



## Coastal Humane Society Animal Camp Frequently Asked Questions

### **How will I know my registration is complete?**

After you register your child online, you will receive a confirmation email to the address you provided. You will not receive a paper copy of your confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation message shortly after completing the registration, please check your junk mail filter, as confirmations are sometimes delivered there by mistake. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Gina Ketcheson at (207) 449-1366, ext. 2.

### **What grade level should I register my child for?**

Please register your child based on the grade they will be entering in the fall of 2017.

### **My child is going into the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but is as old as some of his 5<sup>th</sup> grade peers. Can I register him for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp?**

Activities in our camps are tailored to the grade levels of the children in the group. Making exceptions to our grade level groupings poses challenges for campers (those who are too young to handle a particular activity or too old to enjoy one) and for staff (who cannot always adjust their programming to accommodate a wider range of cognitive and social skills). To maintain the best camp experience for everyone, we do not make exceptions to the camp grade levels.

### **Can I register my child for more than one week of camp?**

To run our camps efficiently, we repeat some activities from week to week. In addition, many of our camps fill up, and we'd like to reach as many students as possible. For these reasons, we limit each child to attending one session each summer.

### **All the sessions for my child's age group are full. Will you be adding more camp sessions?**

Unfortunately, we do not have the available space or additional staff required to offer additional camp sessions. Please call (207) 449-1366 to be placed on a waiting list for a full camp session.

### **What is included in my child's registration fee?**

Your camp registration fee includes all materials and activities, as well as a daily snack. Summer camp fees also include one camp T-shirt that must be worn every day. Additional t-shirts can be ordered for \$10 each on our website. Campers are required to bring a lunch and beverage each day.

### **My child would like to attend camp with a friend. Will they always be grouped together?**

Each camp day includes activities for the full group, as well as small groups (3-4 campers). These groups are shuffled regularly to encourage kids to interact with new people throughout the week. Campers who attend with friends will have plenty of opportunities to be together, but we cannot guarantee they will participate in every activity together.

### **I don't have a credit card, or would prefer to pay with a check. Can I register by mail?**

If you are not able to register online, please contact Coastal Humane Society's Development Manager, Gina Ketcheson at (207) 449-1366, ext. 2. Please note that registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations will not be processed until payment is received and we cannot hold spaces without full payment.

### **What is your cancellation policy?**

Our cancellation policy is as follows:

If you cancel your registration more than 14 days prior to the start of camp session, your registration fee will be refunded minus a \$50 administrative fee. **If you cancel your registration less than 14 days prior to the start of the camp session, no refund will be available.** If space is available, campers may transfer their registration to another grade-appropriate camp session within the same camp season at no charge. Canceled registrations cannot be applied to registrations for the following year. If a camp session is canceled by Coastal Humane Society, all registration fees will be refunded in full.

***Before registering for camp, please review our other camp policies.***

### **Are scholarships available for Animal Camp?**

Limited scholarships are available for Animal Camp. Please visit the Animal Camp website to download a scholarship application or contact Kate Griffith at (207) 449-1366, ext. 107 or [kgriffith@coastalhumanesociety.org](mailto:kgriffith@coastalhumanesociety.org).

### **What time does camp start in the morning?**

Camp hours run from 9 am to 3 pm.

### **Can I drop my child off early, or pick them up late after camp?**

We are offering extended aftercare with hours from 9:00am – 5:00pm for an additional \$100.00. In order to allow our teachers adequate time to prepare for the day's activities, children may not be dropped off early.

### **Where do I bring my child for the first day of camp?**

Campers should be dropped off at the Coastal Humane Society's administrative building, located at 190 Pleasant Street in Brunswick, ME. Please note that all campers must be signed in and out by ***an authorized parent or caregiver*** (as noted on registration materials) each day. Please

make sure your registration application includes the name of any potential person who may be picking up or dropping off your child.

### **What does my child need to bring with them when they come to camp each day?**

Campers must bring a lunch and beverage from home each day. Refrigeration is not available for campers' lunches. We will provide snacks for the morning and the afternoon. There will be no access to vending machines during camp.

We discourage all campers from bringing anything of value with them to the camp. This includes money, toys, video games, iPods, etc. Coastal Humane Society is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen items.

Campers who bring cell phones with them to camp should expect to use their phones only to contact parents in case of an emergency. Calling or texting during camp activities is not permitted.

Your child should bring a water bottle to camp and sunscreen. Sunscreen is recommended because many of our activities take place outdoors. Campers are responsible for bringing and applying their own sunscreen. Please label all personal items with your child's name.

### **What should my child wear to camp each day?**

Campers should dress in clothes that are appropriate for active and sometimes messy activities. For safety reasons, all campers must wear athletic shoes or other shoes with closed toes. Sandals and Crocs are not appropriate for many of our activities. Children wearing these shoes to camp may not be able to participate in all activities. Animal Camp activities will proceed rain or shine. Campers should bring appropriate weather gear as needed.

Campers will be provided with an Animal Camp T-shirt, which should be worn each day. Additional t-shirts can be ordered for \$10 each on our website.

### **What kinds of activities do campers participate in?**

Campers take part in all types of educational activities, from meeting animals to playing games and viewing special presentations. To view a sample schedule of Animal Camp activities, please visit our website.

### **What kinds of snacks do you provide for campers?**

We do our best to provide kid-friendly and healthy snacks. You won't find any chips or cookies here. Snacks include things like popcorn, cheese crackers, pretzels, trail mix, applesauce, granola bars, fruit, Chex Mix, etc. **If your child has food allergies, please list them on the registration materials and discuss them with camp staff to make sure snacks are appropriate for your child.** If you prefer, you may also send snacks from home. **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: MANY OF THE DOG TREATS WE WORK WITH CONTAIN PEANUT BUTTER; WE CANNOT GUARANTEE A PEANUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT\*\*\***

**Will my child be working directly with shelter animals?**

Each day at camp includes time where kids are interacting with shelter animals, but that's only part of the camp experience. Animal Camp includes lots of other animal-related activities, too, such as special guest speakers, time at the shelter, animal-themed crafts and games, learning activities, and service projects. Students will have daily opportunities for contact with a variety of animals, including shelter animals or visiting guests, but should not expect to spend significant time with animals waiting for adoption.