



CAP Kid & Teen Camps: Frequently Asked Questions

Camp Registration Process

What is the registration process?

- To register for a CAP Kid or Teen Camp, families must complete the online registration and submit payment at the same time through our website. Registration is confirmed only when payment is successfully processed. Once payment is complete, your child's spot in the selected camp is secured.
- Each camp has limited capacity and fills quickly. When a camp reaches capacity, the registration link for that camp will be closed and no additional registrations will be accepted.
- If a camp is full and you would like to be added to the waitlist or check for potential openings, please email the Education Coordinator at educationevents@cap4pets.org. Waitlists are managed on a first-come, first-served basis and families will be contacted if a spot becomes available.

Can I register my child for more than one week of Camp?

- Yes, you can register your child for as many age-appropriate weeks as you would like.
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Grade Levels and Ages

Can I enroll my child if they are younger or older than the listed age group?

- No. Activities are designed for specific age groups to ensure the best experience for all campers. While we understand that parents may want siblings or friends in the same session, we encourage children to enjoy making new friends through shared experiences and common interests.
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Camp Hours and Fees

- Camp runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Drop-off begins at 8:45 AM.
- Pick-up is promptly at 3:00 PM.
- Late pick-ups (after 3:10 PM) will incur a \$1 per minute late fee, payable at the time of pick-up.
- Extended childcare is not available.

How much does camp cost?

- \$350 per child per week for summer camps
 - \$100 Black Friday day camp
 - \$75 per day for Fall, Winter, Spring and other themed camps
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Cancellation Policy

- All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing via email to the Education and Events Coordinator at educationevents@cap4pets.org.
 - Emergency cancellations may be handled by calling the shelter at 281-497-0591.
 - Canceled registrations cannot be applied to registrations for the following year.
 - Refunds:
 - No refunds will be allowed less than 2 weeks before the start of camp. If you cancel more than 2 weeks before the start of camp, you will receive a full refund minus a \$25 administrative fee.
 - No refunds for absences due to illness or disciplinary actions.
 - If CAP cancels a session, a full refund will be issued.
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Camp Activities and Themes

What is included in CAP Summer Camp?

- Each camp day includes:
 - Interactive lessons with daily animal interactions.
 - Engaging games, crafts, and activities.
 - A focus on fostering compassion, responsibility, and critical thinking.

What are the different types of camp themes year-round?

- **Fall Camps:** Focus on animal care, responsibility, and seasonal enrichment activities. Campers enjoy hands-on learning with shelter animals, themed crafts, games, and humane education lessons tied to the fall season.
 - **Winter Camps:** Provide a cozy, engaging experience with a mix of indoor activities, animal interactions, and enrichment projects. Campers learn about animal welfare, shelter operations, and how to keep pets safe and healthy during colder months.
 - **Spring Camps:** Highlight growth, renewal, and responsible pet ownership. Activities include shelter tours, animal meet and greets, outdoor games (weather permitting), and interactive lessons about caring for animals during the spring season.
 - **Summer Camps:** Offer full-day, week-long immersive experiences with a variety of themed programs for different age groups. Campers participate in humane education lessons, animal interactions, enrichment projects, games, crafts, and special guest presentations.
 - **Specialty & Holiday Camps (e.g., Halloween, Black Friday):** These themed camps offer shorter, high-energy experiences centered around holidays or school breaks. Activities may include themed crafts, games, shelter projects, and animal interactions in a fun, festive environment.
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Animal Interactions

What is an animal interaction?

Animal interactions involve meeting and engaging with shelter animals safely and respectfully. Depending on the animal's temperament and the day's activity, interactions may include:

- Walking dogs.
- Playing with kittens and/or puppies.
- Visiting our "staff only" Puppy Palace Room.
- Interacting with small mammals such as rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets.
- Creating enrichment toys for small animals.
- Learning safe handling techniques.
- Special Guest Animal Interaction
 - Reptiles
 - Farm animals
 - Zoo and exotic animals

What if my child is afraid of certain animals?

