

# Christ Community Church / Summer Camp 2026 FAQs

**This information is true for all grades/students going to Summer Camp.**

## **Dates of Summer Camp:**

- High School is June 15 - June 20, 2026
- Middle School is June 26 - July 1, 2026

## **Registration is open:**

- Until May 8, 2026, at 10 pm (or until camp sells out).

## **Cost:**

- \$578

Includes - A nonrefundable deposit of \$190 to secure your spot

- Transportation to and from camp
- A pre-packed lunch for the bus ride home (you choose in the CCC registration)

## **Cancellation / Refund Policy:**

- If you cancel 14 days or more before the departure date, you'll receive a refund minus the \$190 nonrefundable registration and a \$7 processing fee.
- If you cancel within 13 days of departure, refunds are not available.

## **Payments:**

- There are several payment plans to choose from.
- Camp must be paid for in full by Monday, May 18, 2026.

## **Scholarships:**

- Email Kendra Ross at [kross@ccclife.org](mailto:kross@ccclife.org) for a scholarship application or more details.
- The average scholarship amount given is \$190

## **Registration:**

- [High School CCC registration link](#)
- [Middle School CCC registration link](#)

**Have your code from CCC for SBR registration?** Then go to: [www.silverbirchranche.org/register](http://www.silverbirchranche.org/register).

- After you have registered with Christ Community Church, you will be emailed a code to complete your registration with Silver Birch Ranch.

## **Why do I have to register online with Silver Birch Ranch after I've registered with Christ Community Church?**

- Silver Birch Ranch and Northwoods Retreat have their own registration system, which includes the REQUIRED Medical Information and Disclaimer form.

### First time registering with SBR?

- You will need to set up a new profile and register at [www.silverbirchbranch.org/register](http://www.silverbirchbranch.org/register) using the code given to you from the Christ Community Church confirmation email.
- Your information will be saved on the Silver Birch Ranch website for subsequent years, and you will be able to access your account using your username and password

### Returning SBR camper?

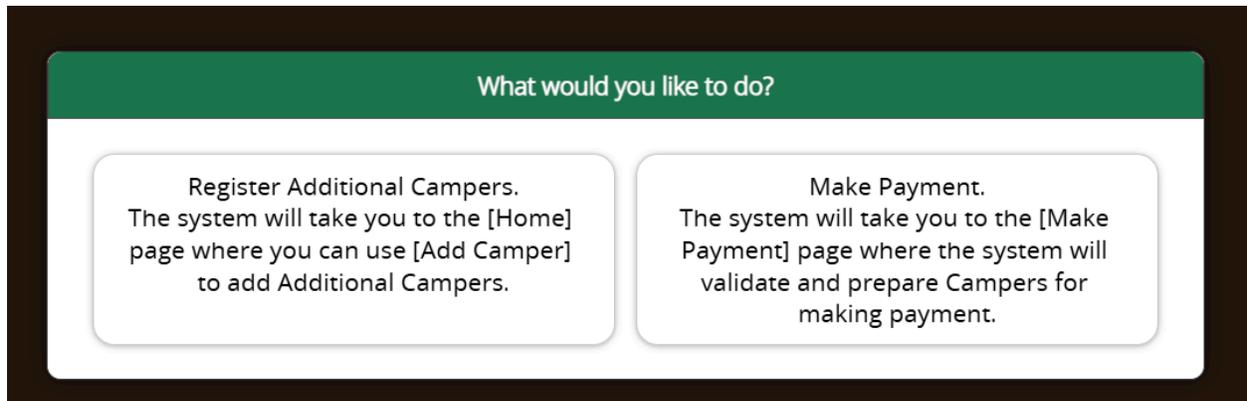
- Log in under “Have an Account?” and then click the “Register New” button, and then you will be asked to enter the code that was emailed to you.
- Your information will be saved on the Silver Birch Ranch website for subsequent years, and you will be able to access your account using your username and password.

