

ENCOUNTER

2026

PARENT GUIDE

Grades 9-12 It is our mission to share the Gospel of Jesus with children and youth through relationships and fun camp experiences.

Summer Camp Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Closed Saturday
2345 Ridge Rd. Motley, MN 56466 - Phone: (218) 575-2240 - Email: shamineau@shamineau.org

Check-in & Check-out

No supper will be served on the night of check-in; please have your camper eat before they arrive.

Need to leave early or arrive late?

We ask that you do not check out your camper early or arrive late unless it is absolutely necessary. Please contact the camp office to make arrangements.

CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
Sunday from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Friday at 11:30 AM
If your camper requires medication, you will hand it over to our nurse in the gym. <u>All medication (prescriptions, vitamins) must be turned in to the nurse during check-in and will be administered as scheduled.</u> Please bring all medication in original containers.	Campers' luggage will be at the gym, sorted by cabins. Medications can be picked up on check-out day at the "Health Center" table. Campers will only be released to someone listed on their account as an authorized person for pickup. (All parents must be listed).
If you'd like to send a letter to your camper, drop it off at the mail tent by the ballfield during check-in. Please label it with your camper's name.	Personal Vehicle Check-Out To receive their keys at check-out, the camper must be listed on their account as an approved pick-up person. If they plan to drive another camper home, they must also be listed as an authorized pick-up on that camper's account as well. This helps us ensure every camper is released safely and according to parent permissions.
Campers who are driving themselves to camp will turn their car keys in to our staff during check-in. Keys will be safely stored throughout the week and returned at departure.	

Summer Camp FAQ

HOW DO YOU MAKE CABIN ASSIGNMENTS? WILL MY CAMPER BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS?

Cabin Assignments

Cabin assignments are made 10 days before each camp session, and we don't disclose cabin names to campers beforehand. Please refrain from making online cabin mate changes within 10 days of your camp session. Typically there are 11 campers and 1 counselor per cabin.

Cabin Friends

The maximum number of friends that will be housed together in a cabin is 5. Groups larger than 5 friends will need to be divided. Parents will be contacted regarding the divide.

If a group of friends fills a cabin, they can be housed together.

Filling a cabin is 11 campers.

WHAT IS INCLUDED FOR MY CAMPER AND WILL THEY NEED CASH/CARD?

Included in Fee

All campers will receive a t-shirt, and parents will be emailed a link to a cabin picture and the week's video at the end of the week. All activities and meals are included in the registration price.

Shamaineau Gear

For an additional cost, you can add specialty Shamaineau gear to your camper's registration any time before you arrive. You can do this on your online account, with the option to add a fun note.

These items will be delivered to your camper's cabin.

Stuffed Animal: \$20

Water Bottle: \$25

Shamaineau Blanket: \$40

Camp Store

Our store accepts all major credit/debit cards and cash. All Encounter campers will be responsible for their own funds.

WHAT ARE BIBLE WORKSHOPS? WHAT ARE LIFE SKILL CLASSES?

Bible workshops give campers the chance to dive deep into a variety of biblical topics through engaging sessions led by speakers who connect well with them and communicate God's truth clearly.

Life skill classes give campers the opportunity to try new things and build practical skills they can carry into the next chapter of life. Campers can choose from a wide variety of classes that help grow confidence and real-world ability.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MY CHILD'S HEALTH AND DIETARY NEEDS?

Health & Wellness

We prioritize the health and safety of every camper, making it our staff's top concern. Our goal is to keep campers healthy and happy so they can enjoy an incredible week at camp!

- A well-equipped Health Center is located on-site and staffed by medical personnel. We have "over the counter" meds in stock, so please do not send any ibuprofen, acetaminophen, or benadryl-type products with your camper.
- Clinics and emergency room care are located within 12 miles of camp and many of our staff are Emergency Medical Responders. Should your child require off-camp care, every attempt will be made to contact you first.
- Camp Shamineau carries secondary medical coverage on campers. Medical bills resulting from injury while at camp must first be submitted to the camper's personal medical insurer.
- Campers with epi-pens or inhalers should bring two, one to keep in their cabin and one to leave with the nurse. Bring an anaphylactic kit for severe allergies.

Dietary Needs

- **Gluten allergies:** Our kitchen offers gluten-friendly options at every meal. Please note, gluten-friendly meals are prepared in areas that also prepare non-gluten-free meals.
 - A very limited selection of gluten-free alternatives will also be available at the kitchen service counter.
- **Nut allergies:** Our kitchen does not serve peanut or tree nut products. However, some products may be manufactured in facilities that also process nuts.
- **Dairy allergies:** Lactose-free milk will be available at the kitchen service counter.
- For all other allergies, please contact the kitchen to discuss available options at foodservice@shamineau.org.
 - Unfortunately, the kitchen may not be able to accommodate all special diets.
 - Food storage space is available for guests who wish to bring their own food.

HOW ARE STAFF SELECTED AND TRAINED?

We carefully select our staff based on their personal commitment to Jesus Christ, maturity, character, and genuine love for children. Staff members undergo a thorough hiring process including interviews, reference checks, background checks, MinistrySafe training, and a week-long staff training on-site.

HOW DO I CONTACT MY CAMPER DURING THE WEEK?

NO TO PHONES & VISITORS

Please do not send cell phones to camp.

Campers will not be allowed to keep cell phones. Camp Shamineau is designed to be a place where campers step away from the noise of everyday life and into something different. We ask that phones stay home so that every camper can be 100% present for the friendships, faith, and the memories waiting for them here.

