



Virtual Summer Safari 2020 Scholarship Application

Sponsored by the Children's Foundation of Erie County

PART A: Child's Information

Please fill out a separate scholarship application for each child you wish to be considered for this opportunity.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Choose your session(s):

Explorer groups at Virtual Summer Safari are based on the age your child will be while attending. You are welcome to register your child(ren) for either session, just know that the material will be gauged for the age groups listed and will not be modified for children who are either older or younger than the group they have registered for. **Choose one:**

___ Ages 5-8, 9:00-11:00 a.m. ET

___ Ages 9-12, 1:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Please rate the following weeks in order of preference (1=most preferred, 7=least preferred). Scholarships may be awarded for multiple weeks depending on demand and funding.

___ July 6-10, 2020 – *Big Blue Planet*

___ July 27 – 31, 2020 – *Big Blue Planet*

___ July 13-17, 2020 – *Amazing Race*

___ August 3-7, 2020 – *Amazing Race*

___ July 20-24, 2020 – *You Run the Zoo*

___ August 10-14, 2020 – *You Run the Zoo*

___ August 17-21, 2020 – *Zoopourri*

PART B: Parent or Guardian Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

PART C: Financial Need

Scholarships are awarded in the majority due to financial need. To help us determine your eligibility, please indicate if you are currently receiving any assistance from any of the programs or organizations listed below. Please include a copy of documentation to confirm the source of financial aid indicated below.

Please check all applicable programs below.

___ School lunch program

___ Food Stamp program

___ Welfare

___ Social Security

___ Social Service Agency, Agency name: _____

___ Other, name: _____

If you do not qualify for any of the programs listed above but feel that there are other circumstances affecting your financial stability, please indicate below.

PART D: Student Application

*The number of scholarships for Virtual Summer Safari are limited. To assist us in our search for the best candidates, we would like to know more about the student. Please have **your child** write a short paragraph or draw a picture of why Virtual Summer Safari would be such a great experience.*

All information provided to the Buffalo Zoo will be kept strictly confidential. Participants will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Buffalo Zoo Education Department at (716) 995-6124.

Please return the completed scholarship application and all supporting documentation to:

**Education Department – Virtual Summer Safari Scholarship Program
Buffalo Zoo
300 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214**

Or send via fax: (716) 995-6125

- ***Application deadline is OPEN until funds are exhausted.***
- ***All scholarship applications must include the signed Parental Consent Form).***
- ***Only complete scholarship applications will be considered.***

PARENTAL RELEASE FORM

Virtual Summer Safari at the Buffalo Zoo

THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF PARTICIPANT BEFORE REGISTRATION CAN BE ACCEPTED

This document affects your legal rights: Read carefully before signing.

In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in Buffalo Zoo's Virtual Summer Safari and any related activities (collectively, the "Virtual Summer Safari"), I hereby attest to the following:

1. **Activity and Associated Risks.** I understand that Buffalo Zoo staff's ability to provide supervision for my child is limited by the virtual environment used to provide the Virtual Summer Safari. I understand that Buffalo Zoo cannot ensure that the virtual environment is free from third party activities, including interference by third parties of the virtual experience (for example "Zoombombing"). I understand that Virtual Summer Safari may include directed physical activities that despite best efforts to prevent injury may result in injury to my child.
2. **Assumption of the Risks.** I hereby freely assume the above-mentioned risks as well as other risks not listed that are part of this activity.
3. **Parental Obligations.** I hereby agree to the following obligations to allow my child to participate in the Virtual Summer Safari:
 - a. I will maintain and supervise any online accounts that my child may participate in to access the Virtual Summer Safari.
 - b. I will not and will ensure that my child does not record any portions of the Virtual Summer Safari. I will not and will ensure that my child does not share any Virtual Summer Safari materials with non-participants.
 - c. I will ensure that my child is appropriately dressed when using the virtual environment and that the computer and camera that they are using does not show inappropriate things in our home or of other persons in the home. I agree that Buffalo Zoo staff, to help create a safe environment for other participants, may turn off my child's video if they notice something inappropriate or that may be questionable.
 - d. I will ensure my child exhibits appropriate behavior. Buffalo Zoo staff will review appropriate and inappropriate behaviors with participants. Bullying, including cyberbullying, during a Virtual Summer Safari session or outside of a session is not appropriate and unacceptable. I understand that Buffalo Zoo staff will address issues and consequences with me and my child and that consequences include without limitation temporary or permanent removal from Virtual Summer Safari.
 - e. I will follow and ensure that my child follows the Buffalo Zoo Virtual Summer Safari Electronic Communication Policy that states:
 - i. In order to protect participant privacy, when logged into Virtual Summer Safari, participant screen names must be **first name only**.
 - ii. No non-Zoo programs or browser windows should be running on the screen during program time.
 - iii. Background noises should be kept to a minimum or eliminated entirely when possible.
 - iv. No distribution of session log-in links or passwords.
 - v. Any private (one to one) electronic communication between staff and participants, including the use of social networking websites like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, instant messaging, texting, etc. is prohibited.
 - vi. All communication between staff and youths must be transparent and public.
 1. Example:
 - a. they may communicate on group sites where anyone who is a member can see the conversation
 - b. email communication is preferred to be between the parent and Zoo staff
 - c. They may communicate in private media set up for two-way classes and discussion groups, such as a zoom class. These will be always facilitated