### When to add money to the Canteen store account:

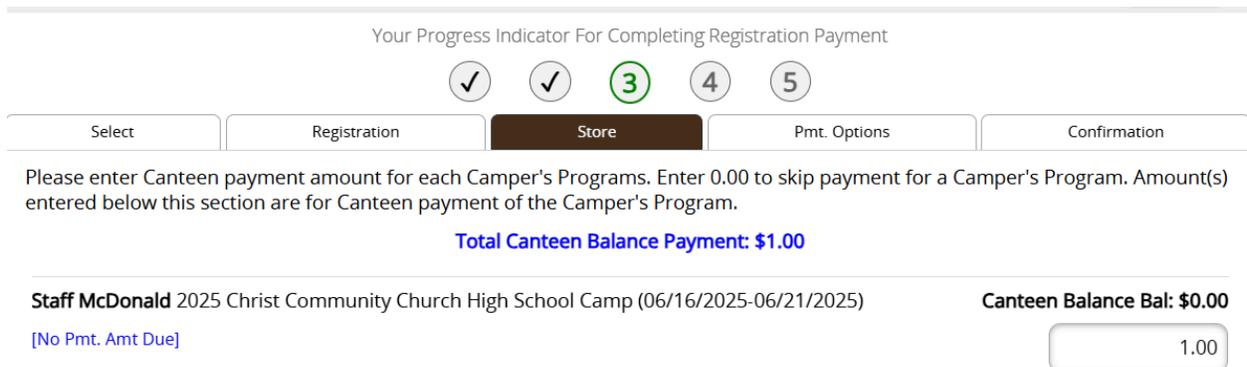
- During online registration with Silver Birch Ranch.
- At any time after registration is complete, this includes while they are at camp.

### Process of adding money to the Canteen store account:

- The Canteen store will ask you:



- Select “Make Payment” to add money to your camper’s account under the store tab, shown in the next screenshot:



**Forms of payment accepted:**

- Apple Pay, cash, or their Canteen account.

**Refunds of Canteen money:**

- No refunds are given to the camper on site (unless they brought cash with them and put it in the store when they arrive)
- Refunds of any leftover money will be returned to the original card that was used.
- There are no fees for refunds.

**What is sold at the Canteen:**

- SBR T-shirts, sweats, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, jewelry, and other souvenirs.
- Click [HERE](#) to view a complete list of 2026 Canteen items and prices

**Transportation to camp:**

- Coach buses will be taking us to and from both high school and middle school weeks.

**Check-in:**

- 8:15 am at the St. Charles/South Elgin campus located at 820 S. Randall Road, South Elgin
- Buses depart promptly at 9 am.
- You will be emailed a link to track the buses after they leave.
- You will also be asked to fill out a paper form (if you didn't do this already at home) listing the medications your child is bringing to SBR so they can be administered to them before we arrive at camp, if needed.
- EPI Pens & Emergency inhalers will stay with the camper or their leader during the bus rides and the week at camp.

**Return:**

- High School - Late afternoon, usually between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm, to St. Charles North High School, 255 Red Gate Rd, St. Charles, IL 60175
- Middle School - Late afternoon, usually between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm, to the St. Charles/South Elgin Campus, 820 S. Randall Road, South Elgin
- We will provide you with exact times closer to camp.
- You will be emailed a link to track the buses after they leave.

**Lunch stops on travel days:****On the way to camp -**

- Students should bring a sack lunch and snacks to eat on the bus during this designated stop on the way to camp.
- The buses make one stop for the students to use the facilities, stretch their legs, and eat the sack lunch they brought with them.

**On the way home from camp -**

- The buses make one stop for the students to use the facilities, stretch their legs, and eat the pre-purchased boxed lunch that you chose during registration with CCC.

### **Packing List:**

[SBR Dress Code](#) - CCC will enforce this dress code. Please read it carefully and pack accordingly.

