

**ANIMAL
CAMP
2026!**



Sponsored by:

The Dan Cosgrove Branford Animal Shelter



Welcome to Animal Camp 2026!

We are looking forward to a fun week of camp with your child, some furry friends, creatures, & nature.

Please read this packet with your child.

Check List:



Medical Form provided by the shelter completed



Payment (Check or Paypal)

What to Wear/What to Bring

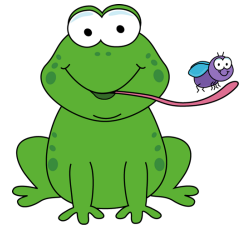
Read the Basic Information about Animal Camp with your child



Read the Code of Conduct with your child

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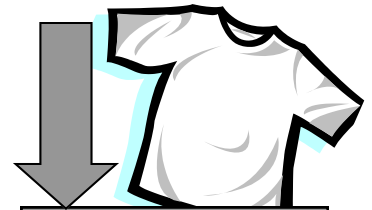
Welcome to Animal Camp! Your child will enjoy a fun, educational, and hands on camp that will allow them to interact and learn about all kinds of animals. Our Camp mission is to respect all living creatures, including each other. Each week will consist of a fun learning program, animal interactions, games, arts and crafts, and you can learn all about what FLEMDS is!!!!



WHAT TO WEAR

Make Sure You Wear Each Day:

- ◆ Weather appropriate clothing that can get wet or dirty and Animal Camp t-shirt
- ◆ A hat or visor
- ◆ Waterproof Sunscreen lotion (SPF 15+)
- ◆ Bug Spray
- ◆ Closed-toed shoes , sneakers, (**NO** Flip Flops, sandals or CROCS allowed)



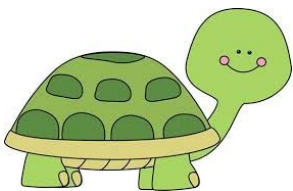
YOU MUST WEAR YOUR ANIMAL CAMP ISSUED TSHIRT EVERYDAY INCLUDING FIELD TRIP DAY

Children without shirts will not be permitted to stay at animal camp!

WHAT TO BRING

Make Sure You Bring Each Day & that all items are labeled with your name.

- ◆ Nutritious bagged snack
- ◆ Nutritious lunch with a drink. Lunch will **NOT** be provided by the Summer Meals Program*
- ◆ Water bottle **
- ◆ Backpack containing:
 - Waterproof sunscreen/lotion & Bug Spray
 - Change of clothes, i.e. shirt or shorts
 - Sweatshirt or light jacket





ANIMAL CAMP ~ BASIC INFORMATION



Animal Camp Basic Information:

Daily Schedule: Campers should check in each day between 9:00—9:15. Staff will **not** be able to check in your camper prior to this time. Campers **MUST** be **SIGNED** out each afternoon. **DO NOT** leave without signing your child out.

Drop Off / Pick-up Policy: We ask that you park in designated areas and please walk your child to the appropriate sign in/ sign out areas. Child must be signed in and out each day to ensure the safety of each camper. All people picking up children will be asked to have ID available to confirm that they are the person listed as an authorized pick-up person. If someone is not listed (including another parent), staff are required to contact you by phone to confirm that your child can be released to that person. If you are unable to be reached, your child will not be released to them.

Late Pick-up Policy: Any Child not picked up at their scheduled pick up time will be charged a \$10.00 fee for every 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes that you are late. This fee will be due immediately payable to the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter.

Behavior Plan: Our camp is designed to provide a supervised educational program. Staff members are all trained to maintain the situations that are engaging and safe for all our campers. Each camper is expected to behave in a fashion suitable to the program. There is a 3 strike rule at camp. Please review the attached Code of Conduct with your camper.

Accident/Incident Procedures: Staff members are required to make a note of any incidents or accidents during each day of camp. This information is communicated to the parents as well as the Camp Director on a daily basis either at the end of the day or, if warranted, at the time of the incident or accident. Staff managers are certified in First Aid, CPR and Epipen and will administer as needed.

Health Form Policy: We require that all campers have their Medical Form **completed** in full including authorized people to pick up your child **prior to the first day of camp**. Your child will not be able to attend until their medical form is completed. See enclosed medical form. (We do NOT need anything from your child's medical provider)

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT DAILY SCHEDULES CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE ***

*** TIME SPENT WITH ANIMALS IS LIMITED ***





ANIMAL CAMP ~ CODE OF CONDUCT



Participant Code of Conduct

During the camp we have developed a code of conduct to make sure that everyone has a positive camp experience. This means that all participants: campers, parents/ guardians, and staff shall respect the individual rights, safety and property of others.

Parents: Please review these rules with your child.

I Will:

- ◆ Respect the differences in other people, animals, and make an effort to include everyone, and refrain from behaviors that may hurt another camper or staff member's feelings
- ◆ Be mindful of my counselors and respect their requests and follow their directions.
- ◆ Wear closed-toed shoes to camp every morning
- ◆ Pick up after myself and throw away all trash
- ◆ Respect other people's property
- ◆ I will keep my hands to myself
- ◆ Respect the animals and places that we visit
- ◆ Have fun at camp in way that are safe to others and myself
- ◆ Have a positive attitude

I Will Not:

- ◆ Fight with other campers with my hands or my words
- ◆ Be disrespectful to my counselors or our Animal guests
- ◆ Go anywhere without permission and accompaniment of my counselor
- ◆ Use derogatory terms or offensive language when talking to or about other campers
- ◆ Tease or bully other campers
- ◆ Bring inappropriate items to camp

If I choose not to follow the code of conduct:

First Time: I will be given a verbal warning explaining the problem and the expected behavior.

Second Time: I will be removed from the activity and my parent will be called; The Camp Director or their designee may call home to discuss the behavior plan.

Third Time: The Camp Director will be notified and my parents will be called to pick me up, and I will not be able to return to camp for the remainder of the week.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP



What a typical week at Animal Camp will look like:

- Each week will be the same (same guest, same craft, same learning program)
- Each day we will focus on and learn about a different species or class of animals
- Each day we will make enrichment toys for shelter animals and or wildlife rehabilitators
- We will do an Art project centered around the type of animal we are learning about that day
- We will go on an educational field trip once a week (for ages 6—10)
- We will meet many animal species throughout the week. Some species, such as wildlife, campers will see and learn about, but they will not interact with them.
- Animal interactions most commonly will be one of our guests that we work with throughout the year
- Campers will get to interact with certain shelter animals that have been approved by staff

Safety of both campers and animals is our priority. Under no circumstances do we allow unsupervised children to interact with the animals.

While we want children to enjoy their time at Animal Camp, and we know that interacting with the animals is the best part about camp, its important for campers to understand that it can be stressful for some animals to endure long periods of being handled, held, and pet by so many people. Therefore, we keep our animal interactions short and sweet, and we always teach campers the appropriate ways to handle and interact with a species before they are allowed to do so.

Our goal by the end of the week is for campers to have a solid foundation of how to properly provide care for various animal species, as well as comprehend and demonstrate respect toward each animal, one another, and themselves.