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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION & SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY

Medication Administration

The Policy of New Jersey Audubon Society (NJA) and its *personnel is not to physically administer any medication* to participants in any of its programs. Participants must be able to self administer all of their medications.

Medications

Properly labeled medications may be stored at NJA during programs in a secured space. NJA personnel will retrieve medications and supervise any child self-administering medications and record this information in our medical log.

Forms

Parents/guardians of participants must complete and sign the Medication Authorization Form which states that they recognize that there may be risks in this activity and release and hold harmless NJA and its personnel. It also states that in the event the participant needs medical attention and the parent/guardian cannot be reached by phone, they consent to emergency medical care for the participant.

Options

If a participant is unable to self medicate NJA offers the parent/guardian the option of (1) the parent/guardian remaining on site to administer the medication to the participant or (2) parent/guardian providing trained certified personnel who are licensed to administer to be on site during the program session.

Communication

This policy will be reviewed with parents upon registration and a copy will be included in the NJA handbook and all camp binders.

This policy will also be reviewed with staff at orientation and annual staff training.

Children with Special Needs

NJA welcomes children with special needs to our programs. Parents/guardians should discuss their child's abilities/limitations with our summer camp staff. While NJA will make reasonable accommodation to include special needs children in our programs, we also understand that the nature of our summer camp program may not be suitable for every child and NJA reserves the right to ask that a child not participate in the program. We also reserve the right to request that a parent/guardian remain with the child during the program OR the parent/guardian provides a trained professional to accompany the child. This request insures a safe and enjoyable experience for the child as well as the other children in the program.