

# Welcome to Camp Sonshine!

**A COUNTY-LICENSED, STATE-CERTIFIED, AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED CAMP**

## ***Dear Parent(s),***

Thank you so much for taking a step toward the most fun-filled summer of your child's life! The summer of 2009 promises to be an exciting one for you and your child, as we at Camp Sonshine strive for excellence in our commitment to serve you. We are dedicated to **Trained Leadership** you can trust, **Safety and Security** you can rest easy with, **Quality** you can count on, and **Christian Values** you can believe in. These values are what make Camp Sonshine a repeat favorite for so many families, as we aim to build relationships not only during the summer, but also during the year in our Camp Sonshine community. Beyond that, we believe we've found the recipe for extreme fun, constantly exercising our creativity in order to make each year special. Below you will see some comments from parents of campers that return year after year to experience summer... Camp Sonshine-style.

***"I feel comfortable knowing that my kids are in such a supportive and caring environment. The counselors are always happy and young at heart and are great role models for the kids." --parent***

***"We feel our child is in a wonderful positive environment and have really seen her grow as a result of her time at Camp Sonshine." --parent***

***"Camp Sonshine is one of those life experiences that I am proud to be able to provide to my children. The children are the proof that Camp Sonshine is all that the literature says it is." --parent***

Again, thank you for making us a part of your summer 2009. We are genuinely looking forward to serving you and your child as we create memories that last a lifetime.

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# Extended Season Camps

## 2009 SPRING BREAK—APRIL 6-10

### *Campers in K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

We are looking forward to getting a head start on the summer through endless hours of memory making with great counselors and old friends. Join us at our Silver Spring location for a week of adventure and excitement! Activities may include field trips, assembly, moonbounce, archery, go-karts, and so much more.

Daily times are 9 AM to 4:15 PM. Extended Care is also available for an additional fee. There is very limited space, so please register early! If any program becomes full, a waiting list will be maintained thereafter. In March, you will be sent a letter explaining important details.

Full payment of tuition fees (see page 16) is required upon registration. There is a \$40 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds after February 27, 2009. Refund requests before that date should be in writing.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR SPRING BREAK CAMP.**

### *6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade*

#### *Exciting Activities and Trips!*

6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades day trips will be held separately from each other. Previous Spring Break activities have included Paintball, Kings Dominion, Six Flags, Players Amusement Center and many more. Be on the lookout online and via mail for more details to come.



## 2009 NINTH INNING—AUGUST 17-21

Parents gave the Ninth Inning program an EXCELLENT rating last year! We offer five additional days of exciting activities the week of August 17-21 from 9 AM to 4:15 PM. Ninth Inning is located at the Silver Spring location. Extended Care is available for an additional fee. **Ninth Inning is located at the Silver Spring location ONLY.** There is very limited space, so please register early!

Full payment of tuition fees (see page 16) is required upon registration. There is a \$40 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds after May 15, 2009. Refund requests before that date should be in writing. All fee policies listed in the Camper Application are in effect.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR NINTH INNING.**

**Ninth Inning is located at the Silver Spring location ONLY.**

### *Grades Pre-K-5*

#### *Exciting Activities and Off-site Trips!*

Campers will participate in a variety of traditional Camp Sunshine activities, including go-karts, arts and crafts, assembly, moonbounce, archery, and nature activities. They will also have special off-site trips, including swimming.

### *Grade 6*

#### *Amazing Activities and Trips!*

Activities may include swimming, bowling, roller skating, ice-skating, laser tag, arcades, and more fun than you can possibly imagine! Join us for this incredible week with awesome counselors, great friends and exciting activities everyday.

### *Grades 7-10*

#### *What a way to end the summer! One awesome, mind-blowing week!*

Activities may include roller skating, Players Family Amusement Park, All Star Sports Complex, ice-skating, or other amusement facilities. Look forward to endless hours of memory making opportunities with great counselors and friends from the summer! Ninth Inning for Teen Adventure will be located at our Silver Spring location on New Hampshire Avenue.

\*\*Please note that drop-off and pick-up times for Teen Adventure may vary from the regular camp schedule due to extended day trips. You will receive a complete schedule and information sheets prior to Ninth Inning Camp starting.

