

For Parent/Guardians to Complete

Please return this information to:

Sherwood Forest

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Please print or type. Use a separate form for each child you are sending to camp.

Feel free to make copies of this form.

Please complete this form in its entirety. Missing information will delay your child's enrollment in camp.**Camper Information**

Camper's Name: _____

Is this child in foster care?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

County: _____

Camper's Race: _____

Camper's School: _____

School District: _____

Current Grade (2026/2027 school year): _____

Camper's Gender: ☐ Girl ☐ Boy ☐ Non-binary ☐ Other: _____**Parent/Guardian's Information #1**

Name: _____

Does this person have custody of this child?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, should information about this child be shared with this parent/guardian?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Relationship to Camper: _____

Employer: _____

Primary

☐ Home☐ Cell

Secondary

Phone: ()

☐ Work

Phone: ()

☐ Home☐ Cell☐ Work

E-mail Address: _____

Address: ☐ Same as camper's

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian's Information #2

Name: _____

Does this person have custody of this child?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, should information about this child be shared with this parent/guardian?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Relationship to Camper: _____

Employer: _____

Primary

☐ Home☐ Cell

Secondary

Phone: ()

☐ Work

Phone: ()

☐ Home☐ Cell☐ Work

E-mail Address: _____

Address: ☐ Same as camper's

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Other than the person(s) listed above, does anyone else have custody (joint, shared, or visitation rights) of this child? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, who? Name (s): _____

Relationship: _____

Have you shared camp information with this person (length of stay, communication policy, etc.)

☐ Yes☐ No

Would you like to have a copy of the Parent Handbook mailed or emailed to this person? If so – please provide their email or mailing address.

☐ No☐ Yes

Email or Mailing Address: _____

Camper's Name: _____ **Camper's Current Grade:** _____

Tell us about your Camper!

This information will help our staff get to know your child better. Please answer each question honestly. If we have questions about your responses, we will reach out to you to discuss them further. All information on this form will be kept confidential.

How did you hear about Sherwood Forest? _____

Has this child attended Sherwood Forest before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, when? _____

The child's experience was ☐ positive ☐ mixed ☐ negative ☐ N/A

Has this child attended any other camps? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, where and when? _____

The child's experience was ☐ positive ☐ mixed ☐ negative ☐ N/A

How does this child feel about attending Sherwood Forest?

☐ Excited ☐ OK with it ☐ Indifferent ☐ Scared/Nervous ☐ Reluctant ☐ Other: _____

Does your child want to come to camp? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your child have their own room at home? ☐ Yes ☐ No; shares with this many other individuals _____

Does the child use a ritual to fall asleep (e.g., reads, listens to music, watches tv, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Does your child have routine chores around their home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

What does your child do after school and/or in evenings? _____

How does your child "decompress" following a day at school? _____

Has your child spent at least two overnights away from home with people other than relatives? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when away from home, can your child do this without calling home or needing additional support? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Our campers are responsible for meeting their own personal needs: they shower themselves, get dressed, eat, select clothes as well as other things.

Is your child capable of meeting his/her own personal needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What, if any, challenges do you think you will face with your child being at camp?

Is there anything we can do to help you and your child prepare for camp?

Our campers are around other people all the time; privacy is rare. How quickly might your child feel overwhelmed by this constant companionship and what behaviors indicate that your child is feeling that way? _____

Your camper will only be communicating with you by writing letters. If you call camp, you will speak with either your child's Village Director or Camp Director. We do not typically allow campers to speak to their parents on the phone. We do not allow parents/guardians to visit camp while their child is in session.

Are you (parent/guardian) ready for your child to be at camp knowing there will be limited communication with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Understanding your camper better helps us ensure that we can provide them with a positive camp experience. We ask that all families please be transparent with Sherwood Forest about anything that might affect your camper's daily life. With that in mind:

Any additional comments, concerns, or information you want our Health & Wellness Specialist to know? ☐ N/A

Camper's Name: _____ **Camper's Current Grade:** _____

Would you like a member of the Camper Care Team to contact you about any social, emotional, mental, or behavioral health concerns?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give details:

Would you like a member of the Health Care Team to contact you about any medical or physical health concerns?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give details:

At school, has your child ever: (check all that apply and further describe below – this information is used by our staff to help best prepare for your child to attend camp and all information shared is strictly confidential)

- ☐ been on the honor roll
- ☐ been written up for discipline problems (calendar year: _____)
- ☐ been involved in extracurricular activities
- ☐ been suspended (calendar year: _____)
- ☐ received a special recognition or award
- ☐ been expelled (calendar year: _____)

At school, is your child in a:

