

## The Humane Animal Welfare Society's camp policies and FAQs regarding Covid 19

### Will Kids 'N Critters Day Camp be held at HAWS this summer?

HAWS will still be holding our Kids 'N Critters Day Camp this summer for all scheduled sessions. We believe it is important to provide an enriching outlet for children after the isolation of the Safer at Home order.

### What is being done to manage disease prevention?

The safety and health of our campers has always been, and will continue to be a high priority.

Our current operating plan is noted below and must be strictly adhered to. Please note these procedure are subject to change.

- Campers that are exhibiting any signs of illness (fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, and diarrhea) home. We are also asking children be kept home if other family members are exhibiting signs of illness.
- Campers must come to camp with a face mask. Face masks will need to be worn inside the building at all times except for when eating. This complies with Wisconsin's Mask Mandate that starts on August 1, 2020.
- Camp staff will also be wearing face coverings during the day. Additionally, during camp all general shelter staff and volunteers will be required to wear a face/mask covering while traveling in common areas of the shelter
- At drop-off children will have their temperature taken utilizing a no touch infrared thermometer supplied by HAWS. Children with a temperature of over 100.4 will not be admitted. Children will use hand sanitizer at drop off and pick-up.
- Camp staff, all shelter staff and all shelter volunteers will have their temperatures taken on their arrival to work, and will not be permitted to stay with a temperature of over 100.4.
- Any camp staff or camper displaying symptoms of illness will be sent home immediately. If the camper's symptoms are those listed as Covid symptoms, parents of other campers attending camp will be notified as soon as possible to be informed of a possible exposure, and given the option to remove their camper for a refund. Camp will be cancelled the following day in order for all camp areas to be thoroughly disinfected.

The counselor in charge of the camper displaying possible Covid symptoms will be immediately sent into a two week quarantine and be symptom free before returning to work at HAWS

- Children will use hand sanitizer at drop off and pick-up.
- A greeter will meet parents and campers outside HAWS front entrance. Campers that will be attending camp in our large back meeting room will be directed around the building to an entrance from the outside into that room. This will prevent children and parents from having to walk through the lobby. No parents will be allowed to enter into the building unless granted consent by HAWS Director of Education, or HAWS Director of Organizational Development.

- At the start of camp each day campers will be reminded of the procedures and locations for hand washing and sanitizing.
- Campers will be placed in groups of 5 and will remain with their group for the entire time they attend camp. The groups will not intermingle.
- We have reduced camp attendance from 27 campers to 15 in our large back room, and from 18 campers to 10 in our smaller front room. Multiple groups of 5 campers will be stationed in the rooms but kept at a distance from other groups. This means the maximum number of campers in the HAWS building at any time will be 25, spread out across the building.
- HAWS will not be providing a snack. We are asking parents to include a snack for their children to eat at snack time. If this poses a hardship, please do not hesitate to reach out to us; we are more than happy to help.
- We will have staff designated specifically for cleaning and sanitizing surfaces repeatedly throughout the day, both inside our camp rooms and any areas outside of it campers may go. This includes any surfaces that may be touched such as doors, countertops, toilet seats and handles, faucets, materials used in camp activities.
- Although we have always directed the campers to wash hands and use sanitizer throughout the day, we will increase the frequency of this routine.
- Any camp staff or camper displaying symptoms of illness will be sent home immediately. If the camper's symptoms are those listed as Covid symptoms, parents of other campers attending camp in that room will be notified as soon as possible to be informed of a possible exposure and asked to pick up their child immediately. Camp will be cancelled the following day in order for all camp areas to be thoroughly disinfected

If changes to the above standard operating procedures change we will notify parents immediately.

### **What kind of an experience can my child expect at this year's camp?**

We are evaluating all of our camp activities and will remove any that include touching other campers, such as games of tag.

The campers will see and interact with many different types of animals. According to the Center for Disease Control: "In the United States, there is no evidence that animals are playing a significant role in the spread of COVID-19." Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low. As usual our campers will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands after every animal interaction.

The overall camp experience should not change and we will do everything we can to ensure the campers have fun during their time at HAWS.

### **What if I need to cancel my child's camp registration?**

We have changed our cancellation policies in response to the current health situation and will not be charging fees for withdrawing a camper from a camp session. We ask that you let us know as soon as possible so that we can try to fill your child's spot.

Please contact Megan Katzuba at [education@hawspets.org](mailto:education@hawspets.org) to cancel or transfer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. The best way to reach me until May 26 is through email: [khris@hawspets.org](mailto:khris@hawspets.org).

Sincerely,

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