# Program Descriptions

## **SILVER SPRING LOCATION**

### ***DISCOVERY CAMP***

#### ***4-year-olds through Kindergarten***

We cut no corners to give our 4-year-old through Kindergarten campers the extra-special care they love and you want. This is a formative time and individual attention goes a long way. In a nurturing small-group atmosphere, Discovery campers enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities, including moonbounce, mini paddleboats, swimming (at local pools), supervised playground time, natural sciences, arts and crafts, Bible discovery time, story time, organized games, nature activities, toboggan run, and theme days. There is an optional Latestay on the first Thursday of each session, during which campers eat hot dogs, toast marshmallows around a campfire, and go on a tractor ride. Campers are placed in groups with other children from their own age and grade level. *Children must be at least 4 years old by the first session they attend.*

### ***EXPLORER CAMP***

#### ***Campers who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades***

Explorer campers enjoy a safe and active outdoor program in which they find new experiences and unforgettable fun-filled adventures. Activities include go-karts, archery (for campers just completing 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), canoes, paddleboats, swimming (at local pools), natural sciences, arts and crafts, drama, Bible discovery time, sports and water games, nature activities, toboggan run, and great theme days. Campers will also participate in Open Choice time in which they choose from a variety of exciting options to enrich their camp experience. There is an optional Latestay on the first Thursday of each session, during which campers eat hot dogs, toast marshmallows around a campfire, and go on a tractor ride. All campers are grouped by grade. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, campers are also grouped by gender.

### ***ADVENTURE CAMP***

#### ***Campers who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades***

Adventure Camp offers a safe and active outdoor experience in which campers build friendships, develop skills, grow in confidence and character, and create great summer memories. We are excited to continue allowing campers to focus on their interests with our Elective program. We'll have 8 great options including some of last year's favorites such as Adventure Challenge, Spy Camp, and many more! Additionally, be on the look out for some new options this year! Campers will participate in Electives three times a week (more details to come). In addition, we will continue to offer traditional camp activities such as low ropes elements, go-karts, archery, canoes, paddleboats, swimming (at local pools), arts and crafts, drama, Bible discovery time, sports and water games, fort building, and nature activities. Special activities are field trips and activity days. Past special activities have included bowling, roller skating, and the National Zoo. Adventure Camp has an optional Overnighter on the first Friday of each session on the campgrounds. During overnights, campers get to participate in many exciting themed activities, as well as camp out. All campers are grouped by grade and gender.

### ***ADVENTURE 5***

#### ***Campers who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade***

The Adventure 5 Program has been specifically developed to suit campers just completing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We hand-select staff who have a desire to mentor and build relationships with children preparing to enter middle school, while looking for opportunities to build character through fun activities.

Adventure 5 campers have the opportunity to go on many exciting field trips including bowling, skating, berry picking, laser tag, swimming, and many more! As well as awesome field trips, the program offers traditional camp activities at least once a session such as go-karts, archery, canoes, crafts, scavenger hunts, high ropes course, climbing wall, as well as counselor planned activities which allow time for fort building or specialized activities selected by the counselor and their group. Campers will not want to miss out on the optional Overnighter the first Friday of each session on the campgrounds. During overnights, campers get to participate in many exciting themed activities, as well as camp out. All campers are grouped by gender.

### ***HIGH ADVENTURE***

#### ***Campers who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade***

High Adventure is an exciting daytrip based program. The activities in this program are tailored to meet the likes and needs of High Adventure campers. Our trained staff builds fulfilling, supportive relationships with your pre-teen to give them the best possible summer experience! High Adventure boasts an incredible program full of games, theme parties, swimming, skating, bowling, laser tag, and awesome day trips to places which may include but are not limited to IMAX, baseball games and Cunningham Falls. Each session campers get to participate in high ropes, climbing wall, low rope elements, go-karts, archery and other traditional on-grounds camp activities. A typical session includes 3-4 visits to the pool or swimming locations.

Campers have an Overnighter (included in tuition fees) on the first Friday of each session. Activities for our overnights may include Six Flags America, All Star Sports Complex, and other exciting activities. Campers stay on-grounds overnight, which provides a unique opportunity to build relationships and team unity. Counselors also help lead group discussions on various topics affecting pre-teens today. Our trained staff really cares about this age group and knows how to give pre-teens an incredible summer! All campers are grouped by gender.

**\* Please be sure both you and your child sign the conduct agreement in the application, and return it to Camp Sonshine. We require a signed conduct agreement for each child currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above. Additional copies can be downloaded from our website [www.campsonshine.org](http://www.campsonshine.org) after registration opens.**

## **LEADER-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM - Leadership Specialty Camp**

### **Teens who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades**

The Leader-in-Training (LIT) Program aims to equip teens with leadership skills they can use throughout their lives, and since camp is about learning by doing, LITs learn these leadership skills in a safe environment, through a combination of fun and challenging group leadership sessions, together with hands-on experience working with kids alongside trained counselors. LITs help maintain group control, create a safe environment, and assist in activities while putting their leadership skills into practice. LITs assist in several areas of camp including activities and groups Pre-K to 2nd grade.

