



MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY LINCOLN CHILDREN'S ZOO

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Please understand that by law, we cannot administer any medication to your child unless we have this form completed.
- Medication will only be given when medically necessary and ordered by the child's health care provider and with written consent of the child's parent/legal guardian via this form.
- All medical information on file with the Zoo will be kept on a confidential, "need to know" basis. Under no circumstances are employees to discuss the medical information of any child(ren) or with anyone other than their supervisor, the parent/guardian of the child(ren) and their healthcare provider.
- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep the Zoo informed of any changes to their child(ren) medical situation, or any changes to emergency contact information.
- This form must be turned in by the Monday morning of your camper's first session. A separate form must be filled out for each medication that a camper takes.

PROCEDURES

- All medicines must be given to a staff member at check-in and cannot be sent in a camper's bag. On the first day of camp, Education staff will make a plan on how to best administer any necessary medications.
- Whenever possible, it is best that medication be given at home. Dosing of medication can frequently be done so that the child receives medication prior to arriving at the Zoo, and again when returning home and/or at bedtime. The parent/guardian is encouraged to discuss this possibility with the child's health care provider. When possible, please administer all necessary doses of medicine outside of camp hours.

PROCEDURES CONTINUED...

- All over-the-counter medications must be in their original containers, and all prescription medications must be in their original containers from the pharmacy with the current prescription label on the container. (Your pharmacy will provide you with an empty bottle if you need one.)
- Liquid medications must have a measuring device.
- We cannot administer expired medication or loose medications in an unmarked package.
- Please be advised that your child must have taken the first dose of a **NEW** medication at home before we can administer the medication at camp.
- The first dose of any medication should always be given at home and with sufficient time before the child returns to Zoo Camp to observe the child's response to the medication given. When a child is ill due to a communicable disease that requires medication as treatment, Zoo Camp requires that the child be on any prescribed medication for 24 hours before returning to camp. This is for the protection of the child who is ill, as well as the other campers in camp.
- If your camper has a medication that requires administration on a 'as needed' basis (inhaler, allergy medicine, pain medication, etc.) please ensure the Education team is aware of the scenarios in which medicine would be needed.
- Medications given in any Zoo Camp setting will be administered by the counselor of that camper's group, with approval from the Director of Education.
- In the case of anaphylaxis necessitating the administration of epinephrine (EpiPen or EpiPen Junior), EMS will be called immediately. The parent/guardian will also be notified immediately following the call to EMS.



MEDICATION CONSENT FORM - LINCOLN CHILDREN'S ZOO

(Please fill out one consent form for each medication)

CAMPER INFORMATION

Camper's Full Name : _____ Camper's Date of Birth : _____

Sessions of Camp Attending : _____

CAMPER HEALTH HISTORY

Current medical, mental, or psychological health information pertinent to routine care of camper including any current treatment or care :

Allergies or Dietary Restrictions : _____

Behavioral Issues / Needs : _____

MEDICATION

Name of Medication on the Label : _____

Medicine Dose on the Label : _____ Reason for Medication : _____

Time of Day Medicine is to be given at Zoo Camp : _____

Is the Camper also dosed at home in the morning before Zoo Camp? Yes No

Route of Medicine (oral, topical, injection, etc.): _____

Possible Side Effects : _____

Any Special Instructions for Administration : _____

By signing below, you state that you understand and have complied with all procedures in this document. By signing below, you verify that all information within is accurate and approve Zoo Staff to supervise your camper in administering their medication.

Parent Signature

Date