

Christ Community Church- Silver Birch Ranch 2024 FAQs

Registration

Q: What are the dates, registration costs, and deadlines for Silver Birch Ranch with Christ Community Church?

A: High School Camp at SBR is June 17-June 22, 2024 and Middle School Camp at SBR is June 28-July 3, 2024. The cost for each camp is \$512. Registration is open from January 10th-May 5th (or until camp sells out)

Q: When are the balances due if I just paid the deposit for my student to attend camp?

A: Balances and registration information for both sessions of camp will be due no later than Saturday, June 1st.

Q: Are there payment plans available?

A: Yes. After the initial deposit of \$180, you will have some options of monthly payment plans to help you budget out your remaining balance.

Q: Why do I have to register online with Silver Birch Ranch after I've already registered with Christ Community Church?

A: The registration site for SBR is www.silverbirchranch.org/register. Silver Birch Ranch has its own registration system, which includes the REQUIRED Medical Information and Disclaimer form. If this is your first time registering with Silver Birch Ranch, you will need to set up a new profile and register on their site using the **GROUP ID** code given to you on your Christ Community Church confirmation page. **ALL students must register on the SBR website using the GROUP ID code after filling out the Christ Community registration form and paying the deposit for full payment on CCC's site.** Your information will be saved for subsequent years on the Silver Birch Ranch site and you will be able to access your SBR account with your username and password. The health information portion of the SBR registration will need to be completed each year due to state regulations.

To register on SBR's website (after filling out the Christ Community registration and paying the deposit or full payment), go to www.silverbirchranch.org/register.

Q: How do I add money to my child's Canteen "Store" Account?

A: Money can be added to canteen "store" accounts during online SBR registration. Paying the canteen "store" deposit online also allows you to add money to your student's account while the

student is still at camp. Unused canteen “store” money is refunded to the camper in cash on the departure day.

Travel

Q: How do students get to Silver Birch Ranch Camp?

A: Christ Community Church provides the transportation to and from both high school and middle school camp. The cost of transportation is included in the registration fee. Students will be riding in Van Galder coach buses.

Q: What time is check-in and what time do the buses leave on departure day? What time do buses get back on the last day?

A: Check-in will be in the morning around 8:00am at the St. Charles campus. Buses depart at approximately 9:00am. At the end of camp, buses arrive back at the church in the late afternoon, usually between 5:30p-6:00pm. We will have exact times closer to camp.

Lunch

Q: Do the students stop and eat lunch on the way up to camp?

A: Yes. On the way to camp, the bus makes one stop for the students to use the facilities and to eat their own sack lunch. Students should bring a sack lunch and snacks to eat off the bus during the designated stop on the way to camp.

Q: Do the students stop and eat lunch on the way home from camp?

A: Yes. On the way back from camp, the buses will stop and students will eat their purchased boxed lunch at a designated area and will be able to use the facilities if needed. Lunch money will need to be added online during STEP #1 of camp registration. You will not need to add lunch money to the canteen/store for the return trip home on the SBR website, as was done in previous years.

Packing List

Q: What should my son or daughter pack for camp?

A: Items to pack:

- Sleeping bag or blankets/linens for twin bed
- Pillow
- Modest casual clothing: shorts, t-shirts, jeans, sweats, socks, underwear, pajamas

- Jeans & closed-toe shoes are required for horseback riding
- Sweatshirt/jacket for cool weather
- Modest swimsuit/swim trunks
- Gym shoes (bring an extra pair that can get wet)
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Rain gear
- Toiletries: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, washcloth, cup, brush/comb
- Bible and notebook
- Flashlight, bug spray, sunscreen, fishing gear, etc.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SBR DRESS CODE DOCUMENT ON THE [Christ Community Church Summer Camp](#) WEBSITE

During Camp

Q: How can I see what my son or daughter is doing while they are at camp?

A: Silver Birch Ranch has pictures posted on their website daily while the campers are there, starting with the 2nd full day of camp. You can view these photos by going to <https://www.silverbirchranh.org/camper-photos> While SBR does their best to make sure photos are posted daily, some of the postings may be delayed.

Q: How does my son or daughter get his/her medication during camp?

A: Silver Birch Ranch has a Health Care Supervisor onsite that administers all of the medication to campers. Please list your child's medication on the MEDICAL Tab under the Campers section on the left-hand side of your Silver Birch Ranch online Dashboard screen. You can list his/her prescription medications and over-the-counter medications that you give SBR permission to dispense as needed on that tab. You can amend this section closer to camp time, if needed.

Q: What kinds of activities does my child participate in while they are at camp?

A: Students will spend time as a group in daily worship. There will be teachings and small group activities. During free time, Silver Birch Ranch offers many different activities like **horseback riding, archery, rafting or River Adventure, tubing, paintball, group games, swimming, boating and zip lining.** High School campers may be given the option of a special raft trip, which costs \$20 and is deducted from the camper's online general Canteen "store" account or collected in cash at camp. There is no pre-camp sign-up necessary for this activity.

Q: What types of things are sold in the Canteen “store” besides food and drink?

A: The SBR Canteen Store sells SBR T-shirts, sweats, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, jewelry and other souvenirs. To see a complete list of 2024 Canteen items and prices, click [HERE](#).

Updated Cell Phone Policy

The purpose of camp is to allow students to build and deepen relationships with each other, with volunteer leaders and of course with Jesus. A camp setting facilitates these relationships, in part, because of the change from our normal daily routines, especially, reducing the use of technology. Cell phones can hinder the deepening of relationships with people present at camp and can be a distraction to our spiritual growth. Toward that end, we encourage limited use of phones at camp. The cell phone policy at SBR this summer is as follows.

We will allow phone use:

- On the bus
- In the cabins first thing in the morning and at night after camp activities until lights out
- For taking pictures and videos during free time

Phones will not be allowed:

- During individual Bible study and prayer time
- During morning or evening chapels
- During meals
- During cabin discussions

This means that every student will need to bring their own printed copy of the Bible. We encourage the use of the New International Version.

Updated Dietary Policy Changes at Silver Birch Ranch

- This year, on the SBR registration form, there is a section to select dietary needs of your camper. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your camper has needs that the camp will provide (ie gluten free or dairy free), there will be a fee of \$28 added to your registration for the meals. **You will pay this on the SBR website.** *(Please note: Per SBR policy, any late requests, within 7 days of arrival, cannot be guaranteed due to lack of food availability and the fee will be doubled, if SBR is able to accommodate on short notice.)*
- If you choose to bring your own food to camp due to allergies, there is a dedicated refrigerator for your camper to store their food. If this is the case, please mark “no

dietary restrictions” on the registration form and bring enough food for your camper’s stay.

- Silver Birch Ranch does its best to fulfill the medical dietary needs of guests that have gluten-free and dairy-free allergies.
- Silver Birch Ranch is not a peanut-free or tree-nut free facility.
- Due to supply and demand shortages, all menus are subject to change and cannot be provided upon request.