This program is approved for Montgomery County, Howard County and Prince George's County student service learning hours as required for High School graduation. Teens have also used this type of leadership experience to put on applications to such organizations as the National Honor Society and various colleges.

#### **LIT Program Highlights (included in tuition):**

- Bus Transportation (if required)
- LIT Extended Care (if required)
- LIT Latestay with more fun than you can handle
- End-of-summer Party
- Leadership Skills Training
- One-on-one Adult Mentoring
- Student Service Learning Hours (Max. 70 hours per session)
- Exciting field trip

In order to be placed in the LIT program, please complete the application at the end of this packet. After your application is returned, you will receive additional paperwork which must be filled out and returned. For more information, please call Camp Sonshine at (301) 989-2267.

#### **Important Information regarding Transportation and Extended Care:**

Although Bus Transportation and Extended Care are included in the cost of tuition, please indicate on application which service will be utilized.

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## **SATELLITE LOCATIONS**

### **TEEN ADVENTURE**

#### **Teens who have completed 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades**

Teen Adventure is widely known as one of the best teen programs in the area, in fact we have won numerous "Best Teen Camp" awards in the Silver Spring area. We believe that our success is the result of our commitment to excellence in the area of staff, program and activities. Teen Adventure's most important asset is the staff. They believe in investing in the lives of teenagers; it's all about building meaningful relationships. That is why we search the world to hire counselors who are not only committed to Christian values, but who are also trained to relate to teens and help them with the issues they face. We strive to create an environment where teens feel safe emotionally and physically, where they can be themselves, hang out with friends, and have great role models.

Our program is designed to be nonstop, no-let-down, over-the-edge fun. We do activities teens love. Everyday we travel to cool locations which may include but are not limited to Beaver Dam, laser tag, water parks, bowling and skating. Other specialized activities may include scavenger hunts, WNBA game, Mess Olympics, talent show and many more.

Mind-blowing overnights are our hallmark. We stay in great hotels for all our overnight trips, and we've been doing these types of trips for many years, and have implemented procedures to ensure safe and successful overnights.

**\*This year we will no longer be using charter coach buses for our overnights, but instead investing in upgrading our fleet of blue camp buses we use everyday with air conditioning and audio/video systems.**

We are excited to offer these four overnight trips this summer:

**Session 1: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.** *June 25-26.* Beach which includes a boardwalk with shopping, arcades and restaurants. We also spend half a day at a huge water park.

**Session 2: Busch Gardens, Virginia.** *July 9-10.* Amusement park with a variety of rides, games, shows, and amazing roller coasters.

**Session 3: Ocean City, New Jersey.** *July 23-24.* Beach which includes a boardwalk with shopping, arcades and restaurants.

**Session 4: Hershey Park, Pennsylvania.** *August 6-7.* Amusement park with a variety of rides, games and a water park.

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## ***WILDERNESS ADVENTURES SPECIALTY CAMP***

Wilderness Adventures specializes in exciting outdoor adventures and creative projects for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade children. We purposefully plan and facilitate the program to allow campers to develop a greater appreciation for nature, to build relational skills and to see God through His creation. We accomplish this through a program that provides each camper with a safe environment where he/she can explore, create, and develop, both personally and as a member of his or her group. Together they will tackle the many exciting activities and adventures found in the wilderness. It is our desire that campers come away from their time at Wilderness Adventures with greater confidence and better-developed outdoor skills.

Our drop-off and pick-up are located at Ednor Park in the North Silver Spring area, only minutes away from the Silver Spring location. This allows us the opportunity to utilize the same offices and benefit from the convenience of Camp Sonshine's extensive bus transportation service.

## ***WILDERNESS EXPLORATIONS***

### ***Campers who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades***

These young explorers will have many opportunities to satisfy their curiosity if they choose to answer the call of the wild. Campers will learn the basics of archery, building a fort, keeping an off-road go-kart on the track, and what it takes to build a safe campfire. Hiking, exploring the forest and creeks, conquering our climbing wall and the many other adventures found at Wilderness Adventures will create memories for these campers that will last a lifetime. Our elective options, weekly field trips and regular pool trips keep things exciting, as do the optional Overnights on the first Friday of each session where campers will get to eat outdoors and sleep out under the stars. Campers are grouped by grade and gender.

