



SONSHINE KIDS DAY CAMP 2025



Alabama Rural Ministry is beginning another fun and exciting year with the Tuskegee Sonshine Kids Day Camp. **Our Day Camp Parent Meeting will be Thursday, June 5th at 7:00pm CST at Tuskegee Methodist Church.** Children will participate in day camp Monday-Thursday **8:45am-3:00pm** each week beginning Monday June 9th, and ending Thursday July 18th, *(There will be no camp the week of July 4th)* Camp will end with our summer celebration Friday, July 19th.

During day camp, your child will participate in Bible stories, educational activities, arts and crafts, recreation, and a field trip. Information about day camp, a camper registration form, a liability form, a pool permission form, and an income evaluation form are included in this packet. Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete this packet. We're so excited to share in God's love with you and your family!

Quick Facts about Day Camp

1. Sonshine Kids Day Camp is for children who are at least **6** years of age and no more than **11** years of age.
2. Day camp will be held at Tuskegee United Methodist Church: 202 South Main Street Tuskegee
3. Sonshine Kids Day Camp is affordable for all children. We invite you, as a parent/guardian, to provide at least one sponsorship (\$45) per family. This helps cover the cost of various activities/materials throughout the summer.
4. Children should not be enrolled in another summer program at the same time as Sonshine Kids Day Camp.
5. Day camp begins at 9:00 AM, and children cannot be dropped off any earlier than 8:45 AM. They must be picked up no later than 2:45 PM.
6. Please do not allow children to bring toys, games, **cell phones**, or other distracting items to day camp. If any of these items are brought to camp, they will be taken up in the morning and given back when the child is signed out.
7. When discipline is required, corporal punishment, i.e. spanking, **WILL NOT** be used.
If we have excessive problems we will contact parents. If behavioral problems persist, your child may be dismissed from the program.
8. Each child must have a signed permission slip for each trip.



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DAY CAMP OVERVIEW

The Goals of Sonshine Kids Day Camp

As the ARM staff, we have committed ourselves to developing a summer day camp experience that strives to:

1. Foster a safe and loving environment for all children
2. Give children foundational Biblical principles that they can remember;
3. Create a space for children to recognize God's goodness and begin the path of discipleship;
4. Improve reading, writing, and practical life skills
5. Teach Bible stories and learn about positive role models both in the Bible and in the community;
6. Provide age-appropriate leadership development;
7. Understand the importance of serving and community engagement; and
8. Encourage creative expression.

Daily Schedule: Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Arrival - Sign-in / Opening Prayer
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Organized Recreation
10:10 - 10:40 AM	Snack & Restroom Break
10:40 - 11:30 AM	Educational Block #1 - Theme lesson, Bible story
11:30 - 11:50 AM	Praise and Worship / Music & Movement
11:50 - 12:30 AM	Lunch & Restroom Break
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Reading Time
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Educational Block #2 - Theme Activity
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Snack & Restroom Break
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Afternoon Stations
2:45-3:00 PM	Review the day / Camper sign out and dismissal



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Pool Day

Each Thursday, day camp will go to the Tuskegee of Auburn Pool. Campers should be dropped off at Tuskegee United Methodist Church (TUMC) at the usual time of 9:00 AM. After a morning of activities and lunch at TUMC, our staff and volunteers will lead the children to the Henderson Park Pool. ***Each child must bring a swimsuit, bag for their clothes, and a towel with them on pool day.*** All children should be picked up at Henderson Park Pool or Tuskegee Methodist Church no later than 3:00 PM.

In the case of bad weather, we will remain at TUMC for the afternoon.

Closed on Friday

Sonshine Kids Day Camp will be closed on Fridays.

DAY CAMP RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- **BE RESPECTFUL.** Listen to the day camp staff and do not behave rudely to other day campers or staff.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE.** Set a good example for others and keep your personal space and belongings clean and in order.
- **BE SAFE.** Do not engage in any activity that puts yourself or others in a situation where they could get hurt.
- **BE PREPARED.** Bring a good attitude and everything you need for a great day with you to day camp.

These rules will be reviewed the first week of day camp in great detail. We also ask that you go over these with your child. It is our hope that these rules reinforce a safe and positive environment. We will discuss the rules and the reason behind them with any child who has difficulty following them. Appropriate consequences will be enforced for unacceptable behaviors. Parents will be notified of any ongoing behavior problems.



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If children are involved in a major physical fight, parents will be called, and those involved may be sent home for the rest of the day. Habits of fighting or aggression physically or verbally will cause your child to lose his or her place in our day camp.

WHO WE ARE AND WHO WE ARE NOT

Alabama Rural Ministry's Sonshine Kids Day Camp is an affordable way to increase your child's spiritual, social, and educational well-being. Because we are a Christian ministry, it is important for us to extend an arm of Christ's love to all within our reach. We want your child to learn about the love of God and to be encouraged to grow into a community leader who exemplifies Christ in all he or she says and does.

The Sonshine Kids Day Camp is a community-based effort to build up God's family. We want you as a parent or guardian to be invested in *your* day camp. It is our intention that you and other community members will eventually operate the camp. In the end, we hope that you consider this an opportunity for your child to grow in love of Christ and for you to better your community.

