

Dear Camp Parent(s),

Thank you for your interest in Junior Keeper, the Wild Canid Center's unique summer day camp. The day camp is geared toward children ages 10 through 14. Space is limited to 30 attendees per session and reservations are required. This year, the cost of the camp is \$125.00 per child and this cost will include snacks, supplies for take home crafts, a camp T-shirt, and to top it all off, a special campfire and tour given to you by your child.

The 2010 camp sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

*Monday, July 5 through Thursday, July 8 with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.

* Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22 with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Junior Keeper encourages older children to learn about endangered species, in particular, endangered wolves, and what the wild canid center is doing to help certain species make a comeback. They also learn about wolf behavior, development, and the ecological importance of the wolf, through games and fun activities.

As a participant in the Junior Keeper program, your child will learn about different career opportunities in the field of conservation and especially what it takes to be a successful animal keeper. In addition to all of the fun, outdoor activities, campers will experience "behind the scenes" tours of the enclosures and talking with professional animal keepers. A few of the activities include a hike to the bat cave, a pond study, building Native American shelters, and much, much, more!

All Junior Keeper activities are guided by Wild Canid Center staff and trained volunteers. The Junior Keeper attendees will NOT have the opportunity to pet or play with any of the wolves or canids that we house. The Wild Canid Center breeds endangered species for release into the wild, and we do not have any hands-on contact with our animals. However, the campers will have many opportunities to see the wolves from outside their enclosures, and they will have the opportunity to take photos of the wolves on Camera Day. The Wild Canid Center does not have the accommodations to car pool any of the campers. All attendees will need to be dropped off by 9:00 a.m. and picked up by 3:00 p.m. at the Wild Canid Center classroom.