## ***WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS***

### ***Campers who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades***

This program is for campers who desire an adventure. Campers will have plenty of opportunity for adventure as they build forts, make campfires, and explore the forest and its streams. Some of the other activities that campers will get to try are archery, off-road go-karts, climbing wall, outdoor cooking, weekly field trips, multiple trips to the pool, specialized electives, tubing, and various ropes course elements. The optional Overnighter on the first Friday of each session gives campers the opportunity to bond with their counselor and group as they cook their dinners over the fire and sleep under the stars as a group. Campers are grouped by grade and gender.

## ***WILDERNESS EXCURSIONS***

### ***Campers who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades***

This program has limited spaces, due in part, to the specialized activities which campers will be experiencing. No previous experience is necessary, however campers who enjoy the opportunity to take on a challenge and to work together as a group will absolutely love what Wilderness Excursions has to offer.

Some of our activities include, but are not limited to: whitewater rafting, canoeing, tubing, swimming, hiking, go-karts, archery, climbing wall, building projects, high ropes challenges, scavenger hunts, outdoor cooking, fire building, and outdoor sports. Along with these daytime activities, the Overnighter (included in tuition fees) on the first Thursday of each session will allow campers to grow as a team as they set-up their campsite, prepare their dinner over an open fire and camp out under the stars.

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## ***GERMANTOWN LOCATION***

*A Camp Sonshine camp convenient for children coming from the Germantown, Damascus, and Gaithersburg area.*

Celebrating eighteen years of bringing Camp Sonshine's award-winning program to the Germantown area, this satellite location offers top of the line traditional day camp activities and a stellar reputation for consistently great staff. Whether it's on or off-site, Germantown campers enjoy a wealth of age appropriate activities ranging from our trademark go-karts to our outrageously fun assemblies to our fun-filled theme days and pool trips. In addition, Camp Sonshine counselors take the time to share basic Christian values at key moments in the camp day through their model behavior, individual attention, and coaching through challenges. Hundreds of campers return year after year to join in Camp Sonshine Germantown's safe, fun and welcoming Christian environment where counselors lead campers through a wealth of fun activities and help them build better relationships with their peers, with themselves and with God. Please don't hesitate to call our office at (301) 989-2267 ext. 1272 if you have any questions about any of our programs.

## ***DISCOVERY AND EXPLORER CAMP GT***

### ***Campers who have completed Pre-K–2<sup>nd</sup> grades***

We cut no corners to give your child the extra special care you want and they deserve. Our youngest campers' safe and structured schedule includes go-karts, archery, canoes\*, paddleboats, swimming, moonbounce, drama, arts and crafts, water games, and nature activities. Activities are also held off grounds, which may include, but are not limited to: local state parks, children's museums and Cunningham Falls. Activities are outside in the fresh air or in our air-conditioned rooms. This program is popular and tends to fill up quickly! Campers have an optional Latestay on the first Thursday of each session. All Latestays are off-grounds, and campers participate in special activities such as going on an adventurous stick hunt, roasting their own marshmallows, playing games, and more! Discovery campers (Pre-K and K) are in mixed-gender groups. Explorer campers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) are grouped by gender.

\*Pre-K and Kindergarten groups participate in mini paddleboats.

## ***ADVENTURE CAMP GT***

### ***Campers who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades***

Adventure Camp offers a safe and active outdoor experience in which campers build friendships, develop skills, grow in confidence, and create great summer memories! Activities vary by grade and include go-karts, archery, canoes, paddleboats, swimming, moonbounce, drama, arts and crafts, sports and water games, and nature activities.. Activities are also held off-grounds, which may include but are not limited to: bowling, roller-skating, miniature golf, Cunningham Falls, and more!

The Adventure program includes what we call 'Choose your own Adventure'. 'Choose your own Adventure' will be a half-day set aside for your child to choose what activity he or she would like to specialize in. Each child will have this opportunity once a week as part of our Adventure Program. Campers choose from a wide range of activities that highlight a variety of skills and interests. Activities in the past have included things like: spy tactics and training, culinary masterpieces, karate, sports, dance, music videos, backyard combat engineering and others. Adventure campers come home tired and happy after days filled with safe, incredibly fun and unforgettable experiences.

Campers have an optional Overnighter the first Friday of each session. Overnighters are held at Little Bennett Regional Park where campers participate in special team-building activities such as setting up their group tent and roasting marshmallows over a campfire, playing games, and camping out in tents! All campers are grouped by grade and gender.

