



# SONSHINE KIDS DAY CAMP 2026

Alabama Rural Ministry is beginning another fun and exciting year with the Tuskegee SonShine Kids Day Camp! **A Mandatory Parent Meeting will be Saturday, May 30th at 12:00pm CDT at Tuskegee Methodist Church.** Lunch will be provided, and all children registering for camp are invited to attend. Our first camp orientation day will be Friday, June 5th and will run from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM. After that, children will attend the regular day camp schedule Monday-Thursday, from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM each week, beginning Monday, June 8th and ending with our summer celebration Saturday, July 18th (time to be announced).

During day camp, your child will engage in Bible stories, educational activities, arts and crafts, recreation, and field trip(s). Youth mission teams from across the country will also join us, enriching and expanding the learning experiences offered to our day campers. Information about the day camp and required forms are included in this packet: a camper registration form, a liability form, a pool permission form, and an income evaluation form. 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, AL, 36083.
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 and 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. Campers *cannot* be dropped off before 8:45 AM. Campers must be picked up no later than 2:45 PM.
6. If this is your child's first time at SonShine Kids Day Camp, you will need to provide a copy of their birth certificate.
7. Campers may not 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.
8. When discipline is required, corporal punishment (e.g., spanking) WILL NOT be used. If a camper has a behavior problem requiring discipline, we will contact parents. If behavioral problems persist thereafter, your child may be dismissed from the camp.
9. Each child must have a signed permission slip for each trip.



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## 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. We intend that you and other community members will eventually operate the camp. In the end, we hope you will consider this an opportunity for your child to grow in love of Christ and for you to better your community.

It is equally important that you 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 the mandatory parent meeting** on **Saturday, May 30th, at 12pm**. You can also email it to [caleb@arm-al.org](mailto:caleb@arm-al.org) or mail to Alabama Rural Ministry P.O. Box 2890 Auburn, AL. 36831.

**All sections of the application are required.** Additionally, if you would like to drop off the application in person, staff will be available at the church weekdays starting **June 1st, from 9am-3pm**; however, you must still attend the mandatory parent meeting. If this is your child's first year at SonShine Kids Day Camp, you will need to provide **a copy of your child's birth certificate** to verify his or her age.



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## DAY CAMP OVERVIEW

### Goals of SonShine Kids Day Camp

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

- foster a safe and loving environment for all children.
- give children foundational Biblical principles that they can remember.
- create a space for children to recognize God’s goodness and begin the path of discipleship.
- improve reading, writing, and practical life skills.
- teach Bible stories and learn about positive role models both in the Bible and in the community.
- provide age-appropriate leadership development.
- understand the importance of serving and community engagement.
- encourage creative expression.

### Daily Schedule: Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Arrival, Sign-in, and 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, Worship, Music & Movement
11:50 - 12:30 PM	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, Sign- Out, & Dismissal



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## Pool Day

Each Thursday, day camp will go to the Tuskegee or Auburn Pool. **Each child must bring a swimsuit, bag for their clothes, and a towel with them on pool day.** 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. All children should be picked up at 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 on the first day and first week of camp in great detail. We also ask that you go over these with your child. We hope that these rules reinforce a safe and positive environment. We will discuss the rules and reasons 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.

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, both physical or verbal, will result in dismissal from the camp.



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## Registration Questions

This form must be completed in full and submitted for your child to attend camp.

**CHILD'S FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL S M L XL XXL XXXL

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Medical and Health Considerations:

Allergies:

Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Insects/Bugs: \_\_\_\_\_

Textiles: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma/Breathing Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Disabilities (Physical, Emotional, Behavioral, Learning, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current or Recent Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had Chickenpox?      YES      NO

**Medical Insurance Details** (If already filled out on another application this year, please note.):

Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Please help us by answering the following questions:**

Is this camper a foster child?    YES                      NO

Are you a single-parent family? YES                      NO

Head of Household's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults living in home:                      Number of children living in home:

Does your child participate in the free or reduced lunch program?    YES                      NO

In what other activities will your child be involved this summer (i.e., vacation, family reunion, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 (e.g., injuries, remarriage of a parent, death in the family, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your child's hobbies and interests?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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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?

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Why do you want to grow closer to Jesus?

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

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

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## 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?

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

**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	Saturday
(closed)	(closed)	(closed)	(closed)	5	(closed)
8	9	10	11	(closed)	(closed)
15	16	17	18	(closed)	(closed)
22	23	24	25	(closed)	(closed)
29	30	—	—	—	—

## JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
—	—	1	2	(closed)	(closed)
7	8	9	10	(closed)	(closed)
14	15	16	17	(closed)	19 (Celebration)



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## 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.

\_\_\_\_ (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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name Phone Relation to camper

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name Phone Relation to camper

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First and Last Name Phone Relation to camper

