



Critter Camp 2025

Registration

Half Day Camp

Ages 7 - 13

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drop Off: 8:50 - 9:00 a.m.

Pick Up: 1:00 - 1:10 p.m.

\$190 per week

Discounts

Multiple Week Discount: 10% Off

Each Week Following the First

2nd Camper Discount: 20% Off

Please Note

Registration fee includes one healthy snack per day, special animal encounters, guest speakers, and all craft supplies.

Lunch can be provided for an additional fee. See registration form for details.

There will be a \$15 fee for all changes submitted after initial registration.

Registration is not permitted the day of the program.

For more information, please contact us at:

education@catdepot.org

941.366.2404

Every day, children will make a different craft, take part in cat trivia, stretch to animal-themed yoga, and learn a different lesson about cats or complete a science activity related to cats. Each week, kids will also have an opportunity to meet some of the kitties up for adoption (1-hr per week) and enjoy a visit from a guest speaker. At the end of each week, children will test their knowledge of all the topics from the week in a jeopardy-like game.

Week 1: Monday, June 2 – Friday, June 6

Learn about the day in a life of a shelter cat, the history of animal shelters, careers in animal welfare, and predators vs prey.

Week 2: Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13

Learn about differences and similarities between domesticated cats and big cat species, anomalies in cats, adaptations and habitats of various plants and animals, and how to classify objects.

Week 3: Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20

Learn about the history of the domesticated cat, famous cats throughout history, physical properties of matter, and animal classification.

Week 4: Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11

Learn about the life cycle of a cat, how to choose the right cat to adopt, the states of matter, and cat enrichment.

Week 5: Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18

Learn how to introduce a new pet to your home, how to properly care for your cat, inherited vs learned behaviors, and how plants and animals change with the seasons.

Week 6: Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25

Learn about community cats, cat breeds and their origins, food chains, and how to use scientific investigation tools.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Drop Off & Pick Up

Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up will be located at the front entrance of Cat Depot's Community Center, located at 2525 17th Street.

Official Drop Off Times at Camp Entrance: 8:50 - 9:00 a.m.

Official Pick Up Times at Camp Entrance: 1:00 - 1:10 p.m.

To pick up or drop off your child at any other time, please knock on the front entrance of Cat Depot's Community Center. There will be a late charge of \$1.00 per minute if a child is not picked up at designated times.

Daily Activities

Age appropriate games, crafts, animal-themed yoga, trivia, science experiments, lectures and hands-on workshops. Each activity will be based on the week's theme.

How do I register?

Registration forms are available on our website (www.catdepot.org) or by e-mail at education@catdepot.org. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Registrations cannot be taken over the phone or on the first day of the camp week. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted and will not reserve a camper's spot. There will be a \$15 fee for all changes submitted after initial registration.

How will I know I am registered?

You will receive an e-mail confirmation within 5-7 business days after submitting your completed registration forms. You will be contacted by phone only if your registration is incomplete or your requested camp is full.

How do I know what camps are full?

An updated list of closed camp weeks will be available on our website (www.catdepot.org).

What to Wear & Pack

Campers must wear closed-toed shoes (no sandals or "croc"-type shoes), clothes that can get dirty, and t-shirts with no graphics/verbiage each day. **Please do NOT bring electronic games**, as these items are easily lost and can interfere with camp activities. If your child would like to take photos, we suggest packing a simple camera or a cell phone. Cell phones usage will not be permitted during activities and may only be used during snack and/or lunch time.

Group Size and Ratio

There will be 10 campers to each paid adult staff member. In addition to paid staff, we will have teen and adult volunteers to support our staff. We do background checks on all camp staff and volunteers.

What about lunch, snacks and water?

