



Dear Jr Camp Counselor Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for taking this first step to becoming a volunteer Jr Camp Counselor with the Sonoma Humane Society. The Jr Camp Counselor program offers teens an opportunity to volunteer at the Sonoma Humane Society in our youth camp programs we offer during the summer and winter break.

The Sonoma Humane Society generally requires volunteers to be 18 years of age or older. However, we are able to extend this opportunity and privilege of joining our teams as Jr Camp Counselors in our Humane Education Animal Adventure & Education Camps and Farm camps to mature, responsible, enthusiastic and highly committed students to high school students of junior and senior class levels.

This important responsibility includes helping camp staff prepare and run our youth camps, assisting campers with activities and interaction with shelter animals, providing assistance to staff and youth campers to enhance their camp experience and most importantly engaging with our young campers!

The High School Volunteer Program provides many opportunities to learn more about animals, help care for animals at our shelter, meet other teens interested in companion animals and explore the field of animal welfare and shelter veterinary medicine. The program fosters leadership, team work, animal handling and inter-personal communication skills. Participants will gain experience managing and teaching children while learning about child development and teaching careers. Many previous camp attendees have grown into being Jr Camp Counselors and followed careers in veterinary science, teaching, special education, animal control officer, and other professional fields. We are proud to have been part of the lives of young people during their childhood, teens and young adulthood as they follow their interests and ambitions while gaining valuable work experience through their volunteerism with the Sonoma Humane Society!

Our main focus at Animal Adventure & Education Camp is that all campers learn, have fun and are safe while doing so.

Requirements: Interested Candidates will have the enthusiasm and ability for the following skills:

- Mature, safe, responsible, and professional comportment
- Excellent listening and communication skills
- Enjoy working with elementary age children with a variety of abilities
- Enjoy and be safe working with a variety of animals
- Enjoy engaging with youth with a variety of abilities and personalities.
- Outgoing, interactive and social with children– children are very interactive and enjoy talking and being with teen counselors
- Leadership skills – be comfortable being a positive role model for children
- Team Player – be able to work as a team with fellow Jr Camp Counselors, Camp Staff, Humane Society staff and volunteers.
- Respectful and thoughtful communication with fellow volunteers, staff, animals, and general public
- The ability to follow multiple directions and work independently
- Take initiative, work without direct supervision at time
- Time Management
- Respects and follow directions and the Humane Society's safety protocols and policies
- Comfortable and willing to clean up after animals when needed
- Generosity and enthusiasm, embracing the array of responsibilities associated with animal care and with being a contributing member of a team
- Kindness, compassion, and patience for all people and animals

Sincerely,

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2017 Summer Camp Schedule

Session 1	June 5 – 9	2 nd – 4 th graders
Session 2	June 12 – 16	6 th & 7 th graders
Session 3	June 19 - 23	4 th & 5 th graders
Session 4	June 26 – 30	2 nd & 3 rd graders
Session 5	July 10 - 14	4 th & 5 th graders
Session 6	July 17 -21	8 th – 12 th graders
Session 7	July 24 /28	4 th – 7 th graders
Session 8	July 31- Aug 4	4 th – 6 th graders
Session 9	Aug 7 - 11	3 rd – 5 th graders

Volunteer Schedule, 4 – 8 hour shifts available during the below times:

Mondays	8am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	8:00 – 5:00
Wed	8:30 - 7:00
Thursday	8:30 – 5:00
Friday	8:30 – 5:00

Please come prepared with a brown bag lunch (no microwaveable lunches) and a water bottle and sun protection.

Dress code during camp:

1. Long legged pants, no shorts or skirts
2. A crew cut neckline t-shirt
3. Closed-toe skid proof sturdy shoes, No sandals, Crocks, high heels, ballet slippers or flip-flops please!
4. Clothes & shoes you don't mind your child getting dirty, stained or wet.
5. Please provide a light jacket for chilly mornings.
6. Please no necklaces, bracelets or large dangling earrings, jewelry tends to get lost and caught in kitten and puppy claws.
7. No electronic gadgets allowed at camp, this includes, i-Pods, personal video game toys as the potential for getting lost or damaged is high.
8. **Cells phone use is not permitted during camp hours when working with the children, to stay focused on the campers and ensure safety.**

