## **CAMP TINY PAWS**

## Newsletter #1

Camp Tiny Paws counselors are hard at work putting together fun events for all our attendees! However, we can't do everything without your help! Please read our newsletter to see if there is some way you can join in the fun to make Camp Tiny Paws really shine!

Your counselors are also here to answer any and all questions you may have about your camping experience! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

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# PRE-REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ATTENDEE GUEST OF HONOR!!

Pre-registration is encouraged for all our campers! Save money and time by registering before July 15th! Check out our sponsorship levels (Owl, Deer, and Wolf) to get extra goodies! More info and to register: https://tinyurl.com/TPC2018reg

Want to be someone special? Want to be a star (like Sirius or Procyon)? Pre-register for Camp Tiny Paws and you may be selected to be our Attendee Guest of Honor! Our AGOH will have their registration level increased to Wolf and get a free Chipmunk registration for our 2019 event!

One last reminder on this topic:

When registering for Camp Tiny Paws, if your preferred name doesn't match what is printed on the ID you need to present to our Registration staff, please enter your registration name as such: Preferred Name (Name On ID). For example, Susan Smith (John Smith) or Susan Smith (Susan Jones). Please try to get your ID updated prior to the con, but we understand that in some cases it is impossible to do so.

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## ART AND WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE JUNE 1ST!

We would love to fill our conbook and print our badges with your art and stories! Our submission deadline is June 1, 2018.

Why June when our con isn't until mid-August? Many furries attend Anthrocon and are busiest prepping for that event in June so we wanted to encourage our amazing

artists and writers to finish their work for Camp Tiny Paws prior to that last crunch time. If you need an extension on this deadline, please feel free to contact us!

We prefer artwork and writing representing our Summer Camp theme, but we will strive to publish any artwork or stories submitted which fall within our guidelines for publication (no nudity or graphic violence, etc.).

We are also looking for artwork created specifically by children so please encourage your young artists to submit their artwork to us! (Please include their first name--real or furry--and age with their submission.)

We print many different badges and are open to printing different artwork of the same badge type so please feel free to submit your artwork without worrying someone else already has done so. Our admission badges reflect the registration levels purchased. Please refer to the simple chart below for the size and orientation of our badges for the different levels:

- 4" wide x 2" high Chipmunk, Owl, Deer, Wolf
- 2" wide x 4" high Fruit Bat, Butterfly

For badge artwork, please leave room for us to add "Camp Tiny Paws 2018" on your art. This can be done by leaving an open space or by positioning the animal against your background so the text can be laid over a non-essential part of that background.

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## JOIN OUR CAMP TINY PAWS TALENT SHOW!

Camp Tiny Paws would like to announce a new event, our Talent Show! Have a talent or skill you'd like to show off? We've got an event just for you! Please read the guidelines on our Events page for more details:

https://ourtinypawsinc.wixsite.com/tpc2018/events

What makes you good enough to perform? A sense of fun. We aren't just looking for professionals for our Talent Show. We want all furries to feel like they can join in the fun if they feel they have something to share! Singing, dancing, joking, exercising, animal calling, lip synching, costuming, quick drawing, or whatever talent you have!

Acts are limited to three minutes in length and must be kept within ratings guidelines as listed on our website. No fire, water, glitter, confetti, blood, or any other messy substances may be used for any acts. All acts must bring their own props; our staff will provide microphones, chairs, and a limited selection of tables only.

Have music or anything else necessary for your act? Have questions? Please contact our Talent Show Director Koda and AV Director Togi (emails located on our Contact Us webpage)!

All performers must attend a mandatory rehearsal Saturday morning (August 18th) at 10am to be in our Talent Show later that evening.

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More "Marc Summers" than Summer Olympics, these competitions are spread out over all three days of camp and will test your abilities to do important tasks such as not talking, transporting eggs, and finding all three pieces of your bathing suit! Physical challenges will test the mettle of campers of all ages and abilities! All are welcome to participate, and everyone who does gets a raffle ticket to be entered into a drawing for free registration to next year's camp! Have a fursuit and want to compete in it? You'll get an extra ticket for the raffle! Come and join us as a competitor or an audience member, we'd love to have you!

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#### PROGRAMMING SUBMISSION DEADLINE JULY 1ST!

Camp Tiny Paws is looking for panels, classes, meet-up, and discussion groups to add to our programming schedule! Is there a topic you love to geek out about with other nerds? Are you a birb of a feather looking for other birbs to flock together? Do you have a fun DIY project you would like to share with others? Visit our Programming Submission page! https://ourtinypawsinc.wixsite.com/tpc2018/programming

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## TABLETOP GAMING EVENTS NEEDED!

Have a tabletop game you would love to share with others? Have a tabletop game you made and would like to demo for our campers? Contact our Gaming Director SpotWeld to get your event or demo on our schedule by July 1st!

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#### DONATE TO HELP THE CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY!

We will have a whole assortment of tables in our Expo just waiting to display your donations! We are looking for all kinds of items like DVDs, new/clean plush, artwork or other commissions, art/crafting supplies, and handcrafted items for our campers to bid on! If you have something you would like to donate, bring it into the Expo and look for the Charity Raffle tables located directly ahead of you on the right as you enter through the main Expo entrance.

Looking to support our charity at the con? Purchase raffle tickets and use them to bid on particular items displayed on our tables! Depending on what is donated, we may have some direct-buy items also available. Winners will be announced Sunday morning!

Wondering who your donations will be supporting? With locations around the state, the Connecticut Humane Society strives to rehabilitate and find homes for all

breeds of animals since 1881. Mission statement: "The Connecticut Humane Society is the leading resource in the state for companion animal welfare, enriching the lives of families and communities through adoption services, medical care, education, and prevention of cruelty."

We will also have a special fundraising gaming activity up in our Gaming Lodge on Saturday night to support the CT Humane Society. More details will be posted soon as they are finalized!

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#### **HELPERS WANTED!**

We are looking for Camp Tiny Paws helpers! We primarily need badgecheckers and room helpers at this time! Helpers can earn rewards for their time too -- free t-shirt or free registration! Worried that checking badges is boring? Bring a friend so you can chit-chat when it's slow! (Badgecheckers will have chairs available so they are not required to be standing during the entirety of their shift.) Helpers who are good helpers may also be promoted to staff for future events!

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# LOOKING FOR DJs!

Our AV Director Togi Husky is looking for DJs to spin at our dances! If you are interested, check out the tweet below to apply!

https://twitter.com/TogiHusky/status/955486028013408256 link to application: https://t.co/AvPv83dUEz

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#### **BOOK YOUR BUNK!**

We have comfy, clean bunks for all of you campers, with chefs to cook you tasty food -- not like at other summer camps! Visit our Hotel/Travel info page (https://ourtinypawsinc.wixsite.com/tpc2018/hotel-and-travel) and join us at the Crowne Plaza\_Danbury August 17-19, 2018!