Campers may bring their own bag lunch in a cooler bag (we do have limited refrigerated storage available). Cat Depot will provide a mid-morning snack. Lunch is available for an additional fee. Campers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle; there is a water fountain available for refills. We do not have the ability to heat camper's food. If campers have food allergies, please let us know in advance. Please be specific about what the camper is allergic to, the severity of the allergy, and whether it is triggered by touching or ingesting the food. If your child does have food allergies, we suggest that you pack your own snacks. **Cat Depot cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to peanuts, peanut butter, or other nuts.**



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Registration Form - Part One

To register, please send this form and payment by mail, e-mail, or fax:

Cat Depot, Critter Camp, 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234 | E-mail: education@catdepot.org | Fax: 941.366-2407
Full payment is due at the time of registration. Registration by phone is not accepted. **PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER CHILD.**

Camper Name: _____

Pronouns: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please complete the following for each Parent / Guardian:

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Please list all persons authorized to pick up your child, including any parent/guardians not listed above. Only authorized person(s) will be allowed to pick up your child. A photo ID is required for child pick up. _____

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE DAY OF THE PROGRAM

Refund/Cancellation policy: Requests for refunds must be received in writing. An 80% refund will be given if cancellation is received five (5) days or more before the first day of camp. A 50% refund will be given for requests made three (3) days or fewer prior to the first day of camp. **NO REFUNDS ARE GIVEN FOR CANCELLATIONS ON OR AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.** All refunds will be based on total camp fees. Please allow 4 weeks processing time for refunds. Cat Depot reserves the right to limit program enrollment and to cancel program completely if registration is below the required minimum.

HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY FACILITY GENERAL RELEASE

I, _____ agree, assume and understand that participation in Cat Depot's Critter Camp and activities in all its forms may include "hazardous activities." These hazardous activities can include, but are not limited to, contact with domestic and exotic animals, pod time and cat care activities in, behind-the-scenes tours, animal encounters provided by third-party organizations and/or individuals, recreational activities such as play time, and craft activities. Participation also includes the use of the Cat Depot facilities (Adoption Center and Community Center), equipment, supplies and/or materials which are provided by Cat Depot or are available at Cat Depot which may also involve risks of injury.

I, on behalf of myself and my children, understand that it is my burden and obligation to insure that each child participates with care and control at all times. In using the facilities of Cat Depot and participating in these activities, on behalf of my children and myself, I understand and accept that hazards exist, assume the inherent risk that injury may result to myself or my children and agree to unconditionally and fully release Cat Depot, its respective employees, volunteers, board of directors, advisory board members, assigns and/or agents and representatives (collectively "Cat Depot") from any and all past or future claims, demands, actions, causes of action, suites, or other liabilities of whatever kind, including, but not limited to, those arising out of the use of Cat Depot, its respective employees, assigns and/or agents and representatives' alleged negligence.

By signing this form, I acknowledge, on my own behalf and on behalf of each child designated above, that I am aware of each of the above circumstances and acknowledge their existence or potential and accept the risk attendant to these conditions, facts and circumstances and accept that certain hazards do exist and assume the inherent risk or injury may result there from. I acknowledge and understand on my own behalf and on behalf of each of my children identified herein that this release shall release Cat Depot from all acts of negligence and any non-willful acts which have occurred or will occur in the future in connection with or relating to my use or my children's use or presence at Cat Depot.

In the event of an accident, injury, illness or emergency, I give Cat Depot permission to call 911 and to acquire emergency medical treatment and transportation on behalf of myself or my children. I understand that Cat Depot does not assume any responsibility to take any of these actions. Cat Depot will not administer, dispense or hold any medications. I understand that parents must make other arrangements if their child needs to take any medications. I give Cat Depot permission to acquire emergency medical treatment if no parent or guardian or emergency contact can be reached.

The terms of this agreement may not be modified by any employee, representative, agent and/or assigns of the aforementioned companies. Participant agrees to be solely liable and save harmless Cat Depot, its respective employees, assigns and/or agents and representatives from liabilities, losses, injuries, damages or claims of any kind or nature arising out of his/her child's participation in camp activities of any kind or nature. Participant hereby waives any and all rights of recovery arising as a matter of law or otherwise which you might now or hereafter have against Cat Depot, its respective employees, assigns and/or agents and representatives as set forth above. I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and to authorize Cat Depot to use any photograph pictures or portraits, video or other media for any reason whatsoever, including the use of any printed matter or other media (television, newspaper, Website, internet) in conjunction with Cat Depot.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2025

Participant's Parental or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Witness _____



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Registration Form - Part Two

PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER CHILD.