- ☐ regular classroom, at appropriate grade level
- ☐ Homeschooled, appropriate grade level
- ☐ regular classroom, ahead _____(how many) grade(s) for his/her age.
- ☐ Homeschooled, ahead _____ (how many) grade(s)
- ☐ regular classroom, behind _____ (how many) grade(s) for his/her age.
- ☐ Homeschooled, behind _____ (how many) grade(s)
- ☐ resource room, receiving help in: _____
- ☐ self-contained classroom in a regular school. List diagnosis and severity: _____
- ☐ self-contained classroom in a special school. List diagnosis and severity: _____

Does your child have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) and/or a 504 Plan ☐ Yes ☐ No For: _____

***Copy of IEP/504 may be submitted with this application if you believe it will help us serve your camper better.*

Have there been any incidents or experiences in this child's life about which they might be sensitive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does this child have a friend attending the same session, and if so, would they like to be in the same group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Friend _____

Friend must be in the same grade to live in the same cabin. We will do our best to honor this request, but we are unable to guarantee this placement. Please note: we do not place family members in the same cabin. This includes siblings and cousins.

Transportation Information

Please check only one place where campers will board the bus to camp (in the morning) and be dropped off after the session (late afternoon, early evening). See the Parent and Camper Handbook for more details:

- ☐ Kingshighway Entrance of Tower Grove Park
- ☐ AT&T Store Parking Lot, 3280 Telegraph Road 63125
- ☐ Driven to camp by parent/guardian
- ☐ Holman Middle School/Pattonville Learning Center St. Ann

Camper’s Name: _____ Camper’s Current Grade: _____

Summer Program Dates and Registration Fees

"Grade" is based on current grade in school (2026-2027 school year).

All camp sessions listed below are open to *all genders*. Please select ONE session for your child.

	Mini Camp	Explorer Camp	Leadership Training Program
Grade Level	1 st & 2 nd Grade	3 rd – 5 th Grade	6 th – 9 th Grade
Session Length	6 days	12 days	26 days
Cost	\$35	\$50	\$75
Session 1 Dates	July 11- July 16	June 7- June 18	June 7- July 2
Session 2 Dates	N/A	June 21- July 2	July 19- August 13
Session 3 Dates	N/A	July 19- July 30	N/A
Session 4 Dates	N/A	August 2- August 13	N/A

PLEASE NOTE that 80% of our spaces are reserved for campers who qualify for the Summer Food Service Program. We accept new campers in 1st – 6th grades only. Our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade programs are only open to returning campers.

Please choose a session for your camper to attend:

- ☐ Mini Camp (1st & 2nd grade) ~ Session 1 – July 11- July 16, 2027
- ☐ Explorer Camp (3rd – 5th grade) ~ Session 1 - June 7 – June 18, 2027
- ☐ Explorer Camp (3rd – 5th grade) ~ Session 2 – June 21 – July 2, 2027
- ☐ Explorer Camp (3rd – 5th grade) ~ Session 3 – July 19 – July 30, 2027
- ☐ Explorer Camp (3rd – 5th grade) ~ Session 4 – August 2– August 13, 2027
- ☐ Leadership Camp (6th - 9th grade) ~ Session 1 – June 7 – July 2, 2027
- ☐ Leadership Camp (6th - 9th grade) ~ Session 2 – July 19 – August 13, 2027

New Camper Meet and Greet

To prepare your child for camp, we require all new campers in 1st to 6th grade to participate in an in-person Meet and Greet with our staff. During this session, your camper will engage in group activities and games, allowing us to observe how they interact in a group setting. We will also speak with each camper individually to discuss their upcoming camp experience and address any questions they may have. We kindly ask parents and guardians to step away during this time so that the camper can speak freely.

New Family Orientation

To help new families prepare for camp, we also strongly encourage all new families to participate in an orientation with our staff. This may be online or in person. Orientation is designed to help you and your camper learn more about camp before the summer begins. We will review the basics of camp life, our camper conduct policy, show pictures of camp, and answer questions from campers and their families. Orientation dates will be provided once we have received your completed registration materials.

Payment Information

All applications will require a \$10 deposit (goes towards the total amount)

Mini Camp (1st & 2nd grade): \$35 per child for 6-day session

Explorer Camp (3rd – 5th grade): \$50 per child for a 12-day session

Leadership Camp (6th - 9th grade): \$75 per child for a 26-day session

Do not wait to enroll your child because of money. **Please call us if you are concerned about paying for camp.**

☐ My check/money order for \$_____ is enclosed.

Camper's Name: _____ Camper's Current Grade: _____

- ☐ Please charge the credit card below \$ _____.
- ☐ At this time, I am unable to pay for my child's camp fee and will contact camp regarding payment.
- ☐ I recognize the value of a camp experience at Sherwood Forest and understand that camp fees only cover a small portion of the total cost.
I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____ using the above payment method.