Sample Schedule

Animal Adventure and Education Camp					
Tentative Schedule SUBJECT TO CHANGE					
Camp Itinerary	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:30	Hello! Greetings! Introductions	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip to Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue	Field Trip to Environmental Discovery Center & Hike	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue or TBA
9:30 – 10:00	Get to know you Camp Rules	Reptile Rescue Visit	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue cont
10:00 – 10:30	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Reptile Rescue Agility	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Sadie's Horse Rescue cont
10:30 -11:00	Be an Animal Care Tech Clean Cat Habitats	Agility Demonstrations & Introduction	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued	Field Trip to Bergin University for Canine Studies
11-11:30	Clean Cat Habitats &	Agility Demonstrations & Introductions	Tour of Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Field Trip continued
11:30 – 12:00	Socialize with the cats	Lunch	Tour of the Humane Society	Field Trip continued	Lunch
12- 12:30	Lunch	Donation Containers	Lunch	Lunch	Finish Education poster and build a breed activity.
12:30 – 1:00	Animal Care Lesson How the SHS Cares for Animals & Microchip	Camp Packets	Foster Program Guest	Bite Prevention Video, Canine Body Language	House Hunting
1:00 – 1:30	Spay/Neuter License Microchip	Farm	Foster Program Guest	Dog Training	Safe Toys Game
1:30 -2:00	Mixed Breed Poster	Farm	Clicker Game	Dog Training	Kitten Visits if we have kittens
2:00- 2:30	Mixed Breed Poster House Rabbit or Guinea Pigs	Veterinary Presentation	Animal Enrichment Items	House Hunting being an adoption counselor	Kitten Visits if we have kittens
2:30 -3:00	House Rabbit or Guinea Pigs	Veterinary Presentation	Kitty Blankets	Design & Illustrate an education poster	Kitten Visits if we have kittens

A Week on the Farm Camp

Tentative Schedule

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Camp Itinerary	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:30	Hello! Greetings! Introductions	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Field Trip Sadie's Horse Rescue	Field Trip TBA
9:30 – 10:00	Get to know you Camp Rules	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
10:00 – 10:30	Morning on the Farm Introduction to the farm and farm animals	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals Feed, groom, muck	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
10:30 -11:00	Time with the farm animals	Time with the farm animals	Morning on the FARM Time with the Farm Animals	Field Trip continued	Field Trip TBA
11:00 -11:30	Feed, Groom, Muck	Feed, Groom, Muck	Farm projects	Lunch	Field Trip continued
11:30 – 12:00	Feed, Groom, Muck	Farm Projects	Farm projects	Afternoon on the farm	Field Trip cont
12- 12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Time with farm animals	Field Trip cont
12:30 – 1:00	Gardening activity. Learn how to make delicious food from the garden.	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activities	Gardening activities	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Gardening activities	Gardening activity Seeding, harvesting, weeding	Gardening activity Seeding, harvesting, weeding	Gardening, harvesting	Afternoon on the farm
1:30 -2:00	Gardening activities. Learn how to make delicious food from the garden.	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activity Learn how to make delicious food from the garden	Gardening activities	Afternoon on the farm
2:00- 2:30	Animal Care Lesson	Veterinary Presentation	Foster Program Guest	Farm Stand	Afternoon on the farm
2:30 -3:00	Animal Care Lesson	Veterinary Presentation	Foster Program Guest	Farm Stand	Afternoon on the farm



Camp Counselor and Parent/Guardian Contact Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Nickname _____ Sex M F Grade _____ School _____
Teen's Age _____ Birth date _____ Teen phone # _____
Parent Email _____ Teen Email _____

Teen's Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Parent Home Phone _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent First & Last Name _____ Employer Name & Address _____

Parent Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Second Parent/Guardian First/Last Name _____ Second Parent/Guardian Employer Name & Address _____

Second Parent Home Address _____ Second Parent City/State/Zip _____

Second Parent Home Phone _____ Second Parent Cell Phone _____

Teen Physician Name, Address, and PHONE _____

Insurance Carrier & Number in case of emergency _____

Teen's Dentist and Orthodontist Name, Address and Phone _____

PLEASE LIST TWO - THREE EMERGENCY CONTACTS OTHER THAN ABOVE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Teen's Name _____

Medical Information (Please circle- IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE)

Operations or serious injuries: NO YES _____

Disability or Chronic recurring illness: NO YES _____

Activities discouraged or limited by physician: NO YES _____

Dietary Modifications: NO YES _____

Current Medications: NO YES _____

Reason for Medication listed above _____

Allergies (Please include food, medicine, bug bites, bee stings, etc. _____

Asthma: NO YES Is an inhaler needed? NO YES _____

Other diseases or medical details? NO YES _____

Any psychiatric counseling or hospitalization? NO YES _____

Is there anything specific we should know about your child to ensure they safest and most enjoyable environment?

