



## 2025 Registration Quest Summer Camp and Year-Round Program

Dear Families and Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in registering your child(ren) for our Quest Program and summer camp at Sherwood Forest! Please review the enclosed information with your child. In this packet, you will find information about the summer program in which your child will be participating as well as information on how to register.

### Important Information for You and Your Child

At Sherwood Forest, we love and appreciate that all of our campers hike to the beat of their own camp song! However, EVERY camper must meet the following criteria to be successful at camp:

1. They must want to come to camp.
2. They must have a willingness and ability to learn and participate in a group.
3. They must be able to care for themselves independently.
4. They must listen and follow the directions given to them by the staff at camp.

**These are required and not negotiable** to ensure camp is safe, kind, and fun for all.

There are a few things you and your child should know before applying to this program:

- 1) **This is a commitment.** Our goal is for campers to remain in our program until they graduate from the Leadership Training Program and hopefully, through the Supports for Success program, which works with them through high school and post-secondary education or training.
- 2) If you and your child choose to apply for this program, they are committing to attending the **entire summer camp session and participating in year-round programs.** *Arriving late or leaving early is not an option, so please consider your family's holiday plans, your child's summertime and extracurricular activity schedule carefully.*

**Returning Campers** – Registration opens in **September**. Your camper's spot for summer 2025 will be held until **November 1st**. You have until this time to register your child(ren) for camp either online or through the mail. After **November 1st** enrollment in camp will be open for new campers and we cannot guarantee a spot for your child. If you are having difficulty completing the initial paperwork, please contact our office at 314-644-3322.

**New Campers** – Registration opens on **Friday, November 1st**. New campers will automatically be placed on the waitlist while their application is reviewed and a space is confirmed. Once a new camper's registration has been confirmed, you will receive information about upcoming year-round programming. We expect all new campers to participate in year-round programming prior to camp.

PLEASE NOTE that 80% of our spaces are reserved for campers who qualify for the Summer Food Service Program and that we accept new campers who are completing 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade programs are only open to returning campers.

### Your Registration Packet Contains the Following:

2025 Program Information:

- Family Handbook – for parents, guardians, and campers

Registration Materials – **Must be returned to register your child for camp:**

- Application Packet
  - Application Form
  - Participation Waiver
  - Camper Conduct Policy
- Summer Food Service Program Income Eligibility Form
- Camper Goals and Objective Form (3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade campers ONLY)
- Health Form
  - Copy of Health Insurance Card (front and back) if applicable
  - Immunization Record (unless immunization dates are provided on the health form)
- Title XX Form (Illinois Residents only) – This form will be available in the spring.
- Deposit

In the spring you will receive a Medication Update form. Please complete this form ONLY if there are changes to your child’s health/medication since you completed the Health Form and turn this form in at the bus stop.

- Medication Update Form

All forms can be submitted online via CampBrain, returned via mail, or emailed to [programs@sherwoodforeststl.org](mailto:programs@sherwoodforeststl.org). If you would like to drop off a form, please call our office for our physical address. **Do not wait to apply for this program because of money. Please call us or include a note with your child’s application if you are concerned about paying for camp.** As you move through the registration process, please let us know if you have any questions.

**2025 Summer Program Dates and Registration Fees:**

“Grade” is based on current grade in school (2024-2025 school year).

All sessions are open to *all genders*.

	Mini Camp	Explorer Camp	Leadership Training Program
<b>Grade Level</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Session Length</b>	7 days	14 days	28 days
<b>Cost</b>	\$35	\$50	\$75
<b>Dates</b>	June 10 – June 16	June 19 – July 2	July 8 – August 4

New Camper Meet and Greet:

To prepare your child for camp, we require all new campers 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 encourage all new families to participate in an online orientation with our staff. 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 application materials.

We look forward to working with you and your child!

Sincerely,



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