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**PARENT'S
GUIDE**



SUMMIT GROVE DAY CAMPS

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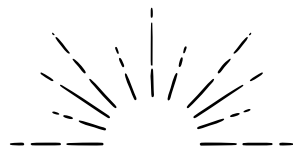
**CREATING SPACE TO ENCOUNTER GOD, ENJOY LIFE,
AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS SINCE 1875**



HOW OUR CAMP WORKS WITH YOUR CHILD

Our Goal

Summit Grove's Day Camp program provides a fun, safe, and spiritually-uplifting environment for children. Our camps are focused on outdoor activities that engage a child's body, mind, and soul — leaving every child with a summer experience they won't forget.



Camp staff abide by the beliefs and standards of conduct as set forth in the Summit Grove [Mission Statement & Core Values](#). Camp leaders are chosen based on their quality of character and desire to be leaders and mentors to children. All staff that have direct contact with campers will submit the appropriate clearances to ensure safety for all campers and anyone involved.

Our Staff

When to Register

Registration opens in January each year. Payment needs to be submitted two weeks before the start of the week of camp you would like your child to attend. Please contact Summit Grove directly if the start of camp is less than two weeks away.



We Work with other Camps

This Parent Guide is only for camps that are run exclusively by Summit Grove. We often collaborate with other organizations (SG Partner-Led Camps) that will have registration forms on their respective websites. Summit Grove is not responsible for third-party camps.

Chapel and Devotions

Campers will attend chapel daily for a time of singing and learning from the Bible, and campers may also meet for a time of Bible-based devotions in small groups. This gives all campers the opportunity to worship together, as well as learn and grow together in a spiritually-uplifting environment.



ABOUT REGISTRATION AND FINANCES

Registration and Tuition

To register, parents/guardians need to submit a completed registration form (including emergency information) and required deposit per camper. All notices and statements will be emailed to the primary billing contact indicated on the registration form. No refunds will be given for missed days.



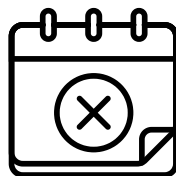
Updates to Registration Form

Changes should be sent to the Summit Grove Summer Programs Manager (camps@summitgrovecamp.org) two weeks before the change is to occur. Any changes to the registration form need to be approved by the office. If you are switching a camp, the first switched camp is free, but any additional changes have a \$5 switching fee.



Cancellations & Refunds

All deposits (typically 20% of the cost of camp) are non-refundable. The remaining balance is due by June 1. For cancellations made between May 1 – June 1 there is a \$50 cancellation fee. Any cancellations after June 1 are non-refundable except for medical emergencies.



Discounts & Payment Installments



Sibling Discounts: \$15 will automatically be applied when you register your second child for a camp. (SG-led camps only)

Payment Installments: After your initial deposit, you will be able to pay in monthly installments on February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, & June 1. After June 1, any camps registered for must be paid in full. Installments will automatically be drawn from your account on February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, & June 1. If you registered after one of these five dates, the remaining balance will be split evenly between the remaining installment dates.

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Camper Scholarship Fund

Scholarships are awarded depending on financial need and scholarship funds available. Please apply on our website. Please allow 2-4 weeks for scholarship request applicants to be notified. Scholarship funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis.





DURING THE WEEK OF CAMP

Opening Day Procedures

In the days leading up to your child's camp, you will receive emails with further information, such as the lunch menu, field trip schedule, any additional waivers to sign, etc. Upon arrival at camp on the first day, follow signs to Day Camp registration (keep right at the Y), and there will be staff there to assist you. Upon leaving, please keep the lane one-direction and exit by driving around the Summit Grove circle.



What to Pack

All campers should bring a labeled water bottle, swimsuit, towel, water shoes, and sunscreen in a labeled small bag or backpack every day. Outdoor clothes that can get dirty is suggested, especially comfortable shoes. A jacket is suggested if days are colder, and a poncho for rainy days. Although lunch and snacks are provided, your child is welcome to pack a lunch or additional snacks for snack time.

Snack Shack

Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks at the Snack Shack towards the end of the day. For campers to get snacks, they need to either bring cash or purchase Snack Shack credit prior to camp. If you bought credit for your camper, make sure they know that they don't need to bring cash, just so there's no confusion or risk of losing it. Drinks such as tea, gatorade, soda, etc... are also available at the Snack Shack.

