

June -
August
2024



MSPCA Children's Summer Camp

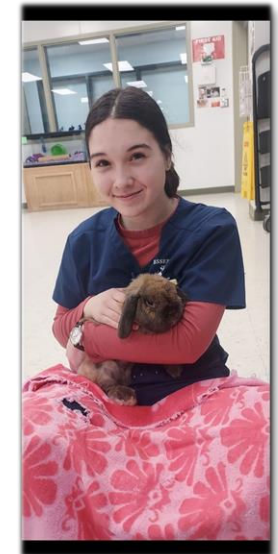
Parent's Night Orientation



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 17th - 21st
- B. June 24th - 28th
- C. July 1st - 5th
- D. July 8th - 12th
- E. July 15th - 19th
- F. July 22nd - 26th
- G. July 29th - August 2nd
- H. August 5th - August 9th



- There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th, due to the holiday
- Sessions A - F have up to 3 Counselor in Training campers. CIT's are 14 years old, and are training to be future JC's or HC's at camp!

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 cart 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.
- CIT campers will be given one CIT shirt, and one tie dye shirt per session. CIT's should wear one of their MSPCA shirts during their session. CIT's should follow the MSPCA staff/volunteer dress code and wear clothing that is "professional". For a summer camp, that means clothing should not be stained/torn, have inappropriate language, artwork or messaging, and their pants/shorts should not be excessively short or sagging.
- **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.

Campers are welcome to bring phones to camp for the purpose of picture taking, but they should not be "on their phones" using games or social media while at camp. Summer Camp is a chance to unplug for a bit!



What to Eat

- All campers **need** to 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 we ask that you please avoid the adoption center unless you are interested in adopting. It can be overwhelming to have all 36 camp families visiting at once in addition to the public (the adoption rooms are not that large).
- Should your family wish to adopt an animal, please feel free to come in after camp, or anytime that we are open from 12-4:30pm, Tuesday – Sunday.
- Please be aware that if your family does visit the adoption center for casual viewing, the animal shelter staff and volunteers will not be able to take animals out of cages for your child to pet, the way that we do while they are at camp. Most days, they will be busy at 3pm finishing up adoptions and making sure the animals have their supper before we go home.
- The adoption center is open for retail purchases from 12-4:30PM every day but Monday, so if you need any MSPCA clothing, animal food, or hay, please stop by!
- 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.
- The MSPCA Summer Camp & state of Massachusetts **STRONGLY** encourage your to have your child use bug spray & sunscreen while they are at camp. Please apply your bug spray & sunscreen at home or prior to drop off, and we will have your child reapply later in the day. Please have your sunscreen and bug spray in a labeled baggy with your child's name. Campers are not allowed to leave these items in their backpack, we will collect them at drop off and distribute them later in the day.
- 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.



Humane Education is the reason for summer camp!

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

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humaneeducation@mspca.org

- The camp staff is in the office from 8am-4pm. If you reach out after hours, we will respond when we are back in the office.
- Please note that the MSPCA staff does not use social media direct messages (DM's) on any platform for work related communications, and will be unable to respond to messages sent via those platforms.





QUESTIONS???



Thank You!

See you all this
summer!

