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STAR Eco Station

Winter Camp

Smarter Camps, Intelligent Fun!

Environmental Science Museum & Exotic Wildlife Rescue Facility

KEEPING IT WILD!



SESSION 1: DEC. 21 - 23 \$204

SESSION 2: DEC. 28-30 \$204

SESSION 3: JAN. 4-8 \$340

Before and After Camp Enrichment hours are available:
8am-9am and 3pm-6pm

**Best Educational Day Camps,
Family Choice Award**

– LA Family Magazine

Best Zoo Alternative/The “Best of LA” Issue

– Los Angeles Magazine

Best Teaching Zoo/Rescue Center

– LA Family Magazine

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & CAMP INFORMATION

Please read this sheet in its entirety as we've attempted to answer most of your questions. You will be signing and initialing that you've read, understood and agree to our FAQs on your application contract.

What are the ages and grades of campers?

This academically-oriented camp is open to current K - 6th graders. Older children may be admitted as campers on a case-by-case basis, with advance application required.

What happens during a typical camp day?

The camp day is broken down into several modules, including, but not limited to, the areas below:

- A focus on animal husbandry (care, cleaning and feeding of various animals)
- "Topic of the Day" lectures with cool, age-appropriate curriculum
- Art projects and directed experiments related to the day's theme
- A walk to the park for physical activities, lunch and fun!



What does my child need to bring to camp?

- A reusable water bottle (please label it with your child's name).
- Appropriate attire including closed-toed shoes.
- Depending on the weather—a sweater or sweatshirt with the child's name in the neckline. Don't forget your sunscreen!
- A well-marked lunch in a reusable sack or backpack (There is no opportunity to buy lunch or heat luncheon items).
- Occasionally, with adequate lead time, we will request special objects for special projects.
- **Please leave all electronics, toys and games at home (This includes phone and stuffed animals. These items inhibit working with the animals.)**

What are the camp hours?

9am-3pm, with extended enrichment available 8am-9am, 3pm-6pm.

What is the registration fee?

This \$45 fee covers registration for your child to Eco camps for an entire school year. This year resets at the start of the summer. A portion of your registration fee goes to an Eco Station camp T-shirt! Additional Eco T-shirts available for purchase for \$10 each.

What is Extended Enrichment?

Extended Enrichment is a service offered to parents who would prefer to drop-off their camper earlier or pick-up later than the standard camp hours of 9am-3pm. Extended Enrichment also gives campers the opportunity to learn even more about our rescued exotic wildlife. Extended Enrichment is offered 8am-9am and 3pm-6pm for \$24 per day. Parents are welcome to choose single or multiple days of Extended Enrichment. ***Reservations must be made by 8am on the day of request. Extended Enrichment days are not transferable nor are they refundable.***

There is no grace period for picking your child up late or dropping him/her off early, as we staff according to camper ratios. Parents will be expected to pay \$1.00 a minute for each late pick-up minute, paid upon pick-up.

What are the policies regarding camp fees?

The STAR Eco Station camp program is not subsidized, and fees are due and payable prior to the first day of camp. We do not offer make-up days for absences, nor do we offer refunds.

What if my child has allergies to animals, nuts, or other medical conditions?

We do NOT recommend this camp for children with animal allergies or nut allergies. There are various exotic animals on-site, including but not limited to birds, reptiles, wild cats, chinchillas, and sugar gliders. Due to animal diets, nuts, nut oils, and nut residue are also found throughout the building. If your child has sensitivities to animals or nut products, we encourage you to check out other STAR camps. Other food allergies may be able to be accommodated, on a case-by-case basis. Please disclose any other conditions that may impair your child's ability to enjoy camp to the fullest extent.

Parents with children known to have particular medical considerations must ask for and complete the **STAR Student Medication Policy and Consent Form** prior to the first day of camp. Parents of children with asthma will need to discuss their particular medical situation with their own doctors and ensure that new inhalers are brought to camp. We also require a current tetanus shot. Please be aware that all reptiles and amphibians carry salmonella. Children are given hand sanitizer after handling all of our animals. Trips to the bathroom are also frequently made for children to wash their hands.

Please fill out both
front and back pages

STAR ECO STATION CAMPER CONTRACT • WINTER 2015-2016

Camper's Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Day Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Employment: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____

Day Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Employment: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Day Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Additional Drivers*:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Winter Camp Fees:

SESSION 1 (Dec 21 & 23): \$204 Must attend both days = _____

Circle days for Extended Enrichment: M T \$24 x # of days = _____

SESSION 2 (Dec 28-Dec 30): \$204 Must attend all 3 days = _____

Circle days for Extended Enrichment: M T F \$24 x # of days = _____

SESSION 3 (Jan 4-8): \$340

Circle days for Camp (3 day minimum): M T W Th F \$68 x # of days = _____

Circle days for Extended Enrichment: M T W Th F \$24 x # of days = _____

+ \$45 registration fee (if applicable)

Grand Total = _____

Method of Payment:** Cash _____ Check # _____ Visa _____ MC _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____


Unless notified by you, we will charge this credit card the balance due prior to the first day of camp.