It is equally important for you to understand that this is not a summer day care service and that our staff are not babysitters. Please do not treat this experience as such. We want your child to WANT to be with us. We look forward to spending the summer with you!

Please fill out the registration form on the following pages and **bring it with you to orientation** on **Thursday, June 5th at 7:00pm**. You can also **email it** to **lisa@arm-al.org**. **All sections of the application are required.** (Additionally, staff will be available at the church weekdays starting **June 2 from 9-4 for application drop-off**.)

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If this is your child's first year at Sonshine Kids Day Camp,
please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to
verify his or her age.

2025 Sonshine Day Camp Registration

Registration form must be turned in for your child to attend camp

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

Child's Age: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade completed: _____

T-shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

- If you have multiple children, each needs a separate registration but you do not need to re-write the parent and guardian information or other blocks, if it is the same, just note "same as" and the name of the child from the first application you filled out.

Mother/Guardian's Name:

Address:

City, State: _____ Zip: _____



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Phone Number: Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____



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Emergency Contact: If different from above

Name:

Relationship to child: _____

Phone: _____

Medical and Health Considerations (Please describe in the space provided)

Allergies:

Food: _____

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Medicine: _____

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Insects/Bugs: _____

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Textile: _____

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Other (please

describe): _____

Asthma/Breathing

Problems: _____



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Disabilities (Physical, Emotional, Behavioral, or Learning):

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Current or Recent Injuries:

Medications:

Has your child had Chickenpox? YES NO (please circle one)

Medical Insurance Details (if you already filled out from a previous application please note)

Insurance

Provider: _____

Policy Holder's

Name: _____

Member ID: _____ Group

Number: _____

Is he/she a foster child? Yes / No

Please help us by answering the following questions:

Are you a single parent family? Yes / No



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Head of Household's Name:

adults living in home:

children living in home:

Does your child participate in the free or reduced lunch program? Yes / No

Will your child be involved in other activities this summer (i.e. vacation, family reunion, etc.)? _____

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What makes your child happy?

What makes your child angry?

Please list any significant changes that have happened to your child in the past year (eg. injuries, remarriage of parent, death in the family, etc.):

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What are your child's hobbies/likes?

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Registration Questions - Child

Parents, please help your child fill out the questions below.

For Children ages 8-11:

Why do you want to go to Sonshine Kids Day Camp?

Why do you want to grow closer to Jesus?

What are you most excited about *learning* at camp?

What is one thing you are excited about *doing* at camp?

For Children ages 6-7: I want to go to Sonshine Kids Day Camp because:



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Draw a picture of what gets you excited about day camp!

Registration Questions - Parents

Parents/Guardians: Why do you want your child to come to Sonshine Kids Day Camp?

We'd love to have you come help at day camp this summer. If your child is accepted to day camp, in what areas would you be willing to partner with us in service at day camp? Please circle all that apply.

Making Snacks	Serving Snacks	Playing Music
Singing/Dancing	Playing Games	Providing Transportation
Swimming	Arts and Crafts	Reading with kids
Chaperoning Field Trips	Teaching a Lesson	Other: _____



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Please circle any dates you would be willing to help with our activities at day camp. You don't have to come for the whole day (even an hour would be great). The day camp staff will contact you when camp starts to coordinate.

JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12	(closed)
16	17	18	19	(closed)
23	24	25	26	(closed)

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	(closed)
14	15	16	17	(closed)
				18 Celebration

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the activities of Alabama Rural Ministry's (ARM) Sonshine Kids Day Camp. These activities include, but are not limited to, Bible-related activities, arts, music, recreational activities, weekly field trips to the pool, and an end of the summer field trip. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to release and discharge, identify, and hold harmless the ARM program, its director, and all other agents, volunteers, and employees of ARM from any and all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my child's participation in the program.



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____ (Initial) I consent to the transportation of my child to and from program activities by ARM staff and other adults affiliated with the program.

____ (Initial) I give permission for ARM to use photos containing the image of my child for informational material developed by the ministry.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND UNDERSTAND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please list below the individuals authorized to pick up your child on your behalf. Only the individuals listed below will be allowed to pick up and sign out your child from camp. There are no exceptions to this policy. You may add or subtract people from this list as needed.

Name Phone Relation to camper

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Pool Permission Form

Dear parents,

The staff of Sonshine Kids Day Camp would like to invite your child to join us every Thursday for a day at the pool. We will be at the Henderson Park Pool or Sanford Pool from approximately 11:30 – 2:00 PM every Thursday. Your child needs to be dropped off at Tuskegee Methodist Church by 9:00 AM and may be picked up at the Henderson Park Pool or Tuskegee Methodist no later than 3:00 PM. (We will let you know where the children/campers are swimming prior to the Thursday)

If bad weather is forecasted, we will remain at Tuskegee UMC.

Please have your child bring a swimsuit, towel, and plastic bag for wet clothes.

If your child has permission to swim with us, please sign the permission slip below.

✂ _____

My child, _____, has my permission to swim at the pool every Thursday of day camp.

Does your child know how to swim? YES / NO

ARM is offering swimming lessons as part of our life skills modules and the camp at no extra charge. Would you like your child to have swimming lessons and water safety?

YES / NO

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date