- No child will be forced to interact with an animal they are uncomfortable with. However, many campers overcome their fears through engaging lessons and controlled, positive interactions.

What if my child has an animal allergy?

- We understand that some children may have allergies or sensitivities to animals. Animal interaction is never required, and no child will ever be forced to pet or interact with an animal. Participation is always optional, and we are happy to provide alternative ways for children to engage, such as observing, assisting with activities, or participating in lessons and crafts.
- To help reduce allergens, our facilities are deep cleaned every Monday and Tuesday morning, with additional spot cleaning performed daily from Wednesday through Sunday. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant supplies are available throughout the shelter, and we encourage frequent hand washing before and after activities.
- If your child has allergies or specific concerns, we recommend noting this during registration or reaching out to the Education Coordinator, educationevents@cap4pets.org, in advance so we can help accommodate their needs.

Staff, Volunteers & Safety

Who supervises the campers?

- Campers are supervised by trained staff and volunteers who have passed background checks. If a child needs to be removed from camp for any reason, they will remain under CAP staff supervision until a parent or guardian arrives.

Can parents stay at camp?

- No. Our camps are designed to encourage children to participate independently and build confidence in a structured, supportive environment. For this reason, only CAP staff and approved volunteers are permitted to remain on-site during camp sessions.
 - In special cases, parents may be approved to assist during their child's session. If you have specific concerns or circumstances you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out to the Education Coordinator, educationevents@cap4pets.org, in advance.
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Camp Rules & Behavior Expectations

Camp Rules:

- Listen and follow instructions.
- Participate in all activities.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Use cell phones only when directed.
- Stay with your assigned group.
- Show respect for fellow campers, staff, and animals.
- Respect property and take responsibility for your actions.
- Have fun! 😊

Discipline Policy:

- In the event of an infraction, the following disciplinary actions may be taken: verbal warning, time out, or removal from camp.
- Severe infractions may result in immediate dismissal for the day without prior warnings.
- Campers with special needs or behavioral challenges should be disclosed in the Health Information and Special Needs section of the registration form.

Is this camp a good fit for a very active and high-energy child?

- Our Summer Camp focuses on hands-on learning and animal interactions rather than high-energy physical activities. While we incorporate engaging activities and often have outside activity opportunities, the majority of our time is spent indoors, and we do not have large motor play built into our schedule. If your child prefers a more active, high-energy camp experience, this may not be the best fit.
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Clothing, Snacks, & Prohibited Items

What should my child wear?

- Closed-toe shoes with rubber soles.
- Knee-length shorts or pants.
- Sunscreen is recommended for any outdoor activities.

Open-toed or open-back shoes, pants that fall above the knee, and tank tops will not be allowed. Your child will not be checked into camp for the day if they are not wearing appropriate clothing. Refunds will not be given in the event of such occurrences.

Will lunch be provided?

- No, CAP will not be providing lunch. Please send your child with a nut-free lunch each day that does not need to be heated up. CAP will provide a mid-morning snack.

Can my child bring food and drinks?

- A healthy, nut-free lunch and drink should be brought each day.
- Campers may not share food due to allergy concerns.
- Allergies (food, animal, hay, etc.) must be disclosed on the registration form.
- Water fountains are available throughout the day.
- Vending machines with snacks and drinks are available.

