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## **NEW! Como Town Summer Camps for Kids**

*SAINT PAUL, MN* –Como Town, the family amusement park at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in Saint Paul, will offer Summer Camps for Kids ages 6 – 12 for the first time in June and July. Kids can spend the week digging dinosaur bones, building roller coasters, recreating tornadoes, making magical rain sticks, and exploring the science and the FUN of their favorite amusement park rides while enjoying all of the rides and activities at Como Town during a week-long day camp.

Como Town Summer camps focus on science, art, music and nature, introducing kids to Como Town’s favorite rides including the Tornado and the Screamin’ Dragon roller coaster. From the ride to the weather, young “Storm Chasers” get an up-close look at the ride -- Tornado! -- learn what causes real weather twisters and the impact of weather on our lives. Young “engineers” are introduced to the various energies that are needed to operate a roller coaster and then construct their own working roller coaster.

Other summer camp courses include Digging up Dinosaurs, Cave Man Zoo Art, Rain Stick Magic and the tricks and techniques of Airbrushing, Face Painting and Crazy Hair. Camps are weeklong, Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon, or combined for a full-day camp experience. Como Town Camps

run for four weeks, including June 15-19, June 22- 26, July 13-17, and July 20 - 24. Registration begins Saturday, February 28, on-site at the Minnesota Parent Camp Fair at Como Zoo's Visitor's Center from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by mail after March 2.

### **Como Town Information**

Now in its fifth season, Como Town has more than 18 rides and attractions which are tailored to kids ages two to 12. Como Town's rides and activities encourage kids to actively shape or control their experience.

Como Town Amusement Park will be open for the 2009 season the weekend of May 2 & 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Saturday, May 9, daily at 10 a.m. through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, and then weekends through September 27.

For additional information about Como Town, call 651-487-2121 or visit [www.comotown.com](http://www.comotown.com).