



FRIENDS FOR LIFE SUMMER CAMP™ 2026

INFORMATION

Thank you for registering for spcaLA's Friends for Life Camp™! Please take a moment to review this information. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the spcaLA for information at (562) 206-1375 or email humaneeducation@spcaLA.com.

LOCATION:

7700 E. Spring St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

EXPECTATIONS OF CAMPERS:

We expect campers to show respect and kindness toward animals, camp counselors, and other campers at all times. We further expect campers to follow all safety instructions. Please discuss this with your child before coming to camp so that they are ready to participate upon arrival. Our staff will remind campers of the expectations if needed, and any repeated incidents may require a phone call to parents or removal from camp activities.

BE PREPARED – CAMPERS SHOULD:

1. Eat a hearty breakfast.
2. Bring their own snack for snack time.
3. Bring a full bottle of water labeled clearly with their name.
4. Bring any medication/items the camper may need while at camp.
 - Parents/Guardians must disclose any medication/allergies/disabilities/illness that may affect your child at camp to spcaLA before registering to the Director, Amber Vera Mendoza, at humaneeducation@spcala.com

DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CAMPERS:

1. **Long pants.** Campers must wear long pants for dog training. Campers may wear shorts in a.m., as long as they bring long pants to change into. Campers will not be allowed to dog train without long pants (capris do not count as long pants). "Loaner" pants will NOT be available.
2. **Full Length T-shirt.** No tank tops, spaghetti straps, shoulders showing, sleeveless, crop-top/showing mid-drift tops allowed.
3. **Closed-toe athletic shoes** for dog training. **No crocs or sandals allowed.**
4. **All long hair must be tied up in a ponytail.**
5. **Hats and sunscreen are optional** but recommended. Campers will spend a lot of time outdoors.

DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP:

- When you enter El Dorado Park, tell the guard that you are visiting spcaLA (there will be no charge for parking). Turn left immediately past the guard shack, and follow the paw prints all the way around to our parking lot. Camp will be held in the building marked "Education Center" towards the right of the parking lot.
- **Camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.**
- **Drop off time for students is between 8:15-8:30 a.m.**
- Please drop your child off at the "Education Center" of the spcaLA, which is located to the right as you enter the parking lot.
- A check-in area will be set up outside. Look for our Camp Flag!
- Please do not bring any pets while dropping off and picking up.
- **Please be sure to pick your child up promptly at 12:30 p.m., as you might be charged additional fees if your child remains after the pick-up time.**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refunds will be provided if requested at least a week before the start of the session in which your child is enrolled.

MEDICATIONS/DISABILITIES/SEVERE ALLERGIES:

- If your child needs medication of any sort during camp, please notify the Director, one week prior to your child attending camp.
- Camp staff will not be responsible for administering any medication to campers.
- For the safety of all campers and the animals, please inform the Director of any disabilities, illnesses, allergies or medications that could affect your child at camp before registering to the Director, Amber Vera Mendoza, at humaneeducation@spcala.com. Many disabilities can be accommodated, but there are a few that cannot.
 - Failure to disclose any information about your child's disability, medical condition, or severe allergy that could potentially hinder the safety of your child, other children, or the shelter animals may result in dismissal from camp without a refund.
- Please understand our camp staff are not trained in special education or occupational therapy. We will make realistic attempts to make camp accessible to all campers.

spcaLA'S FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMP™ CAMPER CHECKLIST:

- **Long pants** (Capris do not count as long pants)
- **Full Length T-shirt** (No tank tops, spaghetti straps, shoulders showing, sleeveless, crop-top/showing mid-drift tops allowed)
- **Closed-toe athletic shoes**
- **Labeled, full bottle of water**
- **Snack**
- **Any medications or other needed items** (i.e. snack for low blood sugar, insulin, inhaler, allergy medications, etc.)
- **Hair tie, hat, and/or sunscreen**

DURING CAMP HOURS:

If you need to reach someone immediately once your child is at camp, please call:

Jeanna Axton, Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator, at (323) 816-4399 or

Sydney Moreno, Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator, at (323) 353-4501

FOR EMERGENCIES, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL:

Director of Violence Prevention Humane Education, **Amber Vera Mendoza**, at (323) 313-9060.

Again, thank you for your registration, and we look forward to seeing you this summer!