## ***HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP GT***

### ***Campers who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades***

The activities in this program are tailored to meet the likes and needs of High Adventure campers. Our trained staff builds fulfilling, supportive relationships with your teen to give them the best possible summer experience! High Adventure boasts an incredible program full of games, theme parties, swimming, roller-skating, bowling, ice-skating, and awesome day trips to places which may include but are not limited to: Splashdown park, Baltimore Inner Harbor and more! Campers have an Overnighter (included in tuition fees) on the first Friday of each session. Activities for our overnighters may include Six Flags America, All Star Sports Complex, and other exciting locations and activities. Counselors also help lead group discussions on various topics affecting teens today. Our trained staff really cares about this age group and know how to give pre-teens and teens an incredible summer! All campers are grouped by grade and gender.

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## ***TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP GT***

### ***Campers who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades***

Our Teen Adventure Program is based on activities teenagers love. We will do things like exciting scavenger hunts, travel to places like laser tag, water parks, theme parks and much more.

Mind-blowing overnighters are our hallmark. We stay in great hotels for all our overnight trips, and we've been doing these types of trips for many years, and have implemented procedures to ensure safe and successful overnighters. We will join our Silver Spring Teen Adventure Camp for these amazing adventures. For a list of dates and scheduled locations, please refer to page 7.

**\*This year we will no longer be using charter coach buses for our overnighters, but instead investing in upgrading our fleet of blue camp buses we use everyday with air conditioning and video/ audio systems.**

We know teenagers need meaningful relationships and good role models to follow. That's why we hire counselors who are not only committed to Christian values, but who are also trained to relate to teens and help them with the issues they face. We strive to create an environment where teens feel safe emotionally and physically, where they can be themselves, hang out with friends and have great role models. All campers are grouped by grade and gender. If there are changes in grouping, you will be notified.

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## ***COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM GT***

### ***Teens who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above***

*This program is approved for Montgomery County community service hours as required for High School Graduation. Please call for more details.*

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is designed to give teenagers who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above the opportunity to learn leadership techniques, experience personal growth, gain new friends, and have fun in the process. CITs help maintain group control, create a safe environment, and assist in activities while working with our trained adult staff. CITs work in areas of camp that include groups Pre-K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. There is an extensive application and interview process for which references and a background check are required. For an application or more information, please call our Germantown office at (301) 989-2267 x1272. **The application included in this packet is not used for Germantown counselor-in training applications.**

# General Information

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or concerns regarding any camp location, please contact the Camp Sonshine Main Office at:

**Phone:** (301) 989-2267

**Fax:** (301) 989-7116

**Address:** 16819 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

**Office Hours (M-F):** 12:00 PM–5:00 PM (10/1-2/28)  
9:30 AM–5:00 PM (3/1-6/21)  
7:00 AM–6:00 PM (6/22-8/21)

## DATES

• **REGISTRATION BY TWO-WEEK SESSION ONLY, EXCLUDING EXTENDED SEASON CAMPS.**

• **NO SPLIT SESSIONS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

• **CAMP REGISTRATION IS NON-TRANSFERABLE**

Spring Break	April 6–April 10
Session 1	June 22–July 3
Session 2	July 6–July 17
Session 3	July 20–July 31
Session 4	August 3–August 14
Ninth Inning	August 17–August 21

## EXTENDED CARE

We offer extended hours for parents' convenience. The cost is a flat rate—it is the same whether you use all or part of the maximum time each day or whether you use the service every day or irregularly. Enrollment covers each morning or each afternoon of the entire session. Fees listed on page 16.

### SILVER SPRING LOCATION

**Silver Spring Extended Care:** Located at the Camp Sonshine campgrounds. Hours are 7:15–9:00 AM and 4:20–6:00 PM. (not available for Teen Adventure or Wilderness campers. See Satellite Locations Extended Care).

### SATELLITE LOCATIONS

**Teen Adventure Extended Care:** Hours are 7:15 AM–9:00 AM and 4:20 PM–6:00 PM.

**Wilderness Adventures Extended Care:** Hours are 7:15 AM–9:00 AM and 4:20 PM–6:00 PM.

**Germantown Extended Care:** Hours are 7:30–9:00 AM, and 4:20–6:00 PM.

## CAMP HOURS

9:00 AM – 4:15 PM  
(See *Extended Care* hours if necessary.)

