



Sugar Creek Summer Camp Program Guide 2026

Sugar Creek is excited to welcome your camper for a safe, fun outdoor adventure rooted in God's love. This Program Guide is here to help you prepare, offering all the details you need to choose the right program, plan ahead, and make the most of your camper's Sugar Creek experience.

With a variety of programs for every age, there truly is something for everyone. Let us know how we can support your family in making faith your first priority.

ABOUT

Welcome to Sugar Creek Summer Camp, a sacred place nestled in the heart of the Driftless region of southwestern Wisconsin. Spanning over 600 acres of lush forests, serene trout streams, and expansive prairies, our camp offers a unique opportunity to "unplug and connect" with God, nature, and community.

An Outdoor, Rustic Adventure

At Sugar Creek, we believe in the transformative power of the outdoors. Our programs immerse campers in God's creation, fostering a deep sense of awe, respect, and curiosity. Whether it's hiking the trails, canoeing the pond, or gathering around a campfire, every activity is designed to help campers encounter Christ in a meaningful way.

Our summer facilities include traditional bunk house cabins, covered wagons, and various camping areas. The camp's rustic charm provides a perfect backdrop for adventure, reflection, and spiritual growth.

A Place for All

Sugar Creek is a welcoming community where all are invited to experience God's grace. As a shared ministry of 125 churches, primarily from the ELCA Lutheran tradition, we embrace individuals and families from all backgrounds and beliefs. Our mission is to provide a safe and loving environment where everyone can grow in faith and fellowship.

Dedicated to Your Camper's Growth

Our staff are committed to meeting each camper's unique needs, ensuring a supportive and enriching experience. **If you have questions about your camper's readiness for camp, we encourage open communication.** We're here to discuss any concerns and work together to make this a positive experience for your child.

Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

At Sugar Creek, faith formation is woven into every aspect of camp life. From Bible studies and worship services to outdoor adventures and community-building activities, campers engage in meaningful experiences that nurture their spiritual growth. Our programs are designed to equip, empower, and energize campers of all ages, fostering a strong sense of community and a deeper connection to God.

-Sugar Creek Bible Camp and Retreat Center Staff

Office hours, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
office@sgrcreek.org (608)734-3113
www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org

2026 Summer Schedule

X = Sunday - Friday Session, A = Sunday - Tuesday Session, B = Wednesday - Friday Session, DC = Onsite Day Camp									
Summer Camp Programs 2026	June 14-19	June 21-26	June 26-29	June 29-July 3	July 5-10	July 12-17	July 19-24	July 26- 31	August 2-9
Explorers (5K -3)	DC		Family Camp Session I	DC	DC		DC		DC (Aug 3-5)
Foresters (1-6)	DC	DC		DC	DC	DC	DC	DC	DC (Aug 3-7)
Buckaroos (2-3)		AB		NEW: Camp Dash, June 29 - July 1 for Grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, & 9-12	X*		AB		Family Camp Session II Aug 2-5 & Session III Aug 6-9
Seekers (4)	X				X*	X		X	
Pioneers (5)		X				X		X	
Wagoneers (6-7)					X		X		
Horse (6-8)	X					X		X	
STEAM (6-8)		X							
Elevated (6-8)						X			
Karios (6-9)	X						X		
Night (6-8, 9-12)		9-12			6-8			6-8	
Adventurers (7-10)					X			X	
Valley Sports (7-10)							X		
Rangers (8-10)		X							
Wheel & Water (9-12)						X			
Riverboaters (9-12)	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Jr Wranglers (9-12)		X						X	
Jr Wranglers Level 2 (10-12)							X		
Ignite (9-11)	X						X		
LEADs (11-12)	Session 1					Session 2			
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Camp Program Descriptions available on Sugar Creek's Website

Tiered Pricing

At Sugar Creek, no child is turned away because of cost. Camp offers a voluntary 3-tier pricing system so families can choose what fits their budget. The actual cost of a traditional week is about \$800, already reduced thanks to donations, church support, and volunteers. You pay what you can; donations cover the rest.

Summer 2026 Tiered Prices:

- Tier 1: \$795 – Covers the true cost of camp
- Tier 2: \$595 – Reduced rate for affordability
- Tier 3: \$495 – Deepest subsidy from donors and churches

Please select the highest tier you can afford to help other kids come to camp. Some programs (e.g., Riverboaters, Explorers) have set rates due to costs. Tier choice never affects the camp experience.

Families with 3+ children get a discount after the first two. "Camperships" may also be available through your church or Sugar Creek. Sugar Creek's application form online.

ENROLLMENT

Online

Step 1 – Go to the Registration Portal

- Visit www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/Enroll-Now
- Click Enroll Now to open CampWise.