Credit Card # _____

Security Code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please only complete this section if your child has been referred by a School, Social Worker, Counselor, Therapist, or Community Agency

If your child meets regularly with someone from their school or a community agency, please provide their contact information. This includes if your child was referred to camp by their school or community agency. It could be a coach, teacher, activity leader, etc.

School/Agency Name: _____

School/Agency/Mentor Contact: _____

Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Daytime _____	Evenings & Weekends _____	Cell _____	
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____	

E-mail Address: _____

Who is responsible for paying this camper's fee? ☐ the family ☐ the agency ☐ the mentor ☐ Other _____

☐ Please check this box if information about your child should **NOT** be shared with the referral agency.

Participation Waiver

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND IS LEGALLY BINDING. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE RELEASING SHERWOOD FOREST FROM ALL LIABILITY AND FOREVER GIVING UP ANY CLAIMS THEREFOR.

Assumption of Risk

I, in my legal capacity as parent/guardian of the minor named below ("Minor"), acknowledge and agree that any use of Sherwood Forest facilities, services, equipment and premises ("Facilities") and any participation in Sherwood Forest programs and activities ("Programs") comes with inherent risks including, but in no way limited to: (1) moderate and severe personal injury, (2) property damage, (3) disability, (4) death, and (5) sickness or disease including, without limitation, COVID-19. I voluntarily, for myself and Minor, accept and assume full responsibility for these risks as well as any and all other risks arising out of or in any way related to, directly or indirectly, the use of Facilities and participation in Programs. I agree that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of all such risks and am not relying on all such risks being described in this document.

Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of Minor's use of Facilities and participation in Programs I, in my legal capacity as parent/guardian of Minor, agree on behalf of myself and Minor that Sherwood Forest, its officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, insurers and representatives ("Releasees") will not be liable for any personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness or disease incurred by Minor, any minors in my household or to me personally, however occurring including, but not limited to, the negligence of Releasees. I understand that Minor and I will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness or disease sustained from arising out of or in any way related to, directly or indirectly, the use of Facilities and participation in Programs.

I further agree, in my legal capacity as the parent/guardian of Minor, on behalf of Minor, myself, and any and all legal successors and proxies, to release and **HEREBY DO RELEASE, WAIVE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** Releasees from any causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which Minor, myself, and any and all legal successors and proxies may have, now or in the future, against Releasees on account of personal injury, property damage, disability, death, sickness, disease or accident of any kind, sustained from, arising out of or in any way related to (directly or indirectly) the use of Facilities or participation in Programs, whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to, the negligence of Releasees.

In further consideration of the use of Facilities and participation in Programs, I, in my legal capacity as parent/guardian of Minor, agree on behalf of myself and Minor to **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, suits, liabilities or costs of any nature whatsoever, including claims of negligence, arising out of or in any way related to the use of Facilities and participation in Programs.

As the parent/legal guardian of the child herein accurately described, I have been informed about the activities of the camp, received and reviewed the Parent Handbook, and do give my consent and approval for them to attend Sherwood Forest and to participate in all aspects of the camp program, and I will inform the camp in writing of any activities that should be limited or prohibited. I understand that Sherwood Forest may send my child home for information omitted or not fully disclosed on this form. I have read the Camper Conduct policy and understand my child will be expected to follow these rules while at camp. In the event I am not available to receive this child upon their return, I hereby authorize Sherwood Forest to release them to a person(s) deemed appropriate by the camp, and I will notify the camp in writing of any person(s) who specifically should not be allowed to receive this child.

Camper's Name: _____ Camper's Current Grade: _____

For us to improve our programs, from time-to-time campers participate in evaluations and research studies. If you would prefer that your child not participate, please call our office. Furthermore, text messaging is one of the ways Sherwood Forest uses to communicate with parents and guardians. You agree to be contacted by Sherwood Forest via text (SMS) messages to your mobile phone and other wireless devices. You may opt out of receiving these messages at any time. Please note that opting out of text messages may impact your experience with time sensitive updates regarding bus stops, pick up times, and other important information.

I grant permission to Sherwood Forest Camp Inc., its agents, grantors, partners, and its employees the irrevocable and unrestricted right to produce photographs and video taken of my child, myself, and members of my family while at Sherwood Forest Inc., for any lawful purpose including publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, trade, or historical archive in any manner or in any medium by Sherwood Forest Inc., or the American Camp Association. I hereby release Sherwood Forest Camp Inc., and the American Camp Association and its legal representatives from liability for any violation or claims relating to said images or video.

Furthermore, I grant permission to use the statements of my child, myself, or my family members given during an interview or evaluation with or without my name for the purpose of advertising and publicity without restriction to time limit or geographic area. I waive my right, my child's rights, and my family's rights to any and all compensation stemming from the use of these materials. **This child's photograph, video, and/or statements**
☐ may / ☐ may not be used by Sherwood Forest for publicity purposes. Permission will be assumed if not specifically denied.

