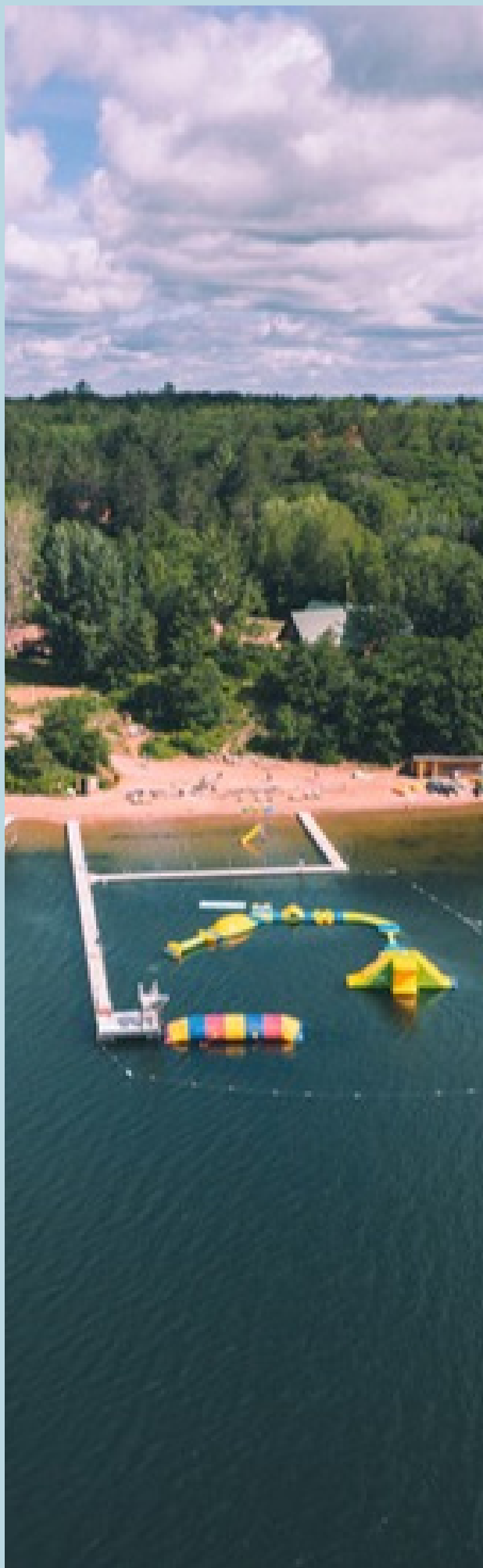

SUMMER CAMP PARENT GUIDE

2026

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 8:30am to 5:00pm, Closed Saturday, Open Sunday 1:00pm-7:00pm
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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 would 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 – 7:00 PM	Check-out is at 11:30 AM (Most camps end Friday)
If your child requires medication, you will hand it over to our health staff, located 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 meds in original containers.	Campers' luggage will be at the gym, sorted by cabins. <u>Campers will only be released to someone listed on their account as an approved person to pick up the child.</u> Medications can be picked up in the ballfield on check out day at the Health Center table.
If you have mail to drop off for your camper, our mail tent at the ballfield is the place to do so.	If you are not personally picking up your child at camp, make sure that you have listed the person picking up your child on your child's record (<u>All parents must be listed</u>).

Summer Camp FAQ's

HOW MANY CAMPERS WILL BE IN THE CABIN WITH MY CHILD? HOW MANY COUNSELORS?

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 10 campers and 2 counselors 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 10 campers.

WHAT IS THE CAMPER SPENDING ACCOUNTS? WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Camper Spending Account

- The Camp bank/camp store account is for our younger camps ONLY (Tenderfoot, Trailblazer and Cowpoke).
- Campers will stop by a "bank" during free time to withdraw money. All funds not spent will be refunded in cash on Thursday.
- A typical amount of spending money is \$25 to \$50.

Specialty Merch & Items

You can add specialty items to your child's registration any time before your arrival on your online account and will be delivered to their cabin early in the week. All campers will receive a T-shirt, as well as an email with the weeks video link and cabin picture.

All activities and meals are included in the registration price.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MY CHILD'S HEALTH NEEDS?

Health & Wellness

A well-equipped Health Center is located on site and staffed by medical personnel.

We do have “over the counter” meds in stock so please do not send any ibuprofen, acetaminophen, 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 inhalers should bring two, one to keep in their cabin and one to leave with the Camp Nurse. Bring an anaphylactic kit for severe allergies.

Dietary Needs

- **Gluten Allergies:** The Camp Shamineau 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 limited selection of gluten-free options (individually wrapped products produced by a certified gluten free company) will also be available at the kitchen service counter.
- **Nut Allergies:** The kitchen does not serve peanut or tree nut products. However, some products may be manufactured in facilities that also process nuts.
- **Other Food 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.