- Brown bag/Sack lunch, drink, and snacks for the bus ride to camp
- Snacks for during camp, make sure they are in zip-lock bags and can be sealed
- Sleeping bag or blankets and linens - beds are either twin or full size, a flat sheet is usually best to make sure it covers the bed
- Pillow & pillow case
- Modest casual clothing: shorts, t-shirts, jeans, sweats, socks, underwear; pajamas
- Modest swimsuit-
  - Guys: Swim trunks inseam should be 5" or longer
  - Girls: modest one-piece or modest tankini
    - Swimsuits that do not adequately cover the body are to be covered by a colored T-shirt
    - Swim shorts are encouraged for girls
- Old clothes for "messy" games
- An extra pair of socks for games
- Jeans and closed-toe shoes - required for horseback riding
- Sweatshirt/jacket for cool weather
- Gym shoes (and an extra pair for rafting that can get wet)
- Shoes to wear in the shower (not required)
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Refillable water bottle
- Cinch sack or backpack
- Rain gear /jacket
- Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, cup, brush/comb, deodorant
- Laundry bag (Please do NOT use a plastic garbage bag; they rip and get mixed up.)
- Bible, paper, pens, envelopes, stamps
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Personal items such as a camera, a fishing pole, a baseball mitt, etc., are allowed but not required

### **Things to leave at home:**

- Knives or weapons
- Electronic games of any kind
- Fireworks
- Tobacco and tobacco-type products - Smoking is not permitted by any campers.
- Firearms
- Alcohol and drugs
- Animals

\*\*Silver Birch Ranch and Northwoods Retreat staff reserve the right to search and seize campers' items that are not allowed or are misused at camp.\*\*

**Cell Phones:**[CCC Cell Phone Policy](#)

- We highly encourage campers not to bring cell phones, OR to turn in their phones at camp to be stored in a secure area and returned at the end of the camp session.

**Parking at camp:**

- For those High School campers who drive themselves to Silver Birch Ranch or Northwoods Retreat, keys must be turned in upon arrival and will be returned on departure day.

**During Camp:**[Important info from SBR linked here.](#)**Photos -**

- Can be viewed starting the 2nd day of camp at:  
<https://www.silverbirchranch.org/camper-photos>
- SBR does its best to make sure photos are posted daily, but some of the postings may be delayed.

**Medication:**

- A Health Care Supervisor on-site will administer 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 will list his/her prescription medications and over-the-counter medications that you give SBR permission to dispense on that tab.
- You can amend this section closer to camp time, if needed.

**Activities at camp:**

- Time as a group in daily worship.
- Teachings and small group activities.
- Free time - Silver Birch Ranch offers many different activities like: horseback riding, climbing wall, archery, disc golf, mini golf, rafting, tubing, paintball, group games, swimming, and zip lining.
  - There is no pre-camp sign-up necessary for these activities.
  - Additional info here: <https://www.silverbirchranch.org/recreation>

**Dietary Policy at Silver Birch Ranch:**

- During SBR registration, there is a section to select the dietary needs of your camper.
  - **Please note:** If your camper has needs that the camp will provide (i.e., gluten-free or dairy-free), there will be a fee of \$28 added to your registration for the meals.
  - You will select this and pay on the SBR website during registration. (**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 can accommodate on short notice.)*

- The SBR kitchen *is not* a celiac, wheat-free, peanut-free, or tree nut-free facility.
- See [Special Dietary Meals document](#) or FAQs under Summer/Youth Camps/Need to Know Info button for more details. Contact [foodservice@silverbirchranh.org](mailto:foodservice@silverbirchranh.org) with questions.

**Bringing your own food to camp:**

- There is a dedicated refrigerator for your camper to store their food.
- Mark “no dietary restrictions” on the registration form and bring enough food for your camper’s stay.

**[Additional FAQ’s from Silver Birch Ranch can be found here.](#)**