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Indraloka Animal Sanctuary's Affordable Summer Camps— Animals, Arts & Outdoor Fun for Children & Teens of All Ages

Dalton, PA — Indraloka's affordable summer camps are ideal for kids who enjoy spending time with animals, making music and art, singing, dancing, romping and relaxing in a beautiful setting. Weeklong camps are tailored by age group and interests. Every activity is grounded in Indraloka's guiding principles of compassion, empathy, kindness and love.

Weeklong camps cost \$150. Indraloka offers need-based scholarships. Spaces are limited and filling up quickly. Camp dates and themes are on the Indraloka website under Events.

Each camp was designed by Indraloka's Director of Education Sarah Thornton, MM, whose career includes 20 years in the Sullivan County School District teaching music. Sarah's ability to work with children and teens of all ages and abilities helps create camp experiences that kids and parents love.

Summer camp counselor positions are also available for young adults. Opportunities for college students to join the social media and marketing team as interns help communications and business majors gain practical experience in their field.

Indraloka offers numerous year-round events. Public tours, Self-Care Saturdays, Open Art Days, Youth Art, Music Mondays, and Storytime with the Animals are great ways for parents to experience Indraloka and its offerings.

"We are pioneering curricula that is the future of education," Indra Lahiri, PhD, Indraloka's founder says.

"Sarah's approach to integrating fun into lessons, and education into recreational activities helps build kids'



confidence in their ability to learn. For those who are already confident, Sarah's methodology gives them the space to relax and enjoy their accomplishments."

Research into the relationship between kids and animals shows that interacting with animals can help build kids' confidence, empathy and compassion and that relating to farm animals brings benefits beyond those that household pets offer. Spending time in a noncompetitive environment that values respect for all beings and the planet can help develop coping and relationship skills.

Camps run June 19—June 23, July 10—July 14, and August 7-August 11. Special day camps also run throughout the summer including a high-school teen specific day on August 16 from 9-3 and Middle-School specific day on August 15 from 9-3. Need-based scholarships are available.

Dr. Lahiri and Ms. Thornton are available for interviews and can speak about Indraloka's exciting education programs. Please visit <u>Indraloka.org</u> for more information on all events.

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About Indraloka Animal Sanctuary

Indraloka, a 501(c) nonprofit, provides "heaven on earth" for farm animals that have nowhere else to turn. We inform, inspire and empower the community, especially children, on ways in which we can better care for ourselves and the environment while helping animals in need. We advocate for a kind and compassionate lifestyle that protects animals, the earth and our own health and. As educators, we offer a wide range of STEAM-based learning programs, summer camps and field trips for children, K-12. The community is invited to tour the sanctuary; reservations are required. We host live, public and virtual events throughout the year for adults and children. Visit us at Indraloka.org.