## TRANSPORTATION

Camp Sonshine offers bus pick-up at several locations. Enrollment covers each morning or each afternoon of the entire session. The cost is the same whether you use the service everyday or irregularly. Fees are listed on page 16. Bus stops are in the areas listed below. See application for specific times and places. Vital details will also be sent with your Parent Guide in the spring.

### *Silver Spring, Teen Adventure, and Wilderness programs*

Aspen Hill	Ellicott City
Potomac	Gaithersburg
Rockville	Bethesda
Greenbelt	Savage
Briggs Chaney	Scaggsville
Clarksville	Laurel
Silver Spring	Columbia
Layhill	Takoma Park
Damascus	Olney
Wheaton	

Camp Sonshine may find it necessary to change a bus stop, at which time you will be notified and offered an alternative stop or refund of fees paid for transportation.

\*Transportation availability is guaranteed until April 24, 2009.

## GROUP PLACEMENT

You may request to be grouped with a **maximum** of two friends of the same grade. Pre-K and Kindergarten are considered separate grades. Second grade and above must also be the same gender. *Please note that your friend must request you as well!* Grouping requests cannot be taken after April 3, 2009. Although we will do our best to honor these requests, they cannot be guaranteed.

# Location Guide

## SILVER SPRING

This camp is located on 25 acres of beautiful woods, fields, and streams in North Silver Spring, behind Immanuel's Church at 16819 New Hampshire Avenue. Camp Sonshine is joined by 20 acres of parkland with several athletic fields and a recreation building.

## TEEN ADVENTURE

Teen Adventure is located at Hampshire View Baptist Church at 360 Ednor Road in North Silver Spring. This ideal location is about one mile from Silver Spring main camp location.

## WILDERNESS

Wilderness Adventures is located at Ednor Park, which is adjacent to the Silver Spring location and only a one-mile drive away. The park provides us with playing fields, a building to shelter us from afternoon showers, and a few acres of forest to explore.

## GERMANTOWN

This camp is located on the grounds and in the air-conditioned classrooms of Neelsville Presbyterian Church at 20701 Frederick Road. This location, right in the heart of Germantown, makes it especially convenient for those living in the Germantown/Damascus/Gaithersburg area.

# Financial Information

## DISCOUNT RATE

Take advantage of our discounted tuition rates by submitting full payment *with* your registration by **January 30, 2009**. Amounts are listed on page 16. Applications received with *just* \$150 non-refundable deposit will not qualify for discounted rate.

Note: There is no discount on the \$35 registration fee or convenience options (See fees on page 16). Please see details on the next page for information about our multi-sibling/session discount.

### *Payments*

A check\*, cash, credit card authorization (MasterCard or Visa only), or money order for the full amount is required post marked or in the Camp Sonshine Main Office by January 30, 2009. Any sessions not paid in full at time of registration or **any** registration received after January 30 will be billed at the Regular Rate.

## REGULAR RATE

Our Regular Rate is applicable for:

- tuition not paid in full at registration
- all registrations after January 30, 2009

Amounts are listed on page 16.

### *Deposit*

A \$150 **non-refundable** deposit per child is required with the application as minimum payment, if not yet paying in full. The \$150 non-refundable deposit is applied toward the full balance. (It is not a separate fee, but reserves your child's spot.) The \$150 deposit as minimum payment is not available on or after April 3.

### *Payments*

Payments can be made by check\*, cash, credit card authorization (MasterCard or Visa only), or money order. All fees are due April 3, 2009. Full payment must accompany registrations that are submitted on or after April 3. **ON OR AFTER MAY 15, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CHECKS FOR ANY REASON. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH CREDIT CARD, MONEY ORDER, OR CASH.**

**\*There is a \$35 fee charged for returned checks.**

**\*\*Please see the following page for important information regarding our cancellation and refund policy.**

# Financial Information

## FINANCE POLICIES AND KEY DATES

**Note that all refunds must be requested in writing!**  
**Registrations and cancellation policies are by child, not by family.**  
**\*There is a \$35 fee charged for returned checks.**

