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**Summer Day Camp
Parent Information Letter**

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The Urban Chickens Summer Day Camp will provide your child with hands-on, “nose-to-beak” interactions with chickens and ducks on our urban backyard farm. During a fun-filled week, your child will be paired with a chicken in order to have an opportunity to develop a bond during his or her week at camp.

We will explore safe bird handling and camp safety, up-close interaction with backyard chickens and ducks, farm chores, the science of chickens and ducks: their diet, eggs and biology; homesteading, such as gardening, composting, chicken-keeping, and self-reliance; chicken and duck-themed creative art projects; and we will also be sure to get some physical activity, and of course, mix it all in with lots of sunshine and fresh air!!

We are a mixed-age camp, with children ages 8-14, and work individually and in small groups supported by one adult instructor and 1-2 junior camp staff. At the beginning and end of each day, we will review our day’s activities and reflect on the skills we needed or the skills we learned and accomplished and give ourselves a high five for learning something new!

Camp is Monday through Friday from 8am-12pm (Noon). **Fee: \$ 230.00** per camper. We are located above the Juanita Safeway on Finn Hill in Kirkland. Specific directions to camp are provided to registered campers to preserve our own children’s privacy and safety. Thank you!

The purposes of this day camp are:

- An opportunity for a fun, hands-on and personalized interaction with chickens
- A memorable, positive experience with animals
- To learn about chicken keeping, homesteading and organic gardening
- To build self confidence and self-esteem
- Team building and acceptance of others in a mixed-age environment
- Experimenting with our creativity in art
- Giving our scientific curiosity room to grow

Staff includes: 1 adult instructor supported by 1-2 junior camp staff, some holding current First Aid and CPR certification. Up to 6 campers will attend each camp session. Our staff to camper ratio is 2-3 staff : 6 campers.

Activities during camp include:

- “Nose to Beak” hands-on interaction with a chicken paired with your child for the week
- Chicken and duck keeping farm chores
- Healthy food choices for chickens and ducks
- Chicken and ducks: diet, eggs, biology
- Opportunities for sharing and reflecting in a supportive, mixed-age group setting
- Art: chicken and duck-inspired creations with some study of master artists
- Science: relating to the biology and health of chickens and ducks and their care
- Gardening and Composting
- Physical activity—water-related on hot days

Camp Check In and Hours

**** Please arrive by 8:00am on the First Day for Check In and Registration. ****

- Camp starts at 8:15am on Monday after First Day Check In and Registration.
- **Camper Check In is between 8:00-8:05am Tuesday-Friday.**
- **Camp starts promptly at 8:10am.**
- Pick up is at 12:00pm (Noon) each day, except for Fridays, when we invite you and your family to attend an end of camp show and bring your own picnic lunch starting at 12:00pm (Noon) and ending at 12:30pm.
- **Please send your camper with a sack lunch on Friday for the picnic.**

Medication: We are unable to dispense medication during camp. If this is absolutely not possible for your child, please contact us directly via phone so that we can work with you.

Important: Please inform adult camp staff at check in each morning if any information on the Camp Registration Agreement has changed, especially for newly prescribed medications or doctor limitations on exercise, and changes to authorized persons for pick up or emergency contacts. Additionally, for those with pet allergies, we will be around chickens and ducks during the camp session and also have a very friendly farm cat that often accompanies us.

Attachments: Please review all of the documents listed below prior to registering for camp. They are available to download and print on our website at: <http://theurbanchickens.com/summer-camp/>

- Sample Schedule
- Camp Registration Agreement
- Rules of Enrollment
- Medical Authorization, Release and Waiver of Liability
- Packing List
- Please also visit our list of Frequently Asked Questions on our FAQs website page at: <http://theurbanchickens.com/faqs>

Online Registration for Camp

- To Register Online, visit <http://theurbanchickens.com/summer-camp/> and click the **Camp Registration and Payment** link to register and pay with your credit card.
- Complete the two registration forms (**Camp Registration Agreement** form and **Medical Authorization, Release and Waiver of Liability** form) located at <http://theurbanchickens.com/summer-camp/> prior to First Day Check In and bring them with you to First Day Check In.

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