



About HSRC's Critter Camp

Camp Hours and Registration fee

Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Extended Care available: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration fee: \$40 per camper, if registering 2 or more \$35 each camper, Extended Care is an additional \$15 per camper.

Includes: All activities, materials, and a camp t-shirt. Campers are required to bring lunch each day.

Camp activities

Critter camp is designed to be a fun, educational camp experience for kids who love animals. Campers will enjoy crafts and games, guest speakers, and service projects (making beds, blankets, toys, or treats for shelter animals).

About Camp Staff

Critter camp is led by two or three camp counselors (typically teachers or college students studying education or a related field).

At least one counselor will have Red Cross CPR/first aid certification, as well as safe animal handling and general emergency procedures. HSRC performs background checks on all camp staff that are not already employed by the school system.

Where and When

Camp will be held in the events tent at the Humane Society of Raleigh County located at 325 Grey Flats Road, Beckley, WV 25801. All campers must be signed in and out by a parent or caregiver.

What to wear, what to bring

- Campers should dress in clothes that are appropriate for active, sometimes messy activities. Summer campers will be provided with a t-shirt which can be worn anytime during the week.
- Athletic shoes or other shoes with closed toes are required. For safety reasons, children wearing sandals or Crocs may not be allowed to participate in all activities.
- Campers must bring their lunch, including beverages. A cooler may be available. There will be no access to a vending machine during camp.
- Bring a water bottle! Many of the areas in which camp takes place are not air conditioned and several activities take place outdoors.
- Campers are responsible for bringing and applying their own sunscreen. Camp activities will proceed rain or shine (bring appropriate weather gear as needed).

We discourage all participants from bringing anything of value with them to camp. This includes money, toys, video games, iPods/iPads, etc. HSRC is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen equipment. Please label all personal items with your child's name.

Campers who bring cell phones to camp should be aware of our cell phone use policy.

In case of emergency

In case of an emergency during camp, HSRC staff will contact you using the 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 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, please call (304) 253-8921.





Critter 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 \$15 administrative fee. If you cancel your registration less than 14 days prior to the start of the camp session, your fee will not be refunded.

If a camp session is canceled by HSRC, all registration fees will be refunded in full.

Time with shelter animals

The campers will not be spending time with shelter animals during camp. Any interaction with animals will be limited to interaction with animals owned by animal trainers who will be assisting with Critter Camp.

Participant behavior

While at Critter Camp, all camp participants are expected to treat other campers, HSRC staff, and animals with respect and compassion. Behavior guidelines will be reviewed with campers first thing. 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 may only use their phones to contact parents in the case of an emergency. Calling or texting during camp activities will not be permitted.

Zero tolerance policy

We have zero tolerance regarding fighting or using an object 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 a violation of these policies.





Critter Camp FAQ

How will I know my registration is complete?

You will receive a confirmation email once your registration is complete.

How do I pay for Critter Camp?

You can pay by bringing cash, check or credit card to the HSRC at 325 Grey Flats Road, Beckley Tuesday – Saturday, 11 – 4:30 p.m. You can also pay via Paypal through our website at www.hsrcwv.org. If paying through Paypal, please list the name of the child and “Critter Camp” in the notes section.

Campers are registered on a first-come first-served basis. Campers are not registered until payment is received in full. If you would like to ensure that your child has a space at Critter Camp, do not delay and pay today. If the camp session is full, your money will be refunded and you will be added to the waiting list.

What grade level should I register my child for?

You should register your child for the grade he will be entering in the fall of 2017. If your child just finished the 2nd grade and will be entering the 3rd grade in the fall, then your child should register for the 3rd grade camp.

The camp session for my child’s age group is full. Will you be adding more camp sessions?

Unfortunately, we will not be adding more sessions to Critter Camp this year. However, if you would like to be placed on a waiting list for Critter Camp, please call the HSRC for more details.

What’s included in the camp registration fee?

Your camp registration fee includes a t-shirt, all materials and activities, and a take home craft. Campers are required to bring their own water bottle and a lunch.

I don’t have a credit card or would prefer to pay with a check. Can I register by mail?

Yes. Please contact the HSRC at (304) 253-8921 for further instructions. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and your place will not be held while waiting for your registration to be received through the mail. If you would prefer to write a check, please register and pay at the HSRC located at 325 Grey Flats Road, Beckley. The HSRC is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

What is your cancellation policy?

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Are there scholarships available for Critter Camp?





Unfortunately, there are no scholarships available for Critter Camp at this time.

What time does camp start in the morning?

Camp starts at 9 a.m.

Can I drop my child off early, or pick them up late after camp?

Campers can be dropped off no earlier than 8:45 a.m. Camp ends promptly at 3 p.m. The HSRC will have an extended care service for campers that cannot be picked up until after 3 p.m.; however, there is an additional charge of \$15 per camper for this service. All campers must be picked up no later than 5 p.m.

Campers must be signed up by a parent or guardian by 9 a.m. Campers will only be released to parents or guardians listed on the registration form. Anyone picking up a child from Critter Camp will be required to sign out the child and present picture identification.

Where do I bring my child for Critter Camp?

Campers must be dropped off at the event tent set up in the front area of the Humane Society of Raleigh County at 325 Grey Flats Road, Beckley, WV. Each child must be signed in and out at the event tent when being picked up and dropped off.

What does my child need to wear and what should they bring with them when they come to Critter Camp?

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Will my child be working directly with shelter animals?

Shelter animals will not be participating in Critter Camp.

