



# CRITTER CAMP FAQS



## WHERE DO I DROP OFF MY CAMPER?

CRITTER CAMP IS HELD FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM AT THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA LOCATED AT 155 PLAN WAY, WARWICK, RI 02886. PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT YOUR CAMPER EACH DAY. PLEASE BE PREPARED AT PICK-UP WITH A PHOTO ID THAT WILL BE CHECKED EVERY DAY.

## WHAT WILL MY CAMPER DO AT CAMP EACH DAY?

YOUR CAMPER WILL MEET SOME ADOPTABLE ANIMALS, TOUR OUR SHELTER, PLAY ANIMAL THEMED GAMES, MAKE CRAFTS AND/OR TREATS FOR PETS IN NEED, LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT TYPES OF PETS INCLUDING DOGS, CATS, SMALLIES, AND FARM ANIMALS.

## WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER WEAR?

CAMPERS SHOULD WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND CLOSED TOED SHOES. FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE REQUIRE CLOSED TOED SHOES FOR ALL CAMPERS. IF YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AT CAMP WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, WE MAY HAVE TO RESTRICT THEM FROM DOING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

## WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER BRING TO CAMP?

YOUR CAMPER IS REQUIRED TO BRING A LUNCH, SNACK, AND REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE. THEY ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO BRING A JACKET. WHILE CAMPERS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM BRINGING ELECTRONIC DEVICES, WE ASK THEY ONLY USE THEM BEFORE OR AFTER CAMP.

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL MY CAMPER SPEND WITH ANIMALS EACH DAY?

WE WILL TRY TO CONNECT CAMPERS WITH SHELTER ANIMALS EVERY DAY. THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT WITH ANIMALS WILL DEPEND IN PART ON WHICH ANIMALS WE HAVE AT THE SHELTER THAT WEEK.

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL MY CAMPER SPEND OUTDOORS EACH DAY?

CAMP WILL BE HELD INDOORS BUT CAMPERS MAY OCCASIONALLY GO OUTSIDE FOR GAMES, LUNCH OR OTHER ACTIVITIES.

## **ALLERGIES?**

THE SHELTER IS NOT A NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT. ANY ANIMAL ALLERGIES SHOULD BE MENTIONED BEFORE CAMP TO PROTECT FROM ALLERGIC REACTIONS. EPIPENS SHOULD BE WITH THE CAMPER AT ALL TIMES.

## **WHAT TYPES OF ANIMALS WILL MY CAMPER BE INTERACTING WITH AT CAMP?**

MOST DIRECT ANIMAL INTERACTIONS WILL BE WITH OUR SMALL ANIMALS, SPECIFICALLY OUR CLASSROOM PETS WHO WE KNOW ARE HEALTHY, FRIENDLY AND ACCUSTOMED TO BEING HANDLED. IN ADDITION, WE MAY HAVE CATS, KITTENS, OR PUPPIES TO HOLD AND/OR PET. A LOT DEPENDS ON WHAT ANIMALS WE HAVE IN RESIDENCE THE WEEK YOUR CHILD IS HERE AT CAMP AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE NEVER REALLY KNOW AHEAD OF TIME!

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

PLEASE KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE DURING OUR CRITTER CAMPS THIS SUMMER. EACH DAY OF CAMP, CAMPERS WILL BE REMINDED OF DIFFERENT WAYS WE STAY SAFE WHILE BEING AT THE SHELTER. THIS INCLUDES BEING SAFE AROUND SHELTER ANIMALS, BEING SAFE AND RESPECTFUL AROUND EACH OTHER, AND UNDERSTANDING PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES AT THE SHELTER IN ORDER TO KEEP BOTH PEOPLE AND ANIMALS SAFE.

## **CAN WE ACCOMMODATE CAMPERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?**

YES, WE CAN. CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE IN SCHOOL WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A ONE-TO-ONE AIDE AT SUMMER CAMP AS WELL. WE APPRECIATE HAVING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE SAFETY AND A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY CAMPER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD BEING AT OUR CAMP, PLEASE CALL OUR HUMANE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT [401.415.8023](tel:401.415.8023).

## **MY CAMPER IS A VERY ACTIVE, ROUGH AND TUMBLE, EXUBERANT KID. IS THIS A GOOD CAMP FOR THEM?**

WHILE MANY CAMPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE AND ROUGH AND TUMBLE PLAY, OUR CAMP IS NOT WELL EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE NEEDS FOR LARGE MOTOR ACTIVITIES, AND WE SPEND THE MAJORITY OF THE DAY INDOORS. IF YOUR CHILD IS LOOKING FOR AN ACTIVE CAMP, THIS MAY NOT BE FOR THEM.