**Returned checks will be handled pursuant to Calif. Civil Code Sec. 1719


Signature: _____ Date: _____



Camper's Name _____

*California law requires guardians to sign their child in and to sign them out each day. No camper will be released to any adult not listed here. If you need your child picked up by someone not on this list, we require BOTH a telephone call and written authorization in advance. We will be checking photo ID's at time of pick up each day. **There is a \$1 per minute late pick up or early drop off fee per family, with NO grace period. Initials:** _____ 

Medical Release

In case of an emergency, STAR Eco Station will make every effort to contact the parents/guardians of the child involved before any treatment is administered; however, in the event we are unable to contact you, the parents/guardians, we require this medical release to be signed by all participants. "I hereby authorize the physician or hospital selected by STAR Eco Station to hospitalize or secure treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for my child." It is further understood that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such treatment including the payment of all costs, and will hold the STAR Eco Station, its representatives, the STAR Eco Station directors, teachers and staff, harmless there from. **Initials:** _____ 

Release of Liability

"I hereby agree to hold harmless the STAR Eco Station teachers, staff, directors, administrators, and members of the board of directors from any liability related to any and all STAR Eco Station activities and programs. I hereby acknowledge the existence of the implied risk associated with all programs for children and the areas where such activities and programs take place. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT AND BY SIGNING, I AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT POLICIES AND TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT MAY BE CHANGED AND AMENDED AS NEEDED AND THAT I SHALL BE INFORMED IN WRITING OF SUCH CHANGES."

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____ 

In order to provide your child the best possible camp experience, we need the following information:

Does your child have any known allergies? **NO** ____ **YES** _____

Note: For the safety of your child, we do NOT recommend this camp for children with nut or animal allergies.

Does your child have any special needs, medical, behavioral or emotional issues that we should know about? **NO** ____

If **YES**, please elaborate _____

Does your child have an I.E.P or require a one-on-one aide? **NO** ____ If **YES**, please elaborate _____

Date of child's last physical _____ and date of last tetanus shot _____

Does your child require any medications that will need to be given/taken during the camp day? **NO** ____ **YES** ____

If **YES**, please request and complete our **STAR Student Medication Policy and Consent Form**.

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dentist's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Provider: _____ Policy Number: _____

What school does your child currently attend? _____

Where did you learn about our camp? _____

May we have your permission to use any photos of your camper for future promotional materials? **NO** ____

YES ____ I grant permission to the STAR Eco Station to use any photo/video/likeness of my child for promotional purposes.

Please sign and date below to indicate that you have read, understood, and agreed to all aspects of this contract as well as the attached Frequently Asked Questions page, and that your information is accurate.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____ 

Camper's Name _____

STAR DISCIPLINE & RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

The goal of the STAR Program is to provide every child with a happy, safe, and enriching experience every day. In order to achieve our goal, we need the full cooperation and support of every parent and child. By working together, we can teach the children the skills that will help them make sound decisions and be successful in their social development. To ensure we are providing the best service possible for the children, we review our policies and procedures on a regular basis. Therefore, this contract may be modified at any time.

Parent Responsibility

Parents are their children's first teacher and primary role models. Any parent who uses abusive language or behavior toward staff, other parents, or children risks registration cancellation. Parents must also speak directly to the STAR Eco Station Camp Director regarding any incident involving campers. Parents are not allowed to confront campers about any incident. The law protects children enrolled in the program from this type of action. Your cooperation is needed in the following areas:

- Sign your child in and out every day (your child will not be released otherwise).
- Call when your child is absent.
- Go over rules with your child.
- If corrective actions are needed, such as suspension, please follow up at home with a discussion about the issue at hand.

Discipline Policy *(Dictionary definition of discipline: to guide, train, practice, correct, and teach.)*

The STAR Program follows the STAR CAN DO DISCIPLINE PROGRAM. This uses a positive approach for guiding children, and consists of three components: Rules, Rewards, & Consequences.

1) Rules

- Follow directions.
- Stay with your assigned group.
- Respect others and others' property.
- Keep your hands to yourself- no inappropriate contact or gestures.
- Respect the animals by using indoor voices and keeping fingers out of cages and animals' faces.
- Bathrooms are not a play zone and must be used appropriately. A staff member will accompany all children to the restrooms several times throughout the day.

2) Rewards

STAR Eco Station implements a reward system by using positive reinforcement in the form of Eco Dimes, paper pretend money that can be used like cash in our Pop-Up Gift Shop that same camp season. Our teachers also reward campers throughout the day with more hands-on opportunities with the animals and animal care.

3) Consequences

If a child chooses repeatedly to break the rules, a meeting with the parent will be set up. If the child breaks the rules after this meeting, a one-day suspension will follow. Any further infractions of the rules will result in cancellation of the child's registration with no option for a refund.

More serious behaviors with consequences that may result in suspension or termination of registration: Biting, spitting, bullying, threatening, physical fighting, leaving the group or campus, defacing property, lying, stealing, making false accusations, inappropriate language, blatant disrespect for children, parents, and staff. Parents may be called to pick up their child immediately from the program if the child is out of control and will not follow instructions. Any behavior that endangers the children or staff will cause for immediate cancellation of registration.

Initials _____

Please sign and date below to indicate that you have read, understood, and agreed to all aspects of this discipline policy.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

