



June –
August
2023



MSPCA Children's Summer Camp

Parent's Night Orientation



Welcome & Meet the Staff!

Camp Director
Danielle Wordell
Head Counselors
Ella Campbell
Savannah White
Alyssa Bosse

Junior Counselors :
20 Volunteers, 15-20
years old



Camp Mascot:
Introducing Quabbin!

Session Dates

- A. June 19th - 23rd
- B. June 26th - 30th
- C. July 3rd - 7th
- D. July 10th - 14th
- E. July 17th - 21st
- F. July 24th - 28th
- G. July 31st - August 4th
- H. August 7th - August 11th



- There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th, due to the holiday
- Because of the age of our Junior Counselors, all campers ages 13 and 14 can only attend Session H, no exceptions.

Drop Off & Pick Up

- Drop off/pick up will take place at the outdoor riding ring, to the left of the main shelter building
- In the event of inclement weather (heavy rain), campers will be directed to the Education and Training Room instead of outside.
- Please park your car in our main parking lot and walk your child to the outdoor riding ring. Please do not park along our driveway, at our garage entrance, or in the spaces to the left of the building that are labeled as clinic parking. Arrangements can be made if you or your child have mobility issues, please contact us in advance so we can direct you where to go.
- Drop off is between 8:45am and pick up is promptly at 3:00pm.
- Please **DRIVE SLOWLY** in our parking area and driveway; there are people and animals everywhere.
- If you see a horse being walked by the our staff, **STOP** your car and wait for the staff to waive you on.
- Children cannot be dismissed to a non-parent/guardian unless you have provided permission in writing for us to do so.
- Please call us at 978-687-7453 x6108 if your child is going to be late or absent, or if they need to be picked up early.

Our address is 400
Broadway, Methuen MA
01844



What Campers Should Wear & Bring

- Comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty.
- Socks and sneakers, or other closed toed shoes.
- Sunscreen and bug spray.
- An extra set of clothes - just in case!
- We suggest keeping long hair tied back.
- A rain jacket if the weather calls for it.
- Some campers prefer to bring rubber boots for cleaning in our barn buildings; most do not wish to wear the boots all day.
- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING:** Heelys, open toed shoes or sandals, Crocs, or jewelry. **We will require you to return with proper footwear if your child arrives in Crocs or other sandals.** It is a sanitation issue to wear this type of footwear in a farm/shelter environment. Please do not bring electronics, radios, headphones, video game systems or anything else you do not wish to get stolen or damaged.

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What to Eat

- All campers should bring a refillable water bottle to camp each day
- All campers should bring a bagged lunch - we do not have a microwave or stove.
- All campers should bring a snack in addition to their lunch to be eaten at snack time.
- Please do not send your children with candy or soda.
- We are not a peanut free environment. Please do not allow your child to share food with others.

Water is VERY IMPORTANT.
We encourage the campers to drink water constantly throughout the day.



Visiting the Adoption Center

- Families are welcome to walk around after camp and view our outdoor animals, but they are not allowed in the buildings at this time since the animal shelter is closed for the day.
- Should your family wish to adopt an animal, they may do so during our open hours from 12-3pm, Tuesday – Sunday.
- Our staff will not be able to do an adoption at or after 3pm, so please plan accordingly (the summer camp staff is happy to bring your child to the lobby if you are finishing an adoption at the end of the day, just let us know).
- If you need to make a retail purchase from the adoption center, please do so before your child's 3pm pickup.
- Our summer camp staff are not able to do adoptions, but our staff at the front counter will be more than happy to help you out! Our summer camp staff also may not know the adoption status of the animals used at camp, as that can change at any time.

Many campers have met their new best animal friend at camp!



Safety First

Our Director and Head Counselors have the following certifications: American Red Cross Pediatric and Adult CPR & First Aid Certified, American Red Cross Epi Pen Certified, CDC Heads Up Certified, MA Food Allergen Certified

- All Junior Counselor Staff attend a training and orientation session.
- Children bringing medication with them to camp, including over the counter medications, must have a signed Medical Authorization Form.
- Children bringing sunscreen and bug spray to camp must have a signed form indicating they do/do not need help from the staff to reapply.
- Campers bringing inhalers or Epi Pens to camp must provide a copy of their Action Plan to the camp.



Discussion Topics

- Age appropriate topics and approach.
- Based on education, not indoctrination.
- Encourage critical thinking about animal related issues in our community and beyond.



Guest Speakers

Our Guest Speakers highlight careers with animals, how animals help people, and how people help animals!



Past Guest Speakers have included: Veterinarians, Animal Foster Care, Bee Keepers, Pocket Pets, Police K-9 Unit, Pit Bull Guardianship, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, MSPCA Law Enforcement, Dog Training Demo, Search and Rescue, Equine Ambulance, Animal Control

Policies and Procedures

- The MSPCA Children's Summer Camp is licensed by the Methuen Health Department
- Copies of all emergency protocols and policies are available on our web site, and can be emailed to you at your request.
- Please see the director if you have any questions or concerns about any policies.



Our web site is
www.mspca.org/nevinssummercamp

Contact Us

978-687-7453 x6108
humaneeducation@mspca.org

- The animal shelter is open from 12-3pm, Tuesday - Sunday.
- If you need to do any shopping, or are planning on adopting an animal, please make arrangements with the shelter staff BEFORE pickup.





QUESTIONS???



Thank You!

See you all this
summer!