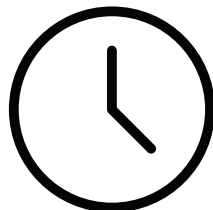


End of Week Parent Showcase

On Fridays at 3:30 PM, you'll have a chance to see what the campers have been working on during the camp, or any special activities they have planned for you. We encourage you to come and join in the fun with your kids, meet other parents and staff, and enjoy the outdoors!

AM/PM Extended Care

An hour of AM Care (7:30-8:30) and/or PM Care (4:30-5:30) is available if you need it -- simply add it to your registration. If you've chosen to have extended care, please make sure the campers are dropped off and picked up during the time of care covered. Counselors will be there to keep the campers safe and entertained during extended care. After a one-time grace period for a pickup that's more than five minutes late, a \$5 late fee will be charged for every 5 minutes to any camper that is picked up later than 5:30 PM.





THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

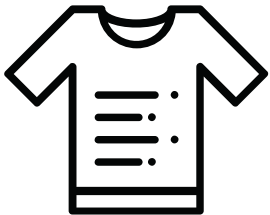
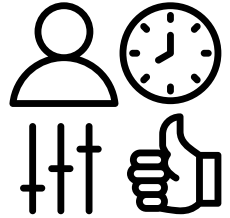
Our Camp Rules



Three rules sum up behavior expectations – 1) Respect leaders and staff, 2) be kind to others, and 3) be nice to things. These rules, as well as other specific expectations, will be clearly explained to the campers. Campers will be introduced to the motto "Respect God, respect others, respect creation, and have fun!"

Discipline

The Summer Staff leaders make and enforce camp regulations in a manner consistent with Christian principles (not to include corporal punishment). Reasonable restraint may be used when providing immediate safety. SG reserves the right to dismiss any child who does not cooperate with the program's rules of conduct. Tuition will not be refunded for the days in which a student is dismissed.



Dress Code/Water-Ready Attire

Campers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoor play, as well as any appropriate items for the specialty camps. Girls need one-piece or tankini style swimsuits and boys need well-fitting swim trunks to adhere to the camp's modesty policy.

Lunch and Snacks

Lunch and two snacks per day are included in the price of camp. A weekly menu will be provided leading up to the start of camp. Packed lunches are welcomed, especially if your child has unique dietary restrictions.



Illness or Medicine

If your child experiences any of the following conditions, they should be kept at home until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours or cleared by a physician: fever greater than 100°F, upper respiratory tract infection, vomiting, diarrhea, conjunctivitis (pink eye), streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat), COVID, chicken pox, lice, scabies, impetigo or fungal skin infections. Summit Grove staff cannot administer prescribed medication.



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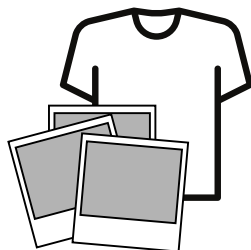


There is a Lost & Found collection table at the registration area. If a camper has lost or misplaced an item, please check there at drop-off or pick-up to see if we have it. We continue to add lost items throughout the week. Lost & Found will be disposed of one week after the last camp of the summer.

Lost & Found

T-Shirts, Pictures, and Extras

If you wish to purchase camper t-shirts or pictures, they will be available during registration or you can email camps@summitgrovecamp.org. The pictures are camp-specific for whichever camps you wish. The camp t-shirt, however, is standard across the whole summer, so campers don't need a new one for every week. You will pick up your t-shirt during check-in on the first day of camp (if purchased during online registration). You will pick up your picture on Friday, or if it is not yet available, it will be mailed to you.



Questions or Concerns



Please call our office at 717-235-3656 or email camps@summitgrovecamp.org if you have any any questions, concerns, or needs. We will be happy to assist you as soon as possible!

Final Notes & FAQs

When registering, you agree that you have read and understand the Parent Guide, as this guide serves to make sure both you and our staff know that we're on the same page, and we both know what to expect and how to best help each other. It is also agreed and understood that all emergency information is accurate so we can reach out whenever needs arise.

Please read the FAQ on our website for more information. Up to date information will be at www.summitgrovecamp.org/day-camp



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