



Summer 2023

Spirit in the Pines Camp & Registration Info

IN THE LIGHT



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At its best camp is a community where everyone is welcome, cared for, and deeply valued. For 22 years Spirit in the Pines has been bringing this kind of community to life, and it has overflowed into the classrooms, sports teams, and families that our campers are a part of.

Our campers come from a variety of backgrounds across the west metro area, including fourteen different faith communities and six school districts. Spirit in the Pines quickly becomes a second home, and we even have campers flying back to come to camp from other states.

This will be my second summer as director, and I'm entering my second decade of managing camp and outdoor programs. From my vantage point, what makes Spirit in the Pines unique is the way it harnesses traditional camp activities to highlight the choice we all have every single day—to be kind, to be grateful, and to be honest and authentic.

Our kids have lived through so much change during the pandemic, and they need spaces where they can truly step back, reflect, and practice living in this lighter way. This is why our theme for this summer is "In the Light." Living lightly, or in the light, means that we can see others through the lens of unconditional love, and that we can always extend connection and care.

We are excited to launch into another full capacity summer this year! We offer 9 weeks of youth camps and family camps that host over 200 people each week. We are also eager to grow and expand the ways we can serve your communities and your families. To that end, we are reworking our registration process to best enable friends to attend together, debuting off season programs for families and groups, and working in a wider variety of camp activities for campers to opt into every week. These include a brand new boat house, crafting room, additional challenge course elements, and more quiet areas to read and rest. Please connect directly with me using my contact information below about your ideas and interests as we continue to grow as one big camp family! I am so excited to welcome you to camp this summer!

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Main Lodge

Stone fireplaces, screened porch, game room, craft center, storm shelter, and dining hall

Comfortable Cabins

Complete with bathrooms, showers, mini-fridge, microwave, table and chairs, bunk style sleeping, and living area

Waterfront

Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, pontoon and fishing boats, swimming area, raft, and lily pad

Activities

Sand volleyball, basketball, ball field, playset, swings, gaga pit, tetherball, carpetball, frisbee golf, walking trails, and challenge course



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A Typical Day at Camp: Friends, Faith, & Fun!

Grade as of the 2023-2024 School Year

Camp at Spirit in the Pines is all about community! All week long caring counselors and staff build an accepting and inclusive atmosphere, lead fun games, and give inspiring faith talks around the campfire. Campers can choose from traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, gaga ball, carpetball, crafts, music, meal themes, and more.

This year we are continuing to add to our challenge course, and we are also adding more reflective spaces for down time. Our dining hall continues to serve incredible food, and we happily accommodate all dietary needs. Camper safety is a top priority all summer long, as is aligning with ACA standards. We can't wait to see you at camp!

First Two Kick-Off Weeks (Elementary & Middle School)

Our first two weeks of camp are packed with extra activities and mysteries as we kick-off a fantastic summer! At Quest camp we will add in an afternoon biking or hiking excursion offsite, and at Mystery Camp we will add in special science and art projects. Campers in Grade 5 who wish to attend the full week will get a \$215 discount.

Quest Camp	Ent. Gr. 3-5	\$495 (4 night)
Quest Camp	Ent. Gr. 5-7	\$365 (3 night)
Mystery Camp	Ent. Gr. 5-7	\$495 (4 night)
Mystery Camp	Ent. Gr. 3-5	\$365 (3 night)

Note: Camp Adventure Sessions #1 & #2 run these same weeks, and campers can opt into the activities as desired.

Camp Aspire (Elementary)

We have three types of elementary sessions to choose from that vary in length: 2 nights, 3 nights, and 5 nights. Some campers might want a shorter session, while others may want to attend a full week. Campers will be grouped in cabins and spend the day with kids in their same grade. Everyone will have the same safe and nurturing camp experience, guided by caring counselors and filled with fun activities like an olympic day! All of these Camp Aspire sessions will help elementary campers learn more about themselves, their faith, and how to build beloved community.

Camp Aspire Session #1	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$655 (5 night)
Camp Aspire Session #2	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$495 (3 night)
Camp Aspire Session #3	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$365 (2 night)
Camp Aspire Session #4	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$680 (5 night)
Camp Aspire Session #5	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$510 (3 night)
Camp Aspire Session #6	Ent. Gr. 3-6	\$380 (2 night)

Camp Adventure (Middle School)

At Camp Adventure your day is filled with laughter, land and water olympic games, team surprises, and amazing meals. Morning worship, cabin devotionals, and campfire talks from your peers will help you recognize how faith and grace show up in your life—in both good times and difficult times. This camp always ends on a high note with a new choose-your-own adventure every summer.

