



# Welcome to Unleashed!

Below you'll find more information about our Unleashed summer camps, including camp hours, what to bring/wear, where to go, camp policies, and more. **Please review this information prior to your child's first day at camp.** If you have questions, please contact the AHS Education Department at 763-489-2220 or [education@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@animalhumanesociety.org).

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## Camp Hours

### Full-day Camps

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Includes:** Five full days of camp, including two field trips and all materials. We will provide a T-shirt, water bottle, string backpack, and snacks. Campers are required to bring a bag lunch each day.

### Half-day Camps (offered only for sessions **GV8** and **WB3**)

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (AM session) or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (PM session)

**\* Campers may not register for two half-day sessions.**

**Includes:** Five half days of camp, including all materials. We will provide a T-shirt, water bottle, string backpack, and snacks. Half day camps do not include field trips or lunch periods.

### 4-Day Camp (offered only for sessions **GV4**, **CR4**, and **WB4**)

**Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Includes:** Four full days of camp, including one field trip and materials. We will provide a T-shirt, water bottle, string backpack, and snacks. Campers are required to bring a bag lunch each day.

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## Camp Activities

Unleashed is designed to be a fun, educational camp experience for kids who love animals. Each day at camp includes at least some time where kids are **interacting with shelter animals**, but that's only one part of the camp experience - Unleashed includes lots of **other animal-related activities**, too. Campers will hear from **guest speakers** who may bring in their own animals (for example, a police dog or a therapy animal), and they'll learn about **wildlife** and **exotic animals**. **Field trips** will take them to other locations where they can learn about and interact with other kinds of animals.

**Animal-themed crafts and games** will be included in each day, as well as **learning activities** about the costs of owning a pet, being safe around animals, and more. Campers will also participate in **service projects** to benefit animals, such as making beds, blankets, toys, or treats for shelter animals; decorating bandanas to spruce up shelter dogs; building feeders for wildlife; or designing posters or other materials to educate the public about **animal-related issues**.

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## Where and When

Campers should enter through the **main Adoption entrance** at their camp location. Because our shelters do not open to the public until noon on weekdays, campers who arrive early will find the shelter doors locked. Camp staff will unlock the doors and greet arriving campers shortly before 9AM. Please note that **all campers must be signed in and out by a parent or caregiver each day**.

Camp hours are 9AM-4PM for full day camps, and 9AM-noon or 1PM-4PM for half-day camps. **We are unable to provide extended childcare options, and children under 18 cannot be left unsupervised in our adoption areas. Please plan accordingly.**

**Please be prompt!** On field trip days, the group may need to leave the shelter as little as 10 minutes after camp begins. If you know your child will need to arrive late or leave early on a camp day, please let our camp staff know.

### **AHS location addresses:**

**AHS Buffalo**  
4375 Hwy. 55 SE  
Buffalo, MN 55313

**AHS Coon Rapids**  
1411 Main Street NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

**AHS Golden Valley**  
845 Meadow Lane N  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

**AHS St. Paul**  
1115 Beulah Lane  
St. Paul, MN 55108

**AHS Woodbury**  
9785 Hudson Road.  
Woodbury, MN 55125

For maps/driving directions, please visit <http://www.animalhumanesociety.org/aboutus/hourslocations>.

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## What to Wear, What to Bring

Campers should dress in clothes that are appropriate for active, sometimes messy activities. **For safety reasons, all campers must wear athletic shoes or other shoes with closed toes.** Sandals and Crocs are not appropriate for many of our activities. Children wearing these shoes to camp may not be allowed to participate in all activities. All campers will be provided with an Unleashed camp T-shirt; **this T-shirt must be worn each day at camp.**

Your registration fee includes several items **we will provide for your child: a T-shirt, water bottle, and string backpack.** These items are for use during camp and should be brought to camp each day. Because many of our activities take place outdoors, **sunscreen is strongly recommended.** Campers are responsible for bringing and applying their own sunscreen. Unleashed activities will proceed rain or shine; **campers should bring appropriate weather gear as needed.** (Please label all personal items with your child's name.)

**Campers in full-day camps must bring a lunch from home each day.** Refrigeration is not available for campers' lunches. We will provide two snacks each day. **Campers in half-day camps should not bring lunch;** we will provide one snack each day for half-day camps.

We discourage all participants from bringing anything of value with them to camp. This includes toys, video games, iPods, etc. Campers may bring cameras, but AHS is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen equipment. Campers who bring cell phones to camp should be aware of our cell phone use policy (see below).

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## About the Unleashed Camp Staff

Each Unleashed camp is led by an AHS humane educator, assisted by 2-3 adult summer camp counselors (typically teachers or college students studying education or a related field). Camp staff training includes Red Cross CPR/first aid certification as well as planning for general emergency procedures. AHS performs background checks and driving record checks on all camp staff.

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## In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency during camp, AHS staff will contact you using the contact information you provided with your registration. If we cannot reach a parent or guardian, we will leave messages and attempt to reach the person(s) listed as emergency contacts. If any of this information needs to be updated after you have registered, please notify our staff.

If you need to reach your child during the camp day (emergencies only, please) call the AHS front desk at 763-522-4325; the receptionist can assist you in reaching camp staff at your camp location.

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## Camp Policies

### Cancellation Policy

**If you cancel your registration more than 14 days prior to the start of the camp session, your registration fee will be refunded minus a \$50 administrative fee (\$25 for half-day or 3-day camps). 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 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 AHS, all registration fees will be refunded in full.

### Time With Shelter Animals

While shelter animals are an important part of Unleashed, time in our adoption center is very limited and closely monitored. Students will have daily opportunities for contact with a variety of animals, including shelter animals and visiting guests, but should not expect to spend significant amounts of time with animals waiting for adoption.

### Participant Behavior

While at Unleashed, all camp participants are expected to treat other campers, AHS staff, and animals with respect and compassion. Behavior guidelines for all participants will be reviewed with campers on the first day of each camp session. Campers who are consistently unable to follow these guidelines may be asked to leave camp for the day, or may be dismissed for the remainder of the session. No refunds will be available to campers who are dismissed for behavioral reasons.

### Camper Cell Phone Use

Campers who bring cell phones with them to camp should expect to use their phones only to contact parents in case of an emergency. Calling or texting during camp activities will not be permitted.

### Zero Tolerance

We have zero tolerance for weapons or anything that can be construed as a weapon. Likewise, the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol is strictly prohibited. Violation of these policies is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. No refunds will be available to campers who are dismissed for violation of these policies.