



KIDS NIGHT OUT

Thank you for registering your child for a Zoo Atlanta Kids Night Out program. We are busy gearing up for a fun-filled evening of Zoo activities! Please carefully review the participant expectations and behavior policy with your child to help prepare them for a wonderful experience.

Participant Expectations and Behavioral Policy

Kids Night Out provides an opportunity for children to explore, experience hands-on activities, cultivate friendships, exercise their bodies, and learn about animals and ways humans can have a positive impact on the planet.

Our age groups are designed with a 1:10 ratio of one Educator with a group size of 10 children.

- Children must be able to follow directions and stay with the group so we can keep everyone safe.
- Children must be able to show respect for themselves and for others by treating people, animals, and objects kindly.
- We expect all children to behave in a way that is physically and emotionally safe for themselves and for those around them.

If you believe that this active, indoor/outdoor, group-oriented setting is one in which your child will not be successful, please contact our team at education@zooatlanta.org prior to the program's start date to discuss options.

All Educators go through a variety of trainings and practice sessions to ensure that risks are mitigated and that participants are having fun and learning.

- Expectations are reviewed with our participants in a positive tone and framed in a positive way.
- Positive behaviors and attitudes are celebrated.
- Redirection of negative behaviors is used to prevent escalation.
- Children are empowered to make good choices and problem solve so they can be successful.

In the event that a participant does not follow the behavior guidelines, Educators will work with that child to help them have a more successful evening using one or more of the following steps:

- Reminders about behavior expectations and program rules with encouragement for good choices.
- Conversation with Program Supervisor or Lead about behavior expectations and making good choices.
- Short amount of time away from the child's group to redirect and reflect.
- Parent/guardian will be notified of the behavior by Program Supervisor or Manager.

Respectful of the needs for all participants' personal safety and the safety of others, **Zoo Atlanta reserves the right to remove a participant from the program at any time.** If a continual behavior problem persists, or depending on the severity of the behavior, a child may be sent home immediately.

Note: There are no refunds when a child's own behavior requires they be sent home.

We can't wait to share the wonders of Zoo Atlanta with your child(ren)! Please feel free to reach out to us at education@zooatlanta.org if you have any questions or need assistance.