Sherwood Forest Camp is a non-denominational, multi-racial camp community. Sherwood Forest does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or status as a veteran.

Please make sure all forms are completed in their entirety. Missing information will delay your child's enrollment.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Name:	



Camper Conduct and Behavior Policy

At Sherwood Forest, we believe that all children have the right to a safe, kind, fun, and memorable camping experience. We expect campers to be respectful, responsible, and cooperative. We want campers to make friends, learn and try new things, and to have fun. In order to create a positive camp culture, it is important that every member of our camp community commit to the following conduct and behavioral expectations. Every parent/guardian is required to read the following information with their camper. The camper and parent/guardian must sign and return the Camper Conduct and Behavior Policy to Sherwood Forest. (This must be on file prior to the start of camp.)

Campers are encouraged to practice positive social skills which allow them to resolve conflicts and meet their needs without the use of harmful or destructive behaviors. When disciplinary situations occur, staff will work with campers to help them understand why their behavior is inappropriate. They will then help campers identify alternative behaviors that are appropriate for camp. We recognize that campers may have coping strategies and conflict management techniques that work for them at school or at home and staff will attempt to utilize these strategies and techniques as much as possible as appropriate for camp.

Camper Description:

We love and appreciate that all of our campers hike to the beat of their own camp song! However, there are three criteria that every camper must meet: first, they must want to come to camp. Second, they must be willing and able to learn and participate in a group. Third, they must be willing and able to follow the direction of staff members. These are required in order to ensure camp is safe, kind, and fun for all.

Campers are expected to:

- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Follow all camp rules and directions given by staff.
- Respect fellow campers and staff members, including personal space, belongings, choices, opinions, and lifestyles.
- Respect camp property, equipment, and natural resources.
- Use appropriate language – swearing, cursing, or discriminatory/racist, offensive/lewd jokes will not be permitted or tolerated.
- Talk through conflicts and challenges.
- Take responsibility and accept the consequences for their actions.
- Contribute to the camp community through supporting their peers, helping with group chores, and reflecting the Sherwood Forest values.

Bullying Policy:

Sherwood Forest defines bullying as repeated aggressive behavior with the intent of asserting power and/or control over another individual. We expect all members of our community to be respectful towards one another, therefore we take all incidents of bullying very seriously. If a camper has difficulty meeting this expectation, disciplinary action will be taken.

If a camper violates any part of the Camper Conduct and Behavior Policy:

- 1) We will discuss our concerns with them.
- 2) We will invoke disciplinary actions. (i.e. loss of privileges, time out from an activity and/or a call from home). At Sherwood Forest, we do not use any form of punishment; we use logical consequences to help campers learn more appropriate behavioral responses.
- 3) We will call parent(s)/legal guardian and if deemed necessary by the Camp Director, the camper may be dismissed from camp.

Camper's Name: _____ **Camper's Current Grade:** _____

Immediate Dismissal:

Our hope is that we do not have to send a camper home before the session ends. However, our staff reserves the right to immediately dismiss campers whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves, other campers and/or our staff, thereby bypassing some of the disciplinary steps outlined above.

Immediate Dismissal Examples:

1. Any child who brings a weapon to camp.
2. Any child who brings legal (but not prescribed to the camper by a medical professional) or illegal controlled substances or paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products to camp.
3. Any child who makes a credible threat to hurt themselves or others.
4. Any child who seriously harms themselves or others.
5. Any child who emotionally, verbally, mentally, sexually, and/or physically abuses fellow campers or staff.

Parent/Guardian Role in Camper Conduct:

Families must review the Camper Conduct Policy with their child, ensure the child meets the camper description, and ensure that campers and parents/guardians are aware of and agree to follow the behavioral expectations as well as the disciplinary process, including reasons for immediate dismissal from camp.

Camper Conduct Agreement

This form must be reviewed with and signed by the camper and their legal guardian.

A parent/guardian's signature on behalf of the child is not acceptable.

My child and I have read the Camper Conduct Policy, the information describing the program in which my child will participate, and this year's Family Handbook, and we understand and agree to abide by the policies and program expectations described in these documents.

My child and I agree to adhere to the behavioral expectations of camp including following any disciplinary actions set forth in response to inappropriate behavior.

My child and I understand that some circumstances warrant immediate dismissal from camp.

My child and I understand that camp is a commitment and that arriving late and/or leaving camp early is not an option. Missing home is not a reason for early departure.

I, _____ (camper) want to attend Sherwood Forest this year.

Camper Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Camper's Name: _____ Camper's Current Grade: _____