Step 2 – Log In or Create an Account

- If you have an account, log in with your email and password.
- If you're new, click Create a New Account and follow prompts.

Step 3 – Add or Select Your Camper

- From your Dashboard, go to the Campers section.
- Select an existing camper or click Add Camper to enter their information.

Step 4 – Choose a Program

- If applicable, GHRID from your congregation
- Browse available sessions.
- Select your chosen week and program

Step 5 – Complete Required Forms

- Update Emergency Contacts
- Camper Profile Form *with Optional Cabinmate Requests*
- Camper Health Form
 - Allergies & Over the Counter Medications
 - More medication can be added later

Step 6 – Make Payment

- If applicable, apply congregation transfer code for church camperships.
- Pay Deposit or full balance, balances due by May 31

Step 7 – Submit & Confirm

- Double-check your information.
- Click Submit and watch for a confirmation email.

Alternative

Paper registration forms are available online or by request from the camp office.



NEED HELP?



Office Phone

608-734-3113



Email

office@sgrcreek.org

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES


Drop Off Sunday, 2 - 4 pm, Retreat Center

When you arrive, Sugar Creek Staff will help you:

- Drop off your luggage
- Check-in and receive your counselor's name
- Complete Health Office check-in
- Add funds to your snack canteen account, Trading Post open for shopping
- Families may enjoy a guided horse-drawn wagon tour of camp (weather permitting)

If you expect to arrive late, please call ahead to let us know. Early arrivals are not permitted as our staff are preparing for the week. To help check-in go smoothly, please enter all prescription medication information into CampWise before arrival. This allows our Health Officer to have accurate information ready in our new mobile medical app.

Please note: Pets are not allowed on camp property. We appreciate you leaving them at home to help us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for everyone.



*Buckaroos, Explorer, and Foresters have alternative drop-off and pick-up times. Please refer to camper letters or contact the camp office for your camper's time.

Pick Up Friday, 1 pm, Retreat Center

Your camper's adventure ends with a 15-minute closing program outside the Retreat Center. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please allow extra time for parking and consider bringing a lawn chair.

After the program, be sure to:

- Visit the Lost and Found table
- Collect your child's luggage
- Check out any medications
- Enjoy an ice cream treat together

If you plan to pick up your child before the closing, an early release form must be completed during Sunday check-in.



LOST AND FOUND

Many valuables are left behind! Sugar Creek does not keep Lost and Found long after summer. Sugar Creek has a lost and found form on the website (or scan QR Code) to complete to help us find your item and return it to you.

Health Center

First Aid, Medications & Dietary Needs

Sugar Creek provides a qualified volunteer Health Officer to administer First Aid and manage medications. Additionally, all Summer Staff are trained in First Aid and CPR to ensure camper safety throughout the week.

All medications, prescription and over-the-counter, must be in their original containers with clear directions. The Health Officer will collect and dispense all medications except inhalers/epi-pens, which campers may keep with them.

The Health Center stocks common over-the-counter medications, including aloe vera, pain relievers (acetaminophen and ibuprofen), antihistamines (such as Benadryl), antacids, laxatives, anti-diarrheal medication, cold medicine, cough drops, hydrocortisone cream, and antibiotic cream.

If your camper has a serious medical condition or special needs, please contact the camp office ahead of time so we can prepare to provide the best possible care. If your child has special dietary needs (such as gluten-free meals or severe allergies), you are welcome to pack supplemental food to ensure their needs are met.

In case of an emergency or serious health concern, parents or guardians will be notified immediately. Campers will be transported to Gundersen Health System in Viroqua, WI, if further medical care is needed.

Please provide at least one emergency contact who is NOT a parent or guardian. This helps us reach someone if we cannot contact you directly. Make sure all emergency contact information is up to date before camp. Please complete and submit all required health and medication forms before camp to help us provide the best care possible.

Further Questions? Contact 608-734-3113 or program@sgrcreek.org

Healthy Campers Begin With You!

- **Share important information.** Fill out your camper profile honestly and contact the Program Director about any mental, emotional, social, or physical needs so we can best support your child.
- **Encourage open communication.** Help your child practice telling their counselor about any problems or concerns. Our caring young adult staff want to help but need to know first.
- **Pack the right gear.** Include closed-toe shoes, sandals with a back strap, water shoes, a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and other items for active, outdoor play.
- **Prepare for camp life.** Begin reducing technology use and spend more time outdoors to get used to sun exposure, walking, and being active in nature.

Communication

At Sugar Creek Bible Camp, we know that being away from home can be both exciting and challenging for campers, especially for those who haven't spent much time away from family before.

Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that frequent contact with home during camp—especially through phone calls or texting can actually increase homesickness and make it harder for campers to adjust.

When a camper's focus shifts back to home, they may miss out on the chance to immerse themselves in camp life, build strong friendships, and discover their own independence. That's why Sugar Creek is a cell phone-free environment and we intentionally limit direct camper-home contact during the week.

This isn't about keeping you apart from your child—it's about creating a safe space where they can:

- Build lasting friendships in their cabin group
- Grow in confidence and problem-solving skills
- Learn to navigate new challenges with support from caring counselors
- Fully engage in the joy and community of camp life

We know staying in touch matters, so we offer two parent-camper communication options that still protect the camp experience:

Camper Email

You can send emails to your camper to scbccampermail@gmail.com. Please write camper name & program in subject.

Camper Mail

Everyone loves camp mail! If sending through the mail, please postmark a full week before your camper's first day of camp.

You are also welcome to bring a bundle of camp mail to drop off. Please address mail as:

Sugar Creek Bible Camp
Camper Name, Program, Dates
13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd
Ferryville, WI, 54628



Camp to Home Communication

Sugar Creek will use the phone numbers and emails you provide on your registration forms. If there are any serious health or emotional concerns, we'll reach out to you at home. Remember, if you don't hear from us, that means everything is going smoothly!

If we experience extreme weather, our team will send updates through "Remind" and post on social media. These updates might be a bit delayed because our main focus is keeping the campers safe.





Parents/Guardians: Please read this section over with your camper. it helps the Sugar Creek Community thrive if your camper knows that our expectations are also your expectations.

Responsibilities of Campers

Sugar Creek is a place for safe and fun outdoor adventures, rooted in God's love and grace. Your camper helps keep Sugar Creek fun and safe by...

- Staying with their counselor and letting adults know where they are going with a buddy.
- Not marking, defacing, or destroying camp or personal property or nature.
- Avoiding foul language and gestures.
- Understanding that rough horseplay, teasing, or unkind behaviors are not tolerated
- Not bringing snacks into the cabin to avoid unwanted critters and bugs coming into camp housing. (Campers with medical needs will be provided with proper storage.)
- Leaving all electronic equipment at home, including cell phones.
- Understanding that all valuables are brought at your own risk. While camp does make efforts to find lost and found items, it is not guaranteed.
- Bullying is not tolerated.

Behavior Management

We want every camper to feel safe, supported, and able to join in all the fun of camp life.

- Our staff use positive guidance strategies—such as redirection, clear expectations, and natural consequences—to help campers make good choices.
- If challenging behavior continues, a camper may meet with a year-round staff member to work together on a plan.
- Parents will be contacted if additional support is needed.
- In some cases, a camper may need to return home if behavior cannot be resolved.

For the safety of all, staff may skip steps and escalate immediately if a camper is at risk of harming themselves or others.

Subject to Dismissal

While rare, certain behaviors require immediate dismissal from camp to protect the safety and well-being of others. These can include possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances; possession of weapons; physical violence or fighting; leaving camp property without permission; theft; or actions that put the camper or others at risk of serious harm. In these situations, parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange for the camper's prompt departure from Sugar Creek.

Ways to Help Your Camper

We want every camper to feel safe, supported, and successful at camp. If your child benefits from one-on-one support at school or in other settings, we ask that you help arrange similar support here. Our staff are trained to work with a variety of needs, but we are not able to provide dedicated 1:1 behavioral management. Having the right support in place helps your camper, and the whole cabin, have a wonderful week together.

Summer Packing List

Sugar Creek is an outdoor, rustic, adventure camp. Clothing should be durable and suitable for spending lots of time outside. Dressing in layers is recommended to adjust to changing weather throughout the day. Many programs include at least one night sleeping outdoors, so a sleeping bag is ideal. Do not bring items of value and please label everything with your camper's first and last name. **Some programs require additional items (hammocks, bikes, helmets, etc.) be sure to check your camper's letter.**



Essentials to Bring:

- Backpack or drawstring bag — To carry daily essentials around camp
- Reusable water bottle
- Bible — If you don't have one, we can provide one!
- Raincoat or poncho — Activities happen rain or shine!
- Personal hygiene items: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant
- Towels: bath towel, washcloth, and beach towel
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen

Recommended Footwear: All shoes must have a backstrap

- Sneakers — for everyday activities
- Sandals — for pool time
- Boots or sturdy shoes — required for horseback rides (Crocs are not allowed in the barn)
- Water shoes or old shoes — for creek stomping

Clothing & Bedding:

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Warm clothes — evenings can be cool
- Long pants — Mandatory for horseback riding
- Summer wear — comfortable clothes for warm daytime activities
- Swimsuit



Optional Items:

- Camera (digital or disposable)
- Card games, friendship bracelet supplies, books, journals — great for cabin downtime
- Hat and sunglasses
- Guitar or other musical instruments
- Extra blankets or a favorite stuffed animal

Dress Code: All clothing and swimsuits should be appropriate for a Bible camp, similar to your camper's school dress code. If you have questions, contact Program Director Stephanie Engel at program@sgrcreek.org.

