ENORMOUS ELEPHANTS!

Los Angeles Zoo Camplette
Summer 2020
PreK - 2nd Grade
Elephants are the LARGEST, LIVING LAND ANIMAL ON EARTH. They are so BIG, they shape their homes all across AFRICA, ASIA, and right here at the ZOO.

**WELCOME!**

Zoo Camp is one of our favorite times of the year. We love getting to know our campers as we investigate animals, go on adventures, and – maybe most of all – have sing-alongs at the end of the day. We’re privileged to act as mentors in exploring nature for the children in our care.

This summer is a little different, but kids still need animals, adventures, and mentors to inspire them. We’re pleased to share Zoo Camplettes: four fun activity packs that each explore a different Zoo theme. All of us can be nature mentors, and we hope you use them as inspiration for your own adventures this summer. Just don’t forget to join us for a sing-along at the end of the day.

Parent involvement will be indicated by the baby elephant at the top of each page:
An elephant family is called a **HERD**. The oldest female in the herd, called the **Matriarch**, leads her family. Males, called **Bulls**, live on their own but may spend time with the family too.
Elephants are **ACTIVE**! Every day, they **EXPLORE** their homes, **FORAGE** for food, **EXERCISE** from their trunks to their toes, and **PLAY** every chance they get!

**PACHYDERM PLAYTIME**

Click here to see our elephants exploring their home

Click here for a video of Billy making a SPLASH!

Click here for a video of Tina playing in the pool!

Click to find even more ways elephants PLAY in our **COLORING BOOK**!
Elephants are BIG! They weigh between 6,000-12,000 POUNDS. They eat up to 250 POUNDS OF FOOD a day. They make 100 POUNDS OF POOP every day. Taking care of elephants is a BIG job!

CARING FOR GIANTS

Click here for a video about caring for our gentle giants!
Elephants may be BIG, but they have LITTLE DETAILS! Take a closer look at the following:
- Titanic Toes
- Spotted Ears
- Trunk "Finger Tip"
- Long Eyelashes
- AND Tiny Tusks

ELEPHANTS UP CLOSE
PAPER PLATE ELEPHANT PUPPET

Step 1
- Trace circle on back of paper plate large enough to slip hand through
- Cut out circle with craft knife
- Paint plate gray and let dry

Step 2
- Cut elephant ears out of cardstock and set aside

Step 3
- Glue gray sock to paper plate.
  1) Feed open end of sock into cut hole.
  2) Stretch sock to cover opening.
  3) Glue down edges of sock until firmly attached.

Step 4
- Turn plate over and glue on ears and eyes
- OPTION: Make 2 puppets to start your own herd & play together!
TRUNKS are truly AMAZING NOSES!
Elephants use their trunks to SMELL things, to TOUCH things, to EAT things, to DRINK things, to HOLD things, and even BREATHE UNDERWATER!

TERRIFIC TRUNKS!

What can you do with YOUR trunk?

Can you pick up something SMALL/BIG?

Can you EAT/DRINK something?

Can you make TRUNK SHADOW PUPPETS? All you need is a flashlight!

Look around to find tools that do all the amazing things trunks do!

Click here for a video of how Billy uses his trunk!
Elephant skin is incredibly tough and can be up to 1 INCH THICK in places. Elephant skin is also WRINKLED to help them stay cool longer after a shower or a mud bath.

STORYTIME

Click here to read along and hear Elmer’s story!
MILK BOTTLE ELEPHANT

Step 1
- Draw a line around the whole bottle slightly higher than the bottom of the handle
- Draw an arch off this line on both sides of the bottle
- Cut along the lines you have drawn and remove bottom half

Step 2
- Paint your milk bottle

Step 3
- Decorate your elephant and make it your own!
Thank-you for joining us!
We hope to see you soon!

CAMP RALLY
WITH YOUR ZOO CAMP TEAM

Click here to sing along at Camp Rally!

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