THERE WILL BE A \$15 FEE FOR ALL CHANGES SUBMITTED AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION.

Camp Date(s)	Fee \$190 per week Multiple Week Disc. 10% 2nd Camper Disc. 20%	Lunch \$40 per week (Lunchable with drink, snack, fruit)	Subtotal

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

_____ Credit Card, please circle one: AMEX VISA MC DISC

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

_____ Check enclosed, please make payable to Cat Depot

ALLERGY / MEDICAL / BEHAVIORAL / LEARNING INFORMATION

Name of Physician: _____ Phone: () _____

Please list any allergies (animal, environmental, or food), medical information, important learning and/or behavioral needs, or other information about your child that would be helpful for our staff to know when planning educational lessons/activities. Cat Depot staff and/or volunteers will not administer, dispense, or hold any medications. **Cat Depot cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to peanuts, peanut butter, or other nuts. Lunch provided is not vegan, dairy – or gluten-free.**



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Registration Form - Part Three

Field Trip Permission Slip

Critter campers will participate in a field trip one day each week of camp to the **Cat Depot Adoption Center**. Each field trip will be a **WALKING TRIP** where campers will need to cross 17th Street. Campers will be accompanied by a Cat Depot staff member and several camp volunteers. For your child to participate in these activities, we will need a parent or guardian to complete the following consent form.

I, _____, hereby give my consent for my child, _____,

Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Print Child's Name

to participate in the above indicated field trips.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please sign and return with registration form and payment. Please keep a copy for your records.

Drop Off / Pick Up Agreement

We understand that working parents may have difficulties dropping off or picking up their children during regular camp hours. To ensure that Critter Camp drop off/pick up runs smoothly, please follow the guidelines listed below:

- Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up will be located at the front entrance of Cat Depot's Education Center, located at 2525 17th Street. There will be a late charge of \$1.00 per minute if a child is not picked up at designated times as outlined below. The late fee must be paid, in full, before the start of camp on the next day. If fees are not paid, the child will not be admitted into camp.

Official Drop Off Times at Camp Entrance: 8:50 - 9:00 a.m.

Official Pick Up Times at Camp Entrance: 1:00 - 1:10 p.m.

- **To pick up or drop off your child at any other time, please knock on door at front entrance of the Cat Depot Community Center.** If no answer, please head across the street to the Adoption Center for assistance and direction on where to find your child's group.

Any person picking up your child will need to be listed on your authorized pick up list, and need to show photo ID every day. Children will not be released to people not on your list or who cannot show photo ID. I have read and fully understand the above guidelines for the Drop Off / Pick Up Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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Registration Form - Part Four

Critter Camp Expectations & Code of Conduct

We are so excited to welcome your child to camp this summer! We look forward to providing all campers with a fun and educational experience.

For each camper to have a positive and safe experience at Cat Depot's Critter Camp we establish the following expectations. The camp leaders will discuss these expectations with the campers, **but we would appreciate your help in reinforcing them.** We know this is going to be a wonderful experience for all involved, camp staff and campers alike.

- We only walk at Cat Depot.
- We may have food in the designated camp area only. No food/drink is permitted in the main shelter. Gum is not permitted on campus.
- The Golden Rule: 'Treat others as you want to be treated' - This means raising your hand to talk, respecting other's personal space, being considerate and helpful, etc.
- Stay with your camp group at all times.
- Most activities are conducted in groups. It's important that your child be able to work well in a group setting.

THREE STRIKES POLICY: To encourage a safe learning environment, we employ the "Three Strikes" policy.

- On the first infraction of the rules a warning will be issued. The Camp Counselor will stop and make sure the camper realizes they are duly warned. With the second infraction there will be time-out during cat socialization time. If there is a third offense, there will be a counseling session and the camper's parent/guardian will be notified. This is the camper's **first strike**.
- On any subsequent warnings after the first process has ran its course, the Camp Counselor will counsel the camper and the parent/guardian will be contacted. This is the camper's **second strike**.
- After the above policy is followed for the third time, the Camp Counselor will send the camper home and asked to not return. This is the camper's **third strike**.