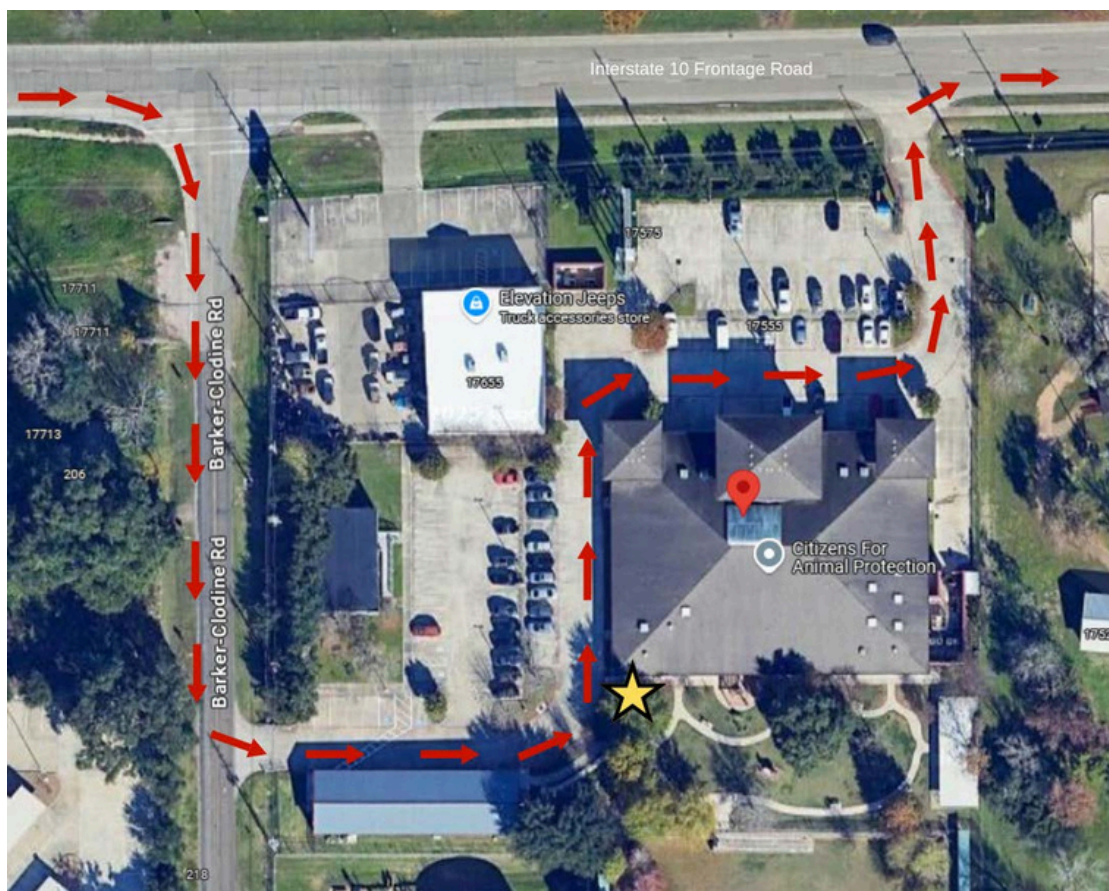
What items are NOT allowed at camp?

- Open-toe shoes, sandals, Heelys, or similar footwear
- Personal pets, toys, or electronic devices
- Disrespectful behavior or a negative attitude
- Weapons of any kind

Check-In & Check-Out

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

- Location: right off I-10 and Barker-Cypress at 17555 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77094
- Drive to the west side gate (★) of the CAP Animal Shelter for sign-in and sign-out.
- CAP is not responsible for children who are not signed in by a parent/guardian.
- Do not drop off your child unattended.



Can I pick up my child early?

- Early or late pick-ups should be for emergencies only.
 - Enter through the west gate/front entrance and check in with camp staff.
 - A photo ID is required for pick-up.
 - Please notify staff in advance if possible.
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Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Proceeds generated from CAP Camp go directly to the dogs, cats, and other small animals in our care. This includes the purchase of food, medical supplies, heartworm and medical treatments, and other items needed to care for the animals we receive every day. We closely monitor our camp expenses and seek sponsorships for camp supplies and expenses so that we may contribute even more to the animals cared for at our shelter. CAP is also dedicated to providing humane education and community outreach programs to encourage love and respect for all animals. To learn more about how you can help support educational programs and animal services like ours, contact our Humane Education Coordinator at educationevents@cap4pets.org. We would love to discuss sponsorship and recognition opportunities!