Please Do Not Bring: Valuable or irreplaceable items, cell phones or other electronics, pets, firearms, fireworks, knives, tobacco products, alcohol, or non-prescription drugs, or food. *Campers found with alcohol or drugs will be dismissed from camp. Other prohibited items will be securely stored and returned at departure.*

Typical Day at Sugar Creek?

There's no such thing as a "typical" day at Sugar Creek! With over 20 unique programs and the flexibility of our decentralized village model, no two days are ever exactly alike. Each village creates its own schedule, allowing campers to explore, play, and grow in ways that fit their age group and program. That said, here's a glimpse of what a day might look like at camp:

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday (Arrival Day)		Drop-Off & Check-In → Get-to-Know-You Games	Dinner → Orientation → Large Group Worship → Campfire → Bed
Monday (Typical Day)	Breakfast → First Word → Morning Activities	Lunch → Afternoon Activities → Snack Canteen	Dinner → Field Games → Campfire → Worship → Devotion → Bed
Tuesday	Breakfast → First Word → Morning Activities	Lunch → Afternoon Activities → Snack Canteen	Camp Cookout → All-Camp Game → Campfire → Worship → Bed
Wednesday	Breakfast → First Word → Morning Activities	Lunch → Afternoon Activities → Snack Canteen	Spaghetti Dinner → Christ Hike → Prayer Worship → Bed
Thursday	Breakfast → First Word → Morning Activities	Lunch → Afternoon Activities → Snack Canteen	Camp Cookout → Village Night → Special Worship by Age Level → Bed
Friday (Departure Day)	Breakfast → First Word → Bible Study → Pack Up	Worship → Lunch → Closing Program	

Activities

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Bible Study
- Bird Watching
- Campfire Songs
- Canoeing on the Pond
- Capture the flag
- Cooking over the Fire
- Creek Stomping
- Devotions
- Disc Golf
- Field Games
- Fire Building
- Fishing
- Fort Building
- Frog Catching
- Frontier Farm
- Gaga Ball
- Hammocking
- Hiking to Lookout Point
- Horseback Rides
- Kayaking
- Nature Center
- Night Hike
- 9-Square
- Orienteering
- Parachute Games
- Photography
- Pool Party
- Prayer Labyrinth Walk
- Sauna
- Service Project
- Skits & Drama
- Slip 'N Slide
- Stargazing
- Swimming
- Teambuilding
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Worship
- Wagon Rides
- Volleyball
- & More!

Canteen & Trading Post

The Snack Canteen is available daily for your camper, offering a variety of chips, cookies, ice pops, sports drinks, and juice boxes. Prices range from \$0.50 to \$1.50. It is recommended that your camper have no more than \$20 in their snack canteen account. Canteen money can be added during online registration or at check-in.

Programs that go off-site, like Riverboaters, should retain their canteen money, as there will be opportunities to stop at a gas station to purchase snacks for the week.



The Trading Post is the camp's merchandise store. This will be available at both drop-off and check-out for your camper. Items can include:

- Stickers & other small items - \$1-10
- Hats & water bottles - \$15-25
- Stuffed animals - \$10-25
- Shirts (various sleeve lengths) - \$20-35
- Sweatshirts & outerwear - \$35-60
- Shorts & Pants - \$30-40



When you add money to your canteen account, you will be asked if you would like to donate any "leftover" money. This money is added to the Sugar Creek Campership fund. This helps your ministry never have to turn a family away due to financial need. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to spread the word about the life-changing ministry of Sugar Creek!

Sugar Creek Staff

Sugar Creek is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association, a mark of excellence that reflects our commitment to the highest standards of safety, program quality, and camper care. Before the summer begins, our dedicated staff participates in an intensive two-week training program designed to prepare them for every aspect of camp life. This includes nationally recognized certifications in lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid, along with specialized instruction in youth development, group leadership, outdoor skills, and emergency preparedness. We want every camper's experience to be safe, joyful, and deeply meaningful, and our training equips our staff to nurture, protect, and inspire every child who comes.

For Summer Employment see:

www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org/Summer-Camp-Employment

**Thank you for choosing
Sugar Creek Summer
Camp & Retreat Center
for your family!**



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