

Volunteers, Parent & Registration Info

Volunteers

Volunteer support makes Shepherd's Spring not only possible but successful. If you are in anyway interested in volunteering at Shepherd's Spring please contact us or visit us at www.shepherdsspring.org. There are two application forms, one for new volunteers and a very streamlined one for returning volunteers.

Volunteer training will be June 11. Arrive at 9:00 am. All those who volunteer this year will be invited to join us for our appreciation banquet following the camp season!

To the Parents:

We want children to have a great experience at camp, encouraging them to come back year after year. We understand how challenging it can be for campers to be away from home. We have a staff trained to cope with homesickness. We encourage the campers to write home and for you to send letters to your camper(s). Shepherd's Spring is here to provide a Christian community for your child. By that we encourage the campers to meet new people and make friendships that continue past camp. As we try to build this community we continually help the campers recognize the presence of God all around. It is important for our campers to strengthen their understanding of who God is, as well as live in a safe, communal environment. This is a new experience for many campers, more challenging for some than others. The staff is prepared to give the best camp experience that they can!

Just a few things to Expect:

- Sleeping in cabins with two counselors and up to eight other campers
- Meeting new people
- Three balanced meals a day; dinner served family style
- At least one meal cooked over an open fire with full counselor supervision
- Meeting the cabin counselors when first dropping off your children
- Children spending most of their time in the outdoors
- One Bible Study a day
- A lot of physical activity
- Learning new things

Registration Instructions

Please read before filling in the registration form

1. Select a first and a second choice camp session according to grade level completed. It is not always possible to get your first choice.
2. If desired, indicate name of ONE friend your child would like to have as a cabin-mate. This friend must also request your child. Because cabin assignments are prepared prior to camp, requests for cabin-mates made at on-site registration may not be granted.
3. Make certain that the parent/guardian and camper sign the form.
4. If your congregation provides financial assistance, have your pastor or camp advocate sign the registration form and indicate the amount of assistance.
5. Mail the registration card and a \$55 non-refundable fee (applicable to camper's fee) payable to Shepherd's Spring.

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Registration Form

After May 1, fees increase by \$35

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Gender _____ Age at Camp _____ Grade Completed _____ Birth Date _____

Complete Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Ask For: _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

First Choice of Camp _____ Second Choice of Camp _____

Camp Date _____ Is this the camper's first time away from home for a week? _____

Cabin Mate Request (One only. Cabin Mate must also request you.) _____

Is camper under regular medication? _____ If yes, please list: _____

Reason for medication: _____

Please indicate any emotional or health problems, dietary restrictions, traumatic events in the camper's life, or other information we should be aware of _____

Camper Consent Statement:

I understand that camp is a place to have fun and try new things. I agree to involve myself in all camp activities while respecting others and camp property.

Camper Signature _____

Parent Consent Statement:

In signing this application, I certify that all information is correct and certify that my child is in good health and may participate in camping activities. I give consent for camp officials to act in any emergency in the best interest of the health and welfare of my child. Should it become necessary for him/her to return home during the week because of illness, accident, homesickness, or conduct, I will abide by the camp's decision in this matter and provide transportations. I also give permission to use pictures including my child in camp publicity.

Parent Signature _____

Congregational Support

Congregation _____

Pastor/Camp Advocate Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

Pastor/Advisor Signature _____ Work Camp _____

I'd like to contribute to the Shepherd's Spring Camp Scholarship Fund so others can *Live in the Spirit* \$ _____

Once Registration is Received

You will receive an information packet that includes:

- Welcome to Camp/What to Expect
- Health, Permission, and Departure Forms
- Policies campers are expected to follow
- Packing List
- Cancellation Instructions and Refund Policies
- Directions to Shepherd's Spring

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Date Received _____

Amount Received \$ _____

Amount Due \$ _____

Cost of Week \$ _____

Check No. \$ _____

Schl Assistance \$ _____