



## 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 only)
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### H.E.R.O. SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

- 1st/2nd grade: June 6-10 (9:00-1:30 PM)
- 3rd/4th grade: June 13-17, June 27-July 1, July 11-15, and July 18-22  
(Mon-Thurs 9:00-3:00 PM) (Friday 9:00-1:30 PM)
- 5th/6th grade: August 1-5 and August 8-12 (Mon-Thurs 9:00-3:00 PM)  
(Friday 9:00-1:30 PM)
- ***Children must be picked up no later than 15 minutes after their session ends.*** Please make sure you have made arrangements for your child 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.
- Our H.E.R.O. after school program dates/times are subject to change at the discretion of the Humane Education Director.

### 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 will take place each day.
- Parents/guardians are required to escort children into The Humane Society of Utah each registered session. We require this escorted so that we can meet with parents/guardians



and quickly discuss any additional info and review any 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 child.

#### **PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

- Pick-up will take place in the same adoption lobby area each day. Parents/guardians or any pre-approved authorized adults **MUST** sign each child out at the end of the day.
- If someone arrives to pick up a child and they are not on the authorized list, they will not be allowed to check that child 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 child leaves with all personal belongings.

#### **WHAT TO WEAR**

- Children are required to wear long pants or shorts of at least knee-length.
- Closed-toed shoes for working with animals.

#### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Refillable water bottles labeled with their name.
- 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**



- 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. 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.

### **ANIMAL INTERACTION**

Children will have the chance to interact with animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, chinchillas, hedgehogs, and hamsters. Interaction will include shelter animals, however, only certain animals are going to be allowed to participate in activities. Interactions with animals may include walking, cuddling, grooming, feeding, and playing. Depending on the age range of the children, they will receive at least a half-hour of animal interaction, which may include petting, holding, watering, feeding and cleaning.

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

### **H.E.R.O. 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 activities.
- Disrupting the education session 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 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 the program.
- If a child 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.