



## NEW JERSEY AUDUBON SUMMER NATURE CAMP 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 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 considerations to our programs and requests that parents/guardians discuss their child's social, emotional, behavioral, or learning needs with our summer camp staff. This request ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone participating in the program.

NJA will make reasonable accommodation to include children with special considerations in our programs, but we also understand that 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.