by at least two approved adults with at least two children and one approved adult in each breakout room. The overall facilitators may join any breakout room at any time.

- f. I am responsible and will provide any equipment needed for Virtual Summer Safari, such as a computer or tablet, internet access, access to either computer-installed or separate camera and microphone, and a dedicated flat work surface for completing crafts and experiments. I also understand that any damage to said equipment is the sole responsibility of the owner of said equipment.
4. **Virtual Environment.** I understand that the Virtual Summer Safari will be provided via virtual environments, which may include options to chat and ask questions. I acknowledge that Buffalo Zoo is not responsible for maintaining any virtual environment used for the Virtual Summer Safari and that Buffalo Zoo makes no representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to the condition, suitability, or security of the virtual environment for the Virtual Summer Safari. I agree to the terms set forth in the privacy policies and terms of use for the Buffalo Zoo website and also that of the platform that will be used for the Virtual Summer Safari.
5. **RELEASE OF LIABILITY.** I hereby **RELEASE** Buffalo Zoo, its employees, agents, officers, and contractors, **FROM ALL LIABILITIES, CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS** that arise in any way from any injury, death, loss or harm that occur to me, my child, or to any other person or to any property during the Virtual Summer Safari or in any way related to the Virtual Summer Safari. This **RELEASE** includes claims for the negligence of Buffalo Zoo. This **RELEASE** does not extend to claims for gross negligence, intentional or reckless misconduct, or any other liabilities that New York law does not permit to be excluded by agreement. I also agree **NOT TO SUE** or make a claim against Buffalo Zoo for death, injuries, loss, or harm that occur during the Virtual Summer Safari or are related in any way to the Virtual Summer Safari.
6. **INDEMNITY.** I agree to **INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND DEFEND** Buffalo Zoo from and against any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with my child's participation in the Virtual Summer Safari, including, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and disbursements through and including any appeal. I understand and agree that this indemnity includes any claims based on the negligence, action or inaction of Buffalo Zoo and covers bodily injury (including death), property damage, and loss by theft or otherwise, whether suffered by me or my child either before during or after participation in the Virtual Summer Safari.
7. **PUBLICITY RIGHTS:** I grant Buffalo Zoo the right to take screenshots of the Virtual Summer Safari, which may include images of me and my child. To the fullest extent allowed by law, I grant to Buffalo Zoo permission to copyright, use, and publish (including by electronic means) such likeness of me and my child, whether in whole or part, in any form, without restrictions, for current and future marketing purposes.

By registering for Virtual Summer Safari, I **agree as follows:**

Consent for Minors. I am the legal custodial parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor(s), and I hereby authorize and permit said minor to participate in the Virtual Summer Safari and in all activities, events, and programs that are part of or are associated with the program. I have read and understood material on the website about this program.

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Virtual Summer Safari at the Buffalo Zoo. I agree to assume all risks connected therewith. I agree to release and discharge in advance the Buffalo Zoo, and their employees from any and all liability for personal injury, death or property damage connected with my child's participation in the Virtual Summer Safari program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

By signing this page you are stating that you have read and agree with this consent form confirms that you have read the Virtual Summer Safari program information on the website, above permission statements, that you understand it, and that you agree to be bound by it.