



ELMWOOD PARK

ZOO



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Elmwood Park Zoo is a place to go see many different animals.
It is exciting to go to the zoo!



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ZOO RULES

It is important to follow zoo rules.

1. I should not try to touch the animals, so I can stay safe.

2. I cannot throw any objects at the animals, but I can throw away my food and trash in a trash can. I can recycle cans and plastic in the blue recycling bins.



3. I can eat at the zoo, but I shouldn't try to feed any of the animals.

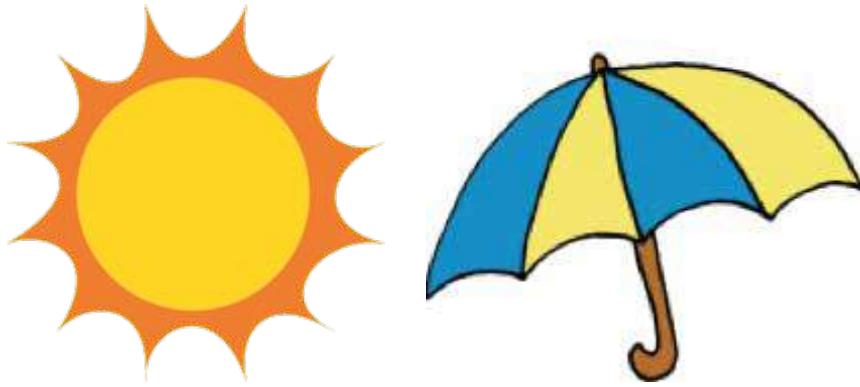


4. I can look at and take pictures of all the animals at the zoo, but I should not try to climb fences or exhibit walls.



BE PREPARED

Sometimes it might be hot and sunny when I visit the zoo. I should bring water to stay hydrated. I can wear a hat and put on sunscreen to stay safe from the sun.



Sometimes it might be cold or rainy. I can bring a coat if it is cold or an umbrella when it is raining so I can stay warm and dry.



I might do a lot of walking around at the zoo. I should wear comfortable shoes for walking around all day, like sneakers!

RESTROOMS

If I need a restroom, I can find one in the Nature Shop, the Trail of the Jaguar Exhibit, or under Habitat HQ located near Twisted Cone.



The restrooms have automatic hand dryers that can be very loud. If I do not like loud sounds, I can wear the headphones in the sensory pack.



If I am thirsty, I can find one of the water fountains in the zoo.

EMPLOYEES AND STAFF

There are many people who work at the zoo.

ZOOKEEPERS

Zookeepers wear Elmwood Park Zoo shirts and care for all of the animals. If I have animal questions, I can ask a zookeeper.



Some examples of questions I may ask are “What do you feed the bald eagles?” or “How do you care for an animal when it’s sick?”

EMPLOYEES AND STAFF

EDUCATORS

Educators also wear Elmwood Park Zoo shirts and teach people about animals. If I have questions, I can ask an educator.



Questions I might ask include “How long is a giraffe tongue” or “What is the largest animal on earth?”

EMPLOYEES AND STAFF

GUEST SERVICES & SECURITY

If I need help, I can look for Guest Services or Security.

Guest Services wears an Elmwood Park Zoo shirt and Security wears a white shirt. If I get lost or hurt, I can ask them for help.



Questions I might ask Guest Services are “Where is the bathroom?” or “What time is the next giraffe feeding?”

EMPLOYEES AND STAFF

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers usually wear bright turquoise shirts. They can help me find exhibits and sometimes have animal artifacts for me to touch!



I can ask volunteers “What is enrichment?” or “What are the different jobs volunteers do at the zoo?”