POLICY	EXPLANATION	DATES	FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Session/ program exchange	Example: Changing from session one to session three, <b>if there is space</b> . Changing programs, or changing location (i.e., from Silver Spring location to Wilderness program).	November 11 to April 3	No charge!
		After April 3	\$35 administrative fee per camper per transaction.
Canceling a session	Canceling one or more sessions while retaining others. All cancellations must be in writing. Please note that having a sibling on the waiting list is not cause for a refund. <b>No refunds for canceling Spring Break after February 27, 2009.</b>	November 11 to April 3	\$40 administrative fee per camper per session canceled.
		April 4 to May 15	50% of all fees due will be charged. Any paid over this will be credited.
		After May 15	<b>THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR SUMMER SESSIONS OR NINTH INNING AFTER MAY 15.</b> Please note that summer school is not cause for a refund.
Canceling everything (per camper)	Canceling everything you have been registered for. All cancellations must be in writing. Please note that having a sibling on the waiting list is not cause for a refund.	November 11 to April 3	All fees paid are returned except the \$150 non-refundable deposit per camper.
		April 4 to May 15	50% of all tuition fees due will be charged. Any amount paid over this amount will be credited.
		After May 15	<b>THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR SUMMER SESSIONS OR NINTH INNING AFTER MAY 15.</b> Please note that summer school is not cause for a refund.
Final payment deadline	Due date for all fees.	April 3	Balance of tuition and all other fees due (including convenience options). Any registrations received on or after April 3 must be accompanied by payment in full.
Sonshine Family Discount	Signing up for 4 or more sessions total of camp, whether for one child or multiple children. Does not include Ninth Inning or Spring Break.	Any time	\$50.00 discount per child registered MAXIMUM DISCOUNT OF \$200 PER FAMILY PER SUMMER
Sickness/school extension policy	Absence of more than four consecutive days due to illness or school being extended.	During Camp	Camp will credit for the days missed after, but not including, the first four days when requested in writing and accompanied by a doctor's/school note.
Waiting List	Applicable only to children on the waiting list. Does not apply to enrolled siblings.	Any time	If child is unable to enroll, or is withdrawn from the waiting list, all payments are returned. Payment is not processed unless camper is enrolled. Please note that having a sibling on the waiting list is not cause for a refund.
Convenience Options	Credit for Extended Care, Latestays, Overnighters, and Transportation.	Until Session Begins	Fees will be credited if the service is canceled before the session begins. If canceled during session, there is no refund. Please note that bus transportation is guaranteed available until April 24.

# Financial Information

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POLICY	EXPLANATION	DATES	FINANCIAL INFORMATION
No more checks accepted	All payments must be made by cash, credit card, or money order.	After May 15	Any sessions or Convenience Options added after May 15 may not be paid for with a personal check.
Late Fees	Late fees will be charged for accounts that are not paid in full by April 3. Campers from accounts not paid in full will be dropped from our database.	April 4 to May 15	A \$10 late fee per week will be added to any accounts not paid in full by the April 3 payment deadline.
		After May 15	We reserve the right to drop any accounts not paid in full by May 15 <i>without refund</i> .
Spring Break/ Ninth Inning	Because of limited availability, fees for Spring Break and Ninth Inning must be paid in full upon registration.	After November 11	

## Sonshine Family Discount

up to \$200!

"Camp Sonshine is one of those life experiences that I am proud to be able to provide to my children". We agree, and we're always looking for ways to bring the Camp Sonshine experience to more families, so we're excited to offer our brand-new **Sonshine Family Discount**. This special discount has been designed to make the camp experience more affordable and accessible for you and your family.

**Here's how it works:**  
 If you sign up for a total of 4 or more sessions, you will receive a discount of \$50 off your camp tuition for each child you are registering, up to a maximum of \$200 per family! (e.g. Send two children to camp for two sessions each and receive \$100 off your tuition cost. Better yet for larger families, send four children to camp for one session each and receive the maximum discount of \$200 off your camp tuition).

**To get your special discount,** simply follow the steps below.  
 If you're applying online, enter the special coupon code below. If you're filling out a paper application, please complete the attached blue "Sonshine Family Discount" card and mail or fax it in with your application.

**COUPON CODE: SFD\$50**

**Eligibility Guidelines**

- This discount only applies if you purchase 4 or more sessions
- Coupon code: SFD\$50 must be used to activate the discount
- Discount does not apply to Ninth Inning or Spring Break Camp
- Coupon code must be entered at time of registration
- MAXIMUM DISCOUNT OF \$200.00 PER FAMILY PER SUMMER

# Fee Amounts and Explanations

The fees listed below are based on amounts due per child, per two-week session at Camp Sunshine.