Other Notes: Food storage space is available for guests who wish to bring their own food. Unfortunately, the kitchen may not be able to accommodate all special diets.

HOW DO I CONTACT MY CAMPER DURING THE WEEK?

NO TO PHONES

At Camp Shamineau campers are only permitted to make or receive phone calls in emergency situations. Please do not send cell phones to camp. Campers will not be allowed to keep cell phones. Parents are requested to call for campers only in case of an emergency. After 5:00 PM an answering machine will provide an emergency number. This after-hours phone is a limited use phone for emergencies.

Stay Connected

During your camper's stay with us, we will send out emails and texts. It's a good idea to check your junk or spam folder for our messages, just in case, so you don't miss any important information.

* No visitors are allowed during the week.

YES TO EMAILS & MAIL

Camper Emails

To send an email to your camper go to the website www.shamineau.org. then click "send an email to a summer camper". Emails will be printed off each morning at 9:00 AM. Due to system constraints campers will not be able to respond to your emails and the office staff will not be able to reply to emails directed to your camper. We also request that you don't send multiple emails each day.

Mail

Campers enjoy receiving letters! If you're sending mail, allow 3-4 days for delivery. Many parents bring letters during camper drop-off; we'll store and deliver them. Label them with your child's name and drop them at check-in.

- Please don't bring or send packages. If you have a special treat, pack it in your child's suitcase before arrival.



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

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 always in direct contact with us at those times as well. Counselors are trained in procedures of safety in case of severe weather. Island campers shelter in the lodge on the Island.

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 well after being in areas of possible poison ivy contact or use an alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizer.

HOMESICKNESS

Preventing homesickness begins at home with you! While at camp, we'll support campers through any feelings, but here are some helpful tips:

- Encourage your child to bring a good friend; supportive friends can be a great help.
- Consider an overnight stay before camp to gauge readiness.
- Send cheerful, frequent letters to keep their spirits up.

If your child experiences significant homesickness, a staff member will reach out to discuss the situation.

HOW DO I USE MY FAMILY ACCOUNT?

To log into your family account go to www.shamineau.org, Click on “My Account” and enter your username and password. If you forget your username and password 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 the “My Forms or Medications” options 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 spending money to their Camp Store Account, (Tenderfoot, Trailblazers, Cowpoke only) click on their individual reservation and then the EDIT button next to the Store Deposit line.
- To add a cabin mate or check on the cabinmates listed click on their reservation and then click on “Additional Information – cabin mates”.
- 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 cancel, you’ll receive a full refund. Please call us promptly as we may have a waiting list.



MAIN PRIORITIES

1 CAMPER SAFETY



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. Additionally, we carefully select our staff based on their personal commitment to Jesus Christ, maturity, character, and genuine love for children. Each staff member undergoes a thorough hiring process, including interviews, reference checks, background checks, and a week long staff training.

2 GOSPEL-CENTERED



At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to being Gospel-centered and focused on Jesus. Our camps are designed not only to provide fun, adventure, and community but also to create meaningful opportunities for campers to encounter the transformative love of Jesus Christ.

3 FUN!!



We believe that joy and laughter are essential parts of the camp experience, creating memories that last a lifetime. Our programs are filled with exciting activities—all designed to inspire a sense of wonder and excitement. But more than just fun, camp is about building meaningful relationships. Through shared experiences, campers form lasting friendships, connect with caring staff, and grow in their faith together.

PACKING LIST

☐ Jeans/Shorts	☐ Athletic/Running Shoes	☐ Pajamas
☐ Water Bottle	☐ Dirty Clothes Bag	☐ Sunscreen/Bug Spray
☐ Bath and Beach Towel	☐ Sleeping Bag/Pillow/Twin Bedding	☐ Stamps/Envelopes/Postcard
☐ Modest Swimsuit (One Piece)	☐ Soap and Personal Care Items	☐ Underwear/Socks
☐ Sweatshirt/Jacket/T-shirts	☐ Bible	☐ Horse campers: Bring long pants and closed toed shoes.

Do Not Bring

Excessive snacks, music devices, cell phones, electronic games, immodest clothing, weapons of any kind, alcohol, fireworks, 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. Mark all items with camper's name.



TYPICAL SCHEDULE

8:00 Breakfast & Morning Devos

9:00 Skills Activity

*Marksmanship, Sports, Nature, Crafts, and more!

10:30 Cabin Time Activity

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Memory Verses

1:00 Amphitheatre

*Skits, roll call, and mail time!



1:30 Horizontal Half Hour

*(only for younger camps)

2:00 Free Time

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

3:30 Bible Ex and Cabin Time

5:00 Supper

6:30 Chapel

*Games, Worship, and Gospel-centered Speaker

8:00 Camp Wide Games

10:00 Evening Devos & Lights Out

Have more questions?

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