Spay / Neuter Discussions: Cat Depot promotes the spaying and neutering of all cats to limit pet overpopulation. This will be discussed during camp.

Dress Code

- No flip-flops and/or crocs (they present a safety hazard). Please wear closed-toe and heel shoes at all times.
- Campers should not wear t-shirts with graphics and/or verbiage of any kind each day of camp.
- Comfortable shorts or pants no shorter than the top of the knee. No skirts or dresses, unless shorts/leggings can be worn underneath, as we will be down on the floor for some activities
- Sleeveless shirts of any kind are not allowed.

Absence / Illness: If your child is unable to come to camp, please call 941-366-2404 or email education@catdepot.org to notify our staff. If your child should become ill during camp, we will notify you and or the emergency contact person listed on the medical form. If your child becomes seriously ill or injured and requires immediate medical care, Cat Depot staff will call 911.

Sign-In / Out: You or your authorized designee must sign your child in and out at the beginning and end of each camp session. You must pick-up your child within fifteen minutes of the end of each camp session. If you know you will be late, you must make other arrangements for on-time pick-up. You acknowledge that you understand that your child will be released only to those persons listed on the emergency and medical information form, regardless of circumstances.

Medications: A letter of consent indicating the type of medicine and the time at which your child will be taking the medication is required. Cat Depot cannot and will not be responsible for administering medications of any kind to children or for providing reminders to children.

For your camper's protection and safety, please ensure that you have your State issued Driver's License or Identification Card with you when picking up your child and that you sign your camper out with a camp staff member. Cat Depot staff will require proof of identity from any persons arriving to pick up your child.



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Parent's Permission Form

I understand that all possible precautions are taken to ensure that the programs and activities at the Cat Depot, Inc. camp ("Camp") are conducted in a safe and responsible manner. However, I further understand that because of the nature of Camp activities, regardless of the high degree of supervision, there is a potential for injury during any Camp activity. I do recognize these risks and agree to allow my child(ren) to participate in all activities offered in the Camp program in which I am enrolling my child(ren). I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to be transported by Cat Depot, Inc. to Camp field trips. **I AGREE ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD(REN) AND MYSELF TO ASSUME THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH OCCUR AT THE CAMP AND ON CAMP FIELD TRIPS. I HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS CAT DEPOT, INC., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM, AND HEREBY WAIVE ANY CLAIM FOR, ANY INJURY OR OTHER HARM THAT MAY OCCUR TO MY CHILD(REN) WHILE ATTENDING THE CAMP, OR ANY INJURY OR HARM THAT MAY OCCUR TO ME AS A RESULT OF THE INJURY OR HARM SUFFERED BY MY CHILD(REN). THIS RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND WAIVER SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO (A) ANY CLAIM OF NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION AGAINST CAT DEPOT, INC., ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND/OR AGENTS; (B) ANY INJURY OR HARM THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE MY CHILD(REN) IS OTHERWISE ON THE PROPERTY OF CAT DEPOT, INC. BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE SCHEDULED CAMP HOURS FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER; AND (C) ANY INJURY OR HARM THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE MY CHILD(REN) IS ON A CAMP FIELD TRIP INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION DURING SUCH TIMES AS MY CHILD(REN) IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM A CAMP FIELD TRIP DESTINATION.**

I hereby acknowledge and represent that I have been given the opportunity to review the Camp application, the medical information form and this permission form. I further represent that I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions concerning the information contained in the Camp application, the medical information form and this permission form and I am satisfied with whatever response was given to any inquiry that I have made.

I hereby release and hold harmless Cat Depot, Inc, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any responsibility or liability for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal property which my child(ren) brings to camp.

Cat Depot, Inc. is hereby granted permission to use any individual or group photographs taken at the Camp or on a Camp field trip showing my child(ren) for publicity or marketing purposes. Additionally, I grant permission for photos and/or videos of my child(ren) to be posted on the Cat Depot, Inc. website and Facebook page.

THE SIGNATURES OF BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS (if applicable) ARE REQUIRED BELOW.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Email

Print Name

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Email

Print Name

Date