

KID'S CAMP

Parent/Camper Guide



Fostering Empathy and Compassion Through Hands-On Learning

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Welcome to Kid's Camp

Thank you for choosing the Idaho Humane Society's Kid's Camp! Humane Education is a crucial component of the Idaho Humane Society's mission to advocate for the welfare and responsible care of animals, protect them from neglect and cruelty, and promote humane awareness and compassion. We strive to share the shelter's mission and programs as well as teach younger generations about humane care for pets and safety around animals.

This packet was created to help prepare both you and your child for a week at the Idaho Humane Society. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kid's Camp.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Break Camps

Break camps run two-days and are project intensive. Snacks are included but campers will need to pack a lunch.

Summer Camps

World of Pets

Ages 5-7. In the World of Pets, campers learn about responsibility and animal safety. Campers will get hands-on experience and learn care of their household pets.

Animals in Our Community

Ages 8-10. There are so many different kinds of animals within our Treasure Valley. Come and learn about the critters we live with and people who help them.

Shelter Helpers

Ages 11-12: For those who would like to volunteer at the Idaho Humane Society, this is for you. Come learn the behind the scenes of the shelter and learn how you can help. This group is very heavy in community service and leadership.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

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Humane Education Coordinator

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PHONE:

208-377-1716

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CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Parents will need to bring their child to the Education Classroom each day for check in.

Times and Locations

Check in begins no earlier than 8:45AM each day. Parents will need to bring their child to the north side of the shelter.

****Please do not use the main shelter entrance, as the main shelter will be closed at this time.*

Changes to authorized pick-ups must be made at check-in.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

All authorized persons MUST bring a photo ID to check-out. Only those persons listed will be permitted to release your child from Kid's Camp staff. Parents/Guardians MUST be listed on the check-out authorization as well.

Times and Locations

Check-out begins at 3:30pm each day. Please check out your camper from the Education Classroom.

Extended day options are available at the time of registration. Extended day options are an additional \$20/day, and you will be allowed to pick up your child anytime between 4pm & 5pm from the Education Classroom.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safety is our number one priority at camp. We love all of the animals at the Idaho Humane Society, but unlike our family pets at home we do not know all of our animals' fun quirks. Please talk to your camper about being respectful of the rules of camp.



HEALTH FORMS

A health form will need to be completed for every camper. You can find the health form by logging into your registration account and completing it. All health forms must be completed 7 days prior to camp. This gives us time to follow up on anything noted in the form.

MEDICATIONS

Medications are any substance a person takes to maintain and/or improve their health. This includes vitamins and natural remedies.

We understand that your camper may need to take medications at some point during camp. If possible, please have them take their medications before they come to camp in the morning.

Our shelter does not have a nurse on site. However, the Humane Education Coordinator does maintain First Aid/CPR/AED certification at all times. If your child does need to take medications during the day, please contact the Education Coordinator. Your camper must be able to administer their medications themselves under the supervision of the Humane Education Coordinator.

****This includes all over the counter medications.*

PAYMENTS

All camp tuition must be paid in full by the first day of camp. Payment plans can be set up by logging into your registration account.

If payment is not received, your registration may be cancelled and your payments forfeited.

If you have extenuating circumstances please contact the camp at 208-377-1716

Transfers or changes from the original registration are based on availability.

CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be made in writing.

Full refund minus the processing fee will only be issued for cancellations made in writing at least 14 days prior to the start of camp. No refund will be issued for cancellations made 13 days or less prior to the start of camp.

COMMUNICATION

We want campers to be able to experience camp and make new friends. Please not send phones, gizmos, or any electronics to camp. We are not responsible for items lost or stolen.

If you need to get information relayed to your camper please contact the Education Coordinator either by email or phone. They will be happy to relay the information to your camper.

Photos will be taken during your campers time at Kid's Camp. You will receive access to the photos at the end of the week via email.



LOST AND FOUND

The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. To avoid lost items, be sure to label everything with your camper's first and last name.

Lost and found items found during will be placed on the bookshelf for campers and parents to see each day.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Campers will need to bring a lunch every day of camp. Campers who are attending our Summer Camps will have a Pizza Party on Fridays. If your child has dietary needs, please make sure it is noted in their registration, or contact the Education Coordinator. Campers will be provided an afternoon snack daily, please make sure they bring their own water bottle.

We will be both inside and outside throughout the day. Depending on the time of year, the mornings can be cool, while the afternoons may be warmer. Please dress your campers in layers.

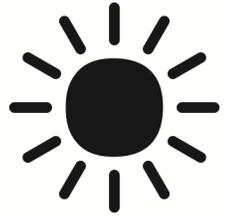
Remember that your camper will be spending most of the day outdoors and they will get dirty. Please wear clothes to get dirty in, and closed-toed shoes.

Please do not pack cell phones, electronics, pocket knives, firearms, alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.

We want to hear about your camper's experience! After check-out, you will receive an email parent evaluation. We ask you to go through this evaluation with your child and return it to us as soon as possible so we can make our programs and services even better.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

9:00am	Arrival
9:30am	Education Lesson 1
10:00 am	Tour of Shelter
11:00 am	Toy/Treat making for Shelter animals
11:30am	Lunch
12:00pm	Outside Games
12:30 pm	Education Lesson 2
1:15pm	Service Project
2:00pm	Break/Snack
2:30	Shelter Time
3:00pm	Clean Up Classroom
3:30pm	Dismissal
4-5pm	Extended Day (optional)



SUMMER CAMP BUCKET LIST

Start checking things off your bucket list at Kids' Camp this summer!

- ◇ Make a friend for life
- ◇ Learn a new Animal Fun Fact
- ◇ Touch a reptile
- ◇ Advocate for a long-term resident
- ◇ Giveback to shelter animals
- ◇ Brighten a shelter animal's day
- ◇ Learn a greater appreciation for the Idaho wilderness
- ◇ Find Officer Monroe
- ◇ Reserve your spot for 2021, we fill up fast!