Due to the nature of our business, with constant exposure to animals their allergens, our youth education programs are not recommended for children/teens with known allergies. Because of staffing restrictions we may not be able to accommodate special individual needs. Additionally, staff is not permitted to dispense of or administer medicine to camp participants. This is a recreational camp program. The Sonoma Humane Society & Forget Me Not Farm Children's Service is not a licensed child care provider.

I have read and understand and agree.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Teen's Name _____

Medical History Acknowledgement and Agreement

The health history is correct as far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities as noted. Camp activities do include field trips to locations off the Sonoma Humane Society property.

Authorization for treatment: I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order diagnostic testing, treatment and necessary transportation for me/my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected to secure and administer treatment including hospitalization for my child named above.

Learning, Emotional, Behavioral, Cognitive, Physical Challenges and/or Disabilities

So that we can best serve your child please let us know if s/he has any learning, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, physical challenges or disabilities.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

TETANUS WAIVER

The Sonoma Humane Society feels it is important for camp participants to be current on their tetanus vaccination, particularly since they'll be handling animals. You are encouraged to consult your physician, at your expense, to decide whether or not to be vaccinated against tetanus.

I have read, understand and agree to the above. Furthermore, I release the Sonoma Humane Society and the Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services from all responsibility that may occur because of not being vaccinated against tetanus. I understand that whatever decision I make regarding a tetanus vaccination is my own decision and is made at my own risk.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

RABIES WAIVER

While the Sonoma Humane Society, vaccinates all dogs and cats against rabies, we feel it is important to be aware that a pre-exposure rabies vaccination series is available. If you have questions, you are encouraged to consult a physician, at your expense, to decide whether or not to be vaccinated.

I have read, understand and agree to the above. I release the Sonoma Humane Society and Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services from all responsibility that may occur because of my not pursuing the pre-rabies exposure vaccination series and I understand that whatever decision I make regarding this vaccination is my own decision and is made at my own risk.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



Sonoma Humane Society

Approval for Surgery Observation / Handling of Medical Instruments

I, the undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of

_____, a minor, for in consideration of the agreement of the Sonoma Humane Society do give my approval for said minor to observe surgeries performed on animals (as routine procedures in the veterinary department of the Sonoma Humane Society as part of the Education Department curriculum.

_____ **Parent Initial**

I also give permission for the above-mentioned child to handle medical instruments during curriculum activities designed to practice veterinary techniques with stuffed animals or other supplies. I understand that latex gloves will be available for my child to wear during such activities.

_____ Parent Initial

I am aware that said minor may witness blood and internal organs of animals and that the Sonoma Humane Society staff will do everything reasonably within their power to protect my child from any possible contamination.

I do hereby forever release, acquit, discharge, and hold harmless the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns for all manner of claims, demands, and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever which the undersigned or said minor may now or in the future have against the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors or assigns on account of any personal injuries, physical or mental condition, known or unknown, to the person of said minor and the treatment thereof, as a result of or in any way growing out of the acts of the Sonoma Humane Society, its officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors, or assigns, including but not limited to their negligence or gross negligence, in rendering the services above described or in any way incidental thereto.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Standard Photo & Video Release

I hereby irrevocably grant the Sonoma Humane Society and the Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services and their legal representatives, and assigns, the following rights:

The right and permission to publish photographic pictures, videos images or portraits made of me through any media and to post it on the internet or through You Tube.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Sonoma Humane Society and photographer, videographer, their representatives, assigns or any corporation(s) acting under the permission of the Sonoma Humane Society including any firms publishing or distributing the final product.

I hereby waive the right to approve the finished photograph, video or any copy which might be used in conjunction with the photograph or video.

I understand that I do not own the copyright of the photograph(s) or video(s).

I hereby warrant that I am at least eighteen years of age and am competent to contract on my own name insofar as the above is concerned.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Witness

Signature: _____

Signature of parent of guardian if under 18 years of age

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