

Whipsnade Zoo Questions and Answers

Payment is too early due to Units only returning from the Summer Break at beginning of September. It has been agreed that the payments can be made by 20th September however we **DO NEED** to have your numbers by 9th September at the latest.

What does the cost cover - Entrance, sling bag with goodies, badge, lunchtime cupcake & squash and of course **Lots and Lots of Fun**. Rainbows and Leaders will need to bring their own packed lunches/snacks.

Does the cost include transport - No transport costs are not included units/parents need to make their own arrangements.

Cost for Young Leaders -The zoo website lists a child as being 3-15, adults as 16+, so it would depend on the age of the YL. Due to out of 'Meeting Place' ratios with Rainbows YLs don't count as "Leaders" on trips so YLs would need to be paid for and counted correctly in the ratios, units might consider paying part of YL fee.

Extra Adults - no charge for the Rainbow leaders that you need to meet the ratios ie 1:5 all extra adults over and above this would need to pay the adult price unless they meet the Carers criteria - see below

Cost of extra adults so that Rainbows with disabilities can attend: Any carers coming with disabled guests would be admitted into the Zoo free of charge on provision of supporting documents such as a Yellow Freedom Pass, Blue Badge, DLA Letter, PIP letter.

Consent Forms Leaders will need to carry completed consent forms for each individual rainbow whilst at Whipsnade. A list of those attending with emergency details will need to be left with a home contact.

Annual passes to the zoo, do they still have to pay the entrance? Those with Annual Passes will not need to pay entrance (they must have their membership cards with them) however there will be a charge of £2.50 to cover the sling bag and badge etc.

First Aid - We will have an official main event first aider with us for the day however you will be expected to provide minor first aid ie plasters.

DBS Checks - it is not necessary for adults who are helping on the day to be DBS checked as it is not a residential event however we are hoping that the new online "Safe Space Module 1" will be ready and we would ask that everyone attending the event (be they a member or not) works through this prior to the event.

Extra children attending due to childcare issues. As long as the ratios are met extra children can attend.

Weather conditions- All participants will be asked to wear suitable clothing for an outdoor event at this time of year which should include a waterproof coat of some sort plus suitable footwear if wet, remember there is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing.

Departure - Although the flyer says that the event ends at 17h00 we believe that this can be left up to the individual units to decide what would be the most appropriate time for their own units to leave.