

## Youth Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How early can I drop off my camper?

A: Campers can be dropped off **NO** earlier than 15 mins before camp starts.

Q: How late can I pick up my camper?

A: Campers can be pick up **NO** later than 15 minutes after camp ends. Campers who are picked up later than 15 minutes will be charged the after care fee for that day.

Q: Do you offer after care?

A: Yes. After care is offered for full day camps. After care is from 4:15PM- 5:15PM and cost \$10 per day.

Q: Can I stay with my camper?

A: We ask that parents do not stay with campers so that all campers can have fun filled camp experience. Exceptions can be made for specific reasons and must be discussed with the camp director ahead of time.

Q: What does my camper need to bring each day?

A: Campers are asked to bring a lunch, snack, water bottle, **CLOSED TOED SHOES** and to wear weather appropriate clothing (Half day campers do not need to bring a lunch with them). Campers are welcome to bring sunscreen with them. Sunscreen **MUST** be labeled with campers first and last name.

Q: Why are we no longer providing snack?

A: Due to the severity and wide range of allergies we are unable to accommodate every campers needs/restrictions. Thank you for understanding.

Q: How much animal interaction time is there?

A: HSWM camps are designed to focus on learning about shelter animals and how humans can help to improve their lives. Animal time is scheduled for each day of camp however, due to stress levels of our shelter animals and the safety of our campers we cannot guarantee how much time our shelter animals can give us. Thank you for understanding.

Q: Can my camper bring in their family pet to show other campers?

A: No. To ensure the safety of all animals and our campers we ask that you please leave all pets at home or in the car. Pictures of animals are welcome and encouraged to be brought in. Thank you for understanding.

Q: If my camper has allergies to a specific animal can they still participate in camp?

A: Yes. Please notify camp director that your camper has an animal allergy and we will accommodate them.

Q: Why is my camper asked to participate in a donation competition?

A: HSWM is 100% donor funded meaning we do NOT receive money from the state or government and we rely on donations to help our animals. As part of our camp we ask each team to participate in a donation drive this is completely voluntary. We use the donations received through this competition to show our campers that they can personally make a difference in the lives of shelter animals.

**If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to email camp director Katelyn at [heducation@hswestmi.org](mailto:heducation@hswestmi.org)**