



FAQS

Camp Dates:

High School Camp: July 24–28

Middle School Camp: July 29-August 2

Location: Silver Birch Ranch, White Lake, WI

Camp Website: <https://www.silverbirchbranch.org/>

1. Who can attend this camp?

High School camp is for incoming 9th–graduating 12th grade students. Middle School camp is for incoming 6th–8th grade students. When you register, be sure to select the grade that your student will be *entering* for the 2025–2026 school year. Whether you're a regular part of StuCo or brand new, you are welcome!

2. How do I register?

You can register online at: www.communitychristian.org/camp

Early bird price deadline: May 7th

Final registration deadline: July 12th

Note: there are 2 parts of registration! After you fill out the initial registration from StuCo's website, you need to register at the Silver Birch Ranch website (www.silverbirchbranch.org/register). When you log in or register, you will need to enter a GroupID to find StuCo's camp session.

The code to register a high school student for our camp session is: STUCOHS25

The code to register a middle school student for our camp session is: STUCOMS25

(If you are a leader, please text your StuCo director to receive your GroupID)

3. How much does camp cost?

The early bird rate is \$440 per student, and the late rate is \$460 per student. The cost includes:

- Lodging
- Meals
- Transportation
- All activities
- Camp t-shirt

4. Where is the camp located?

Camp will be held at Silver Birch Ranch, located in White Lake, WI. It's about 5 hours from our Naperville location (which is where students will be dropped off and picked up). Transportation will be provided by coach bus.



5. What will a typical day look like?

Here is a sample schedule: (this varies due to weather)

- 8:30 - Breakfast
- 9:30 - Chapel at the beach
- 10:00 - Time alone with God (used for prayer, Scripture reading, and guided devotionals)
- 11:00 - All camp game
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - Free time (includes activities like swimming, tubing, horseback riding, zip lining and snacks at the canteen)
- 5:30 - Dinner
- 7:30 - Chapel
- 8:30 - Small Groups
- 9:15 - Night activities (such as glow night, campfires, and theme night)
- 11:00 - Back to Cabins

6. What if my child has food allergies or medications?

Please indicate any allergies or medications on the registration form.

Medications: SBR employs a team of medical staff that will be in charge of dispensing medications. Please list your student's medication on the MEDICAL tab on your Silver Birch Ranch online Dashboard screen. You can list his/her Prescription meds and over-the-counter meds that you give SBR permission to dispense as needed on that tab. When you drop off your student, please bring their medication in the original packaging so that the staff are sure to dose the medicine correctly throughout the week.

Dietary restrictions: You can select specific dietary needs when you complete the SBR portion of registration. They provide gluten free and dairy free options and are amenable to other restrictions and allergies. Please feel free to email FoodService@silverbirchranch.org with any questions!

7. Who are the leaders going? Who will lead my student?

Our team is made up of background-checked adult leaders, StuCo Directors, and student leaders from our church. We maintain a safe, supervised environment throughout the week. Each cabin is led by two adults. Their cabin leaders will be assigned once registration closes. Please indicate the top few choices of roommate for your student to make sure they room with their friends! Any housing changes will be addressed by your StuCo Director.

8. Can my student bring their phone?

We encourage a break from screens to be fully present, but students are allowed to bring their phones. Please view our phone policy for more information about when and where your student is encouraged to take a break from their screens.



9. What time do we leave and return?

- Departure: Thursday, July 24th at our Naperville location (Address: 1635 Emerson Ln, Naperville, IL 60540). Check in will begin at 8:00am and we will depart at 8:45am.
- Return: Monday, July 28th around 5:00pm at our Naperville location (Address: 1635 Emerson Ln, Naperville, IL 60540). When we leave camp we will send a text with an official ETA and will keep you updated throughout the drive back to camp.

10. What's a Canteen account?

The Canteen account eliminates the need for your student to bring cash or card to camp! Money can be added to canteen accounts during online SBR registration. It also allows you to add money to your student's account while the student is still at camp. Unused canteen money is refunded to the original method of payment on the departure day.

To add money to your student's canteen account, log in to your SBR account (at silverbirchbranch.org/register)

- 1) Locate the Financial section on the right side of the Dashboard.
- 2) Click "Make Payment."
- 3) Click Canteen for a Canteen (Store) payment and follow the payment prompts on the following screens.

Any other questions please reach out to you location StuCo Director.