Campers are only permitted to make or receive phone calls in emergency situations. For emergencies, please call the camp office. After 5:00 PM, our answering machine will provide an after-hours emergency number.

Stay Connected

We'll keep you updated by email and text, be sure to check your spam folder so you don't miss anything!

*No visitors are allowed during the week.

YES TO EMAILS & MAIL

Camper Emails

To send an email to your camper, go to our website (shamineau.org). In the drop-down under "Summer Camps," click on "Email a Camper." Emails will be printed off each morning at 9:00 AM (Monday-Thursday) and distributed to campers during mail time. Due to system constraints, campers will not be able to respond to emails, and office staff will not reply to emails directed to your camper. We also request that you don't send multiple emails each day.

Mail

We recommend that parents drop off letters for their camper at check-in. Please label them with your camper's name. We'll store and deliver the letters throughout the week. If you're sending mail through the post office, allow at least 3-4 days for delivery.

Send mail to: PO Box 244, Motley, MN 56466

Please don't bring or send packages. Pack any treats in your camper's suitcase before arrival.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

8:45 Breakfast & Morning Devos

9:45 Bible Workshops

11:00 Event or Cabin Time

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Life Skill Classes

3:30 Free Time

*Waterfront, snack/gift shop, open gym, laser tag, zip line, and more!

6:00 Supper

7:00 Event

9:00 Chapel

*Games, Worship, and Gospel-centered Speaker

10:00 Event

11:30 Evening Devos & Lights Out

Past Events:
Soapbox Derby
Color Wars
Mud Wars
Beach Party

**Schedule subject to change*

HOW DO YOU HANDLE ... SEVERE WEATHER? WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES? POISON IVY?

Severe Weather

With summertime always comes the possibility of severe weather. Our directors monitor the weather constantly during any weather alerts, and the Morrison County Sheriff's department is in direct contact with us at those times. Counselors are trained in safety procedures in case of severe weather.

Waterfront Activities

Our waterfront has a dock system that divides the shallow part of the swim area from the deeper part. All campers are allowed to swim in the shallow areas and those who wish to swim in the deeper sections must wear a life jacket.

Certified lifeguards supervise all swimmers and waterfront activities. Lifejackets are provided by Camp Shamineau for all necessary activities. Tubing and various other boating activities are meticulously organized and conducted under the supervision of certified lifeguards and highly trained personnel.

Poison Ivy

Let your campers know that poison ivy grows abundantly in our area. Help them learn to identify it and encourage them to stay on well-traveled paths. Campers should always wash hands with soap and water after being in areas of possible poison ivy contact or use an alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizer.

HOW DO I USE MY FAMILY ACCOUNT?

To log into your family account, go to shamineau.org, click on "Login" and enter your username and password. If you forget your username and password, click on "Forgot your login information?" or give us a call and we can help you.

- To make changes to your camper's health form or medication list, click on your camper's name, then scroll down and click on "My Forms" or "Medications" and make any changes.
- To make changes to your reservation, click on the actual reservation. That will bring you to a page that lists all your reservation details.
 - To add a cabin mate or check on the cabin mates listed, click on "Additional Information." Click "Edit Information" to make changes. Please do not make changes to cabin mate requests within 10 days of camp.
 - To add an approved pickup person, click on "Pickup Authorization" and make your changes.
- Balance is due 2 weeks prior to your camp session and can be taken care of on your account under "Make a Payment."

Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel, you'll receive a full refund. Please call us promptly as we may have a waiting list.

PACKING LIST

<input type="checkbox"/> Pants/Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic/Running Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> Dirty Clothes Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen/Bug Spray
<input type="checkbox"/> Bath and Beach Towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag or Twin Bedding	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt/Jacket/T-Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Personal Care Items	<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/Socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Modest Swimsuit For girls - one piece or tankini For boys - no Speedos	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVENT CLOTHING (List will be sent out 2 weeks prior to camp session)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money (Card/Cash)

Do Not Bring

Excessive snacks, music devices, cell phones, electronic games, immodest clothing, weapons of any kind, alcohol, fireworks, vapes, illegal substances, expensive items/clothing, drones. If they are brought, they may be collected, stored, and if appropriate, returned at the end of the week. Camp Shamineau is not responsible for lost, broken or stolen items brought by campers.

Lost and Found

All items are discarded after 10 days. It is your responsibility to call camp and give us a detailed description of your lost items. If the reported items are found, we will call to make arrangements for your payment of the packing and shipping costs. It is a good idea to mark all items with your camper's name.

1 GOSPEL CENTERED **WHAT WE'RE ABOUT**

Every camper will hear the Gospel of Jesus at Camp Shamineau. God's love and salvation are at the heart of everything we do at camp, through chapel, daily conversations, devotions, and activities. After their time here, campers will leave having heard a clear message of God's love for them and His desire for a relationship with them.

2 FUN ACTIVITIES

Camp is full of fun and exciting activities! Campers can soar on the zip line, ride horses at the ranch, conquer the climbing wall, or make a splash at the waterfront with tubing, the Blob, or the Wibbit. Every activity is designed to build confidence, create lasting friendships, and make memories that will be talked about all year long.

3 STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIPS

At Camp Shamineau, cabins grow close through fun activities and shared experiences. Counselors are intentional about connecting with each camper, building real relationships, and encouraging them in their faith.

