



Frequently Asked Questions

- **How will I know registration is complete?**

After you register and pay online, you will receive an e-mail with a camper registration form. Once your registration form is completed and returned to education@arlgp.org you will receive a confirmation e-mail stating that registration is complete. If you have questions about registration, please contact our humane education department at education@arlgp.org or (207) 517-3939.

- **What grade level should I register my child for?**

Please register your child for the grade **they will be starting in fall of 2020.**

- **Will my child be working directly with animals?**

Our goal is to offer a comprehensive experience of sheltering, animal care and animal welfare in both Animal Camp and Arts & Animals Camp. Each day campers will spend time with animals. We will also do lots of activities, lessons and projects as well as have guest speakers in the animal welfare field to enhance the camp experience.

- **What is included in my child's registration fee?**

A child's registration fee includes all materials and activities led by our humane education team and camp counselors, as well as daily AM and PM snack. Campers are required to bring their own lunch and drinks to camp. Campers will also receive a t-shirt.

- **What time is camp?**

Camp runs from 9am-4pm daily. Before and after-camp care (8:30am-5pm) is offered an additional \$75 fee per child.

- **Do you offer financial assistance for camp registration?**

The ARLGP has a limited number of camp scholarships available, for income-qualifying families. To inquire about receiving a camp scholarship, please contact our education department at education@arlpg.org. Scholarships are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are available to campers at all grade levels.

- **The session for my child's age is full. Will you be offering more sessions?**

Unfortunately, we can only accommodate a certain number of campers due to staffing requirements. To be placed on the waiting list, please contact our education team at education@arlgp.org or (207) 517-3939. Or check back again next year for more camp offerings; we also hold school vacation camps during the December, February and April school vacation weeks as well as on school holidays.

- **I want to pay with cash or a check, what do I do?**

If you want to pay with a cash or check, please contact our education department directly at (207) 517-3939 or education@arlgp.org . Registration is offered on a **first come, first-served** basis and a spot cannot be held without payment. The fastest way to secure your spot is to register online at www.arlgp.org/camp .

- **What is your cancellation policy?**

If you cancel your registration more than 14 days prior to the start of your enrolled camp session, your registration fee will be refunded minus a \$50 administrative fee. **If you cancel your registration less than 14 days prior to the start of the camp session, no refund will be available.** If space is available, campers may transfer their registration to another grade-appropriate camp session within the same camp season at no charge.

Canceled registrations cannot be applied to registrations for the following year. If a camp session is canceled by the ARLGP, all registration fees will be refunded in full.

- **Where do I bring my child for the first day of camp?**

Campers should be dropped off at the ARLGP facility located at 217 Landing Road in Westbrook (directly behind the old shelter at 449 Stroudwater Street). **Please use the IDEXX community entrance for drop-off and pick-up, located at the right of the shelter.**

Campers must be signed in and out by an authorized parent or caregiver listed on their registration form.

- **What should I send my child with to camp?**

Below is a suggested list of items. **We encourage you to label all items with camper name. Each camper will have a cubby in the classroom to keep their belongings.**

- Closed-toed shoes (sneakers or other shoes that they can be active in)
- Lunch
- Drinks (refillable water bottle encouraged)
- Sunscreen (we will also have sunscreen available for campers, but feel free to send your own if you have a preferred brand)
- Optional items:
 - i. Hat/visor
 - ii. Change of clothes if necessary
 - iii. Prescription medications (if your child requires during camp hours)
 - iv. Layer of clothing (light jacket or sweatshirt)

- **What kinds of snacks do you provide for campers?**

We do our best to provide healthy snacks and options for campers. Snacks change daily and will include a variety of granola bars, veggie straws, trail mix, fruit and veggies. **Please specify if your child has food allergies.** We will not provide snacks that include peanuts but **cannot guarantee a peanut-free environment. Peanut butter is a daily used item in our sheltering environment.**

- **A note about allergies...**

Campers will be exposed to all species of animals we provide care for (cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, etc.). Hay is also present in the classroom as well as animal spaces in the shelter. Campers with severe allergies to any of these types of animals or conditions should refrain from enrolling in camp. We are unable to limit a camper's exposure to these allergens in our shelter environment.