



## H.E.R.O. SUMMER CAMP PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION PACKET

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF UTAH CONTACT INFORMATION

- Phone: 801-261-2919
- Cell: 801-808-7746 (for immediate needs during camp dates and times only)
- Email: [caitlin@utahhumane.org](mailto:caitlin@utahhumane.org) or [haley@utahhumane.org](mailto:haley@utahhumane.org)

### H.E.R.O. CAMP SCHEDULE

- Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for weeks **one and two**.
- Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for weeks **three through eight**.
- ***Campers must be picked up no later than a half hour after camp ends.*** Please make sure you have made arrangements for your camper ahead of time. *Late pick-ups are subject to a fee of \$5.00 for every ten minutes late.* This policy will be strongly adhered to as our staff has job duties important to the care of homeless pets and cannot be expected to watch children after camp hours.

### DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

- The Humane Society of Utah is located at 4242 South 300 West in Murray. Please pull through our main entrance gate and proceed towards the Adoption entrance in the middle of the building, enter through the adoption area doors to the lobby—this area is where both drop-off and pick-up of campers will take place each day.
- Parents/guardians are required to escort children into camp at 8:45 AM on the first day of their registered week (Monday). We require this escorted drop-off on the first day so that we can meet with parents and quickly discuss any additional info and review camper registration information. We will also use this time to reiterate any important topics such as medication and, if applicable, other approved adults who are authorized to pick up your camper.



### **PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

- Camper pick-up will take place in the same adoption lobby area each day. Parents/guardians or any pre approved authorized adults **MUST** sign each camper out at the end of each day.
- If someone arrives to pick up a camper and they are not on the authorized list, they will not be allowed to check that camper out until we have it cleared with the parent/guardian.
- If there is an unavoidable emergency that may cause you to be late, please call 801-808-7746 to inform us. **Late pick-ups are subject to a fee of \$5.00 for every ten minutes late.** This policy will be strongly adhered to as our staff has job duties important to the care of homeless pets and cannot be expected to watch children after camp hours.
- Ensure that your camper leaves with all personal belongings each day.

### **WHAT TO WEAR TO H.E.R.O. CAMP**

- Children are required to wear long pants or shorts of at least knee length.
- Closed-toed shoes for working with animals.
- Children must wear the H.E.R.O. Camp T-shirt that will be provided on their first day. *Additional T-shirts are available to purchase upon request for \$10.00.*
- Please also put sunscreen on your child each morning before dropping them off at camp.

### **WHAT TO BRING TO H.E.R.O. CAMP**

- Bagged lunch and snacks each day.
- Refillable water bottles labeled with their name.
- Sunscreen and a hat.
- Medications, which must be labeled with a signed letter regarding how/when your child should take the medication. We are not able to administer any medications to your child.
- Jacket or hoodie (depending on the weather).

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING TO H.E.R.O. CAMP**

- Personal pets are not allowed.
- Knives or other weapons.
- **Cell phones, no exceptions!**



- Electronic toys, video games, mp3 players, etc.
- Open-toed shoes or shoes with wheels on the soles (Heely's).

### **H.E.R.O. CAMP CURRICULUM**

By reaching out to the children in our community, we can empower our youth with essential tools regarding the humane and responsible treatment of animals. Humane education has been shown to help prevent violence and help children apply the concepts of respect and kindness toward all beings in their own lives and the world around them.

Campers will receive age-appropriate humane education lessons, workshops from veterinarians and animal experts and classes designed to foster a special appreciation for animals. We will have representatives from other important and reputable animal organizations in Utah to speak with the children during specific “expert” workshops.

### **ANIMAL INTERACTION**

Campers will have the chance to interact with animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, chinchillas, birds, farm animals and reptiles. Interaction will include shelter animals, however, only certain animals are going to be allowed to participate in camp activities. Camper interactions with animals may include walking, cuddling, grooming, feeding, and playing. Depending on the age range of the children, campers will receive one to two hours of animal interaction each day, which may include petting, holding, watering, feeding and cleaning.

The goal of the HSU is to provide the campers with an enriching learning experience, while ensuring safety at all times for the campers and for the animals. Campers will only interact with animals that have been approved by HSU staff.

### **H.E.R.O. CAMP DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

At the Humane Society of Utah, we strive to maintain both the safety and wellness of campers, volunteers, staff, general public and animals. In order to ensure safety, we have established the following disciplinary policy.

**Unacceptable behavior may include:**



- Making fun of or insulting other children.
- Inappropriate language and profanity.
- Bullying or physically harming other children or adults.
- Harming or frightening the animals.
- Not following direction or refusing to participate in camp activities.
- Disrupting the camp for other children.
- Any other unwelcome actions that HSU staff deems to be unacceptable.

**Consequences that may result from any unacceptable behavior:**

- Verbal Warning by Camp Counselors or HSU staff.
- 10-15-minute time out with a call to parent/guardian to discuss the problem.
- Written report filed and a required meeting with parent/guardian for the child to continue at camp.
- If a camper displays any behavior that HSU Humane Education Director feels cannot be resolved, we will call parents/guardians to pick up the child immediately. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the child may be unable to return to camp and no refunds will be given.
- *The HSU Humane Education Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper without prior warning.*

**FOOD ALLERGIES**

Many children have food allergies that can be both minor and life threatening. Please make sure you have listed all of your child's allergies on the camper registration packet. We will go over this information on the first day of camp with parents/guardians at the time of drop-off.

**ADDITIONAL H.E.R.O. CAMP INFORMATION**



HSU will make any and all accommodations for campers with special needs, including behavior challenges. It is the parent/guardian's job to notify the HSU Humane Education Director of any campers that need extra attention or any special needs. Please make sure these requests are written out and specified on the camper registration packet. Our staff and Camp Counselors are trained to be able to manage many common behavioral and health disorders, but in the event that a camper has a severe behavioral or health disorder that will interfere with the camp activities, they must have an aide present at all times.