECOMMENDED READING

Last Child in the Woods- Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

By Richard Louv

ISBN-13: 978-1-56512-391-5 / ISBN-10: 1-56512-391-3

Available from: <http://richardlouv.com/last-child-purchase>

> One of the best books written about our gradual separation from nature and the impact it has on us.



The Ten Trusts- What we must do to care for the animals we love

By Jane Goodall & Marc Bekoff

ISBN 0-06-251757-0

Available from:

http://s20516.gridserver.com/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=2_4&products_id=14&zenid=905153ec26701140a326e6e81f3b2a68

> A wonderful, easy to read book about animal rights and welfare.

RECOMMENDED VIEWING- DVD

*** *Earthlings***

Available from: <http://www.earthlings.com/>

> A documentary about humankind's absolute economic dependence on animals raised as pets, food, clothing, entertainment and for scientific research.

Peaceable Kingdom

Available from: <http://www.tribeofheart.org/>

> A behind-the-scenes look at factory farming.

*** *Garbage- The revolution starts at home***

Available from: <http://www.garbagerevolution.com/>

> How much waste do we generate and where does it go?

The Inconvenient Truth

Available from: <http://www.climatecrisis.net/>

> A lecture about Global Climate Change- what causes it and how we can stop it.

Planet Earth- As you've never seen it before

<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/planet-earth/planet-earth.html>

Available from: <http://shopping.discovery.com/product-65140.html?jzid=40588004-54-0>

> A spectacular documentary about Earth- its complexities, mysteries and beauty.

*** *Sharkwater***

Available from: <http://www.sharkwater.com/>

> How our misconceptions and fear of other animals can condemn them to extinction

RECOMMENDED VIEWING- WEBSITES

Canadian Wildlife Federation- Project WILD

<http://www.wildeducation.org/>

> There are some excellent resources and certifications for those wishing to pursue Wildlife Education further.

Factory Farming

<http://www.themeatrix.com/>

> A comic look at the serious issue of factory farming.



Hinterlands Who's Who

http://www.hww.ca/index_e.asp

> Detailed information about Canadian wildlife.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

This is the list of items that we suggest campers bring. It applies, more or less, to staff also:

<http://www.zoocamp.com/preparation.html>. *Please add a wristwatch and alarm clock to this list!*

You are not only camp counsellors, but also zookeepers. Visitors to Jungle Cat World will be watching you work and asking questions. It is important that you look professional, maintaining a "Safari" look that the public has come to recognize as the standard uniform for zoo's.

All staff will receive two work shirts. Pants and shorts worn during this time must be khaki in colour. Though steel-toed and steel shank work boots are recommended, they aren't necessary. However, hiking boots (not running shoes or trail shoes) with ankle support is required. Staff are welcome to wear lighter footwear during free time.

Staff are required to have coveralls for caving. This will ensure that your work clothes aren't destroyed. Used coveralls, hiking boots and other items can be found at stores such as Value Village, Goodwill and the Salvation Army. **Shop responsibly whenever possible!**

As part of our safety protocol for zookeeping, staff are required to own and carry a folding lockback knife with a blade that is approximately 7cm (about 3") in length. Multi-purpose utility knives are ideal, but not necessary.

Please feel free to bring personal items that might contribute to the summer camp experience, such as musical instruments, skateboard, mountain bike, etc. We encourage you to share your hobbies and interests with the other staff and campers. Valuables, as such, can be kept safely in the Staff Cabin when not in use.

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