Camp Adventure Sessions #1-2	Ent. Gr. 6-8	\$655 (5 night)
Camp Adventure Sessions #3-4	Ent. Gr. 6-8	\$680 (5 night)

Camp Agape (High School)

Our pinnacle camp program for high schoolers brings together all the best parts of camp in one action filled week. Campers work together in teams all week long to complete activities and solve mysteries. This camp offers high school students a chance to unwind, connect with their faith and one another, and explore their calling in the world. Agape (ἀγάπη) is a greek word for God's unconditional love.

Camp Agape Session #1	Ent. Gr. 9-10	\$655 (5 night)
Camp Agape Session #2	Ent. Gr. 9-10	\$680 (5 night)
Camp Agape Weekend Session	Ent. Gr. 11-12	\$205 (2 night)

Family Camps & Girls Retreat

Come spend a weekend of quality family time in your own cabin at the lake! The following activities are included but optional for all ages: swimming, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, pontooning, hiking, campfire singing, arts and crafts, our challenge course, and more! Weekends #2-7 include 4 meals on Saturday, plus worship and brunch on Sunday. All cabins have a living area, 2-3 bedrooms, 1-2 bathrooms, a microwave, toaster, coffee pot, and mini-fridge.

Family Camp Sessions #1 & #8	\$210—3 Small Lakeside Cabins (2 bdms 8 ppl)
<i>No Meals Provided</i>	\$240—3 Medium Lakeside Cabins (3 bdms 12 ppl)
	\$270—4 Large Back Cabins (2 bdms 16 ppl)

Family Camp Sessions #2-#7	\$400—3 Small Lakeside Cabins (2 bdms 8 ppl)
<i>All Meals Provided</i>	\$420—3 Medium Lakeside Cabins (3 bdms 12 ppl)
	\$450—4 Large Back Cabins (2 bdms 16 ppl)

Fourth of July Family Camp	\$550—3 Small Lakeside Cabins (2 bdms 8 ppl)
<i>All Meals Provided</i>	\$570—3 Medium Lakeside Cabins (3 bdms 12 ppl)
	\$600—4 Large Back Cabins (2 bdms 16 ppl)

Just the Girls Retreat Weekend	\$125—Age 18+ \$75—Ages 5-17 Free—Under 5
<i>All Meals Provided</i>	

JUNE 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Family Camp #1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Family Camp #2
FC 1	Camp Adventure #1 (Ent. Gr. 6-8)			Quest Camp (Ent. Gr. 3-5)		Quest Camp (Gr. 5-7)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Family Camp #3
FC 2	Camp Adventure #2 (Ent. Gr. 6-8)			Mystery Camp (Ent. Gr. 5-7)		Mystery Camp (Gr. 3-5)
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 4th of Jul.
FC 3	Camp Agape #1 (Ent. Gr. 9-10)					

JULY 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Just the Girls Retreat
4th of July Family Camp			Independence Day			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Family Camp #4
Girls	Camp Aspire #1 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)		Camp Aspire #2 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)		Aspire #3 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Family Camp #5
FC 4	Camp Adventure #3 (Ent. Gr. 6-8)					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Camp Agape Weekend
FC 5	Camp Agape #2 (Ent. Gr. 9-10)					

AUGUST 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 Family Camp #6
CAW	Camp Adventure #4 (Ent. Gr. 6-8)					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Family Camp #7
FC 6	Camp Aspire #4 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)		Camp Aspire #5 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)		Aspire #6 (Ent. Gr. 3-6)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Family Camp #8
FC 7						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
FC 8						

Online Lottery Registration:

NEW THIS YEAR

January 21-22: This year there will be a two day lottery system when registration opens on Saturday, January 21 at 8:00 AM, and it runs through the end of the day Sunday, January 22nd. During this time each camper can register for one camp session that is their first choice, and their registration will be marked as "applied." There will be a question where you type in what your second choice is.

January 23 & Beyond: Campers who are admitted to their first or second choice session will be notified and auto-enrolled on Monday, January 23rd at 5:00 PM This is also the time at which registration will open fully with same-time enrollment confirmation. You can then register for additional sessions or request to swap sessions.

The Lottery System Will Have These Priority Levels:

1. St. Andrew Member or Confirmation Family
2. Friend or Sibling Registered for the Same Week
3. Total Years at Camp
4. Multiple Session Registrations Within One Family

Deposit & Forms: The \$100 Deposit is required at the time of enrollment. All other forms, including the health forms, will be added to your account on March 1 and are due by May 1.

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