Packing List

- Bible
- Notebook, and pen
- Sleeping bag or bedding with pillow
- Clothes for 5 days (including clothing that can get messy. Jeans and closed toed shoes are required for horseback riding) - if you are not following dress code you will be asked to change, see next page for dress code.
- Toiletries (e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth, brush) and towel
- Reusable water bottle
- Swimsuit
- Closed-toe shoes for activities
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Flashlight



SBR Dress Code

Both Guys and Gals

- All clothing must be in acceptable repair and appearance (no rips or tears in questionable spots)
- Clothing should not cause undue attention.
- No attire with reference to any type of alcoholic beverage, illegal substance, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or sexually suggestive subjects may be worn.
- No wording on the back of pants or shorts.
- Shorts must be modest length. No short shorts, split-sided jogging shorts, or spandex shorts will be permitted.
- Clothing must not be so tight that it reveals undergarments.
- There must be no skin showing between the top of pants and the bottom of shirts while standing.
- Undergarments (including straps) must not be seen.
- Camp shirts must remain unaltered in any form (please do not rip or cut them)

Gals

- Halter tops, camisoles, spaghetti straps, tube tops, strapless and/or backless tops, tops with plunging necklines (showing cleavage), and tight-fitting tops are not allowed.
- Tank tops are permitted as long as they completely cover undergarments.
- Leggings (Spandex/Lycra/yoga-style) may only be worn under tops of appropriate length where the rear is covered.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are not allowed.

Guys

- Shirts must be worn at all times except in the lake, shower, or cabin.
- Sleeveless shirts must completely cover the chest, back, and sides of the mid-body up to just below the armpit area.

Swimming and Water Activities

- Guys: Swim trunks only (no Speedos). Swim trunks must be 5-inch inseams or longer.
- Gals: Modest (no plunging necklines, low-cut backs, and/or high-cut leg openings) one-piece suits are recommended; but, two-piece tankinis are allowed as long as they cover the midriff. Swim shorts over the swimsuit are highly encouraged.
- Swimsuits that do not adequately cover the body are to be covered by a colored T-shirt.

**If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change.
Please plan ahead and pack accordingly.**



Rules

1. Students should never be in a cabin without their leader.
2. Students should never be alone - Follow the role of 3.
3. Students are respect lights out hours and stay in assigned cabins during that time.
4. At no time will there be any male in female cabins or females in male cabins.
5. Students are expected to participate in all cabin activities.
6. Students are not allowed to stand on chairs during chapel.
7. Students are allowed to move into the open area in front of the stage and into aisles during main session worship moments but at no time will students be allowed to "crowd surf" or engage in unsafe behavior.
8. Students are not allowed to enter any cabin of persons not associated with StuCo Summer Camp.
9. Hazing or bullying will not be allowed under any circumstances.
10. Students are not allowed to have any type of weapons at camp. This includes but is not limited to pocket knives, firearms of any kind, look alike guns, pepper spray or any item not normally allowed in a public school.
11. Students are prohibited from possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage or any vapor (vape, juul, and the like), illegal drugs or narcotics.
12. Students are not to engage in behavior that disrupts the normal operations of the camp. This includes vandalism of any kind, disorderly conduct or the conduct and behavior deemed inappropriate or unsafe by Silver Birch Ranch staff.
13. Students will adhere to the Silver Birch Ranch dress code at all times.
14. Students should not engage in public displays of affection with anyone.
15. Students should never be alone at the beach without an SBR Lifeguard on duty.
16. Students should never be alone at the barn without an SBR wrangler on duty.
17. Students should stay on camp property at all times.



Phone policy:

At StuCo, we are committed to providing a safe, engaging, and fun environment for all students. We believe that disconnecting from technology is crucial to a fully immersive camp experience during StuCo Summer Camp. Our Cell Phone Policy has been thoughtfully developed to enhance social connections, promote active participation in camp activities, and encourage students to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. We respectfully ask all students to observe the following guidelines regarding cell phone use while at camp.

Cell phones should not be present during camp activities with the exception of:

1. Field games.
2. Ziplining, horseback riding, and tubing
3. Contacting Home - Campers will have access to a camp phone if they do not have one.

Additional info:

Emergency Contacts - In case of an emergency, parents or guardians may contact the camp at any time if students are not answering their phones. Camp staff will assist in relaying urgent messages to campers if their phones are in their cabins.

Bibles - during chapel sessions we'll be diving into Scripture! Many students usually rely on their phones, but we'd like them to leave their phones in their cabins during chapel to minimize distractions. To help with this, please send a physical Bible with your student to camp!

General Photography and Videography - We recognize the importance of preserving memorable moments from camp. To ensure this, campers are permitted to capture photos or videos during designated times. Additionally, a dedicated photo and video team from Silver Birch Ranch will be on hand to document these moments comprehensively. Our commitment is to take and share photos promptly for all participants to enjoy. StuCo also has photographers and videographers to capture plenty of memories!

SBR Dress Code

Silver Birch Ranch desires to maintain an appropriate atmosphere at camp, so we have established a dress code for our staff, campers, leaders, and volunteers that is both comfortable and respectful. Our single hope is to create an atmosphere where people can be encouraged, yet not distracted. So please join us as we strive towards this goal with by following our standards.

[see 'Packing List' for full description.]