FEE		EXPLANATIONS
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>	\$35 one-time fee	One-time fee per year, per child. Covers administrative costs of registration.
<b>SUMMER TUITION</b> • <b>Silver Spring Location</b>	<b>DISCOUNT RATE</b> BY 1/30/09	<b>REGULAR RATE</b> AFTER 1/30/09
-Discovery (Pre-K-Kindergarten*)	\$399 per 2-wk session	\$419 per 2-wk session
-Explorer (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-Adventure (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-Adventure 5 (5 <sup>th</sup> grade*)	\$409 per 2-wk session	\$429 per 2-wk session
-High Adventure (6 <sup>th</sup> grade*)	\$449 per 2-wk session	\$469 per 2-wk session
-Leader-in-Training	\$349 per 2-wk session	\$369 per 2-wk session
<b>• Satellite Locations</b> <b>Germantown</b>		
-Discovery GT (Pre-K-Kindergarten*)	\$399 per 2-wk session	\$419 per 2-wk session
-Explorer GT (1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-Adventure GT (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-High Adventure GT (6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$449 per 2-wk session	\$469 per 2-wk session
-Teen Adventure GT (8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$499 per 2-wk session	\$519 per 2-wk session
<b>Teen Adventure (7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades*)</b>	\$499 per 2-wk session	\$519 per 2-wk session
<b>Wilderness</b>		
-Explorations (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-Expeditions (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$389 per 2-wk session	\$409 per 2-wk session
-Excursions (7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	\$449 per 2-wk session	\$469 per 2-wk session
<b>EXTENDED SEASON CAMPS</b> • <b>Spring Break (April 6-April 10)</b>		Extended Care is available during both Spring Break (K through 5 <sup>th</sup> ) and Ninth Inning (Pre-K through 10 <sup>th</sup> ).  \$30 AM or PM \$60 AM and PM <b>PLEASE NOTE: TRANSPORTATION IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE DURING SPRING BREAK OR NINTH INNING.</b>
-K-5 <sup>th</sup> grades	\$239	
-6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grades	see page 2 for more information	
<b>• 9th Inning (August 17-21)</b>		
-Pre-K-5 <sup>th</sup> grades*	\$239	
-6 <sup>th</sup> grade*	\$249	
-7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grades*	\$269	
<b>EXTENDED CARE</b>	\$55 per session for AM. \$55 per session for PM. \$7 per one-time use.	Cost is the same whether you use all or part of the maximum time each day and whether you use the service every day or irregularly. Enrollment covers each day of the entire session. Cost for Extended Care is for any of the referenced locations.

# Fee Amounts and Explanations

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FEE		EXPLANATIONS
<b>TRANSPORTATION**</b>	\$55 per session for AM. \$55 per session for PM. \$7 per one-time use.	Cost is the same whether you use the service every day or irregularly. Enrollment covers each day of the entire session. Must be signed up before the beginning of the session. PLEASE NOTE: There is no transportation for Germantown camp.
<b>LATESTAY</b> (Pre-K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade*)	\$20 per stay	Session 1: June 25 Session 2: July 9 Session 3: July 23 Session 4: August 6 Campers have the option to stay until 8:00 PM on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each session.
<b>OVERNIGHTER</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grades*)	<b>Silver Spring</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades / \$35 per stay 6 <sup>th</sup> grade / included in tuition <b>Germantown</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades / \$35 per stay 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> / included in tuition <b>Teen Adventure</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grades / included in tuition <b>Wilderness Adventures</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades / \$35 per stay 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grades / included in tuition	Session 1: June 26 Session 2: July 10 Session 3: July 24 Session 4: August 7 Campers have the option to stay overnight the 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of each session. Campers are picked up on Saturday morning. Early pickups available. <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Overnights for campers 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade in the Teen Adventure, GT Teen Adventure, and Wilderness Excursions programs are on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each session.

\*All grouping is determined by the grade the child has just completed.

\*\* Must sign up for bus transportation by April 24, 2009, to guarantee availability.

# Quotes from our 2008 Parents

**"Safety is extremely valued by staff. I never worry my child is not having fun and will come home safe, filthy, full of laughter, smiles and new songs."**

**"Everything about CS is wonderful...we love it!! We especially think that the counselors make a huge difference...they are different from any other camp counselors we have met before."**

**"I love that 'attitude' — everybody smiling and ready to answer a question with a friendly response. It is universal there and I love it!"**

**"The experience my kids have every summer is unmatched! All year they look forward to camp. If you opened a school, I would send my kids there year-round."**

**"Camp Sonshine is the best camp I've ever sent any of my children to."**

**"Camp Sonshine lets kids be kids. My son got dirty, jumped over streams and came home exhausted and with a smile on his face. He and I LOVED it!"**

*Camp Sonshine is a day camp that exists to honor God in all that we do by pursuing excellence in our service to children, teens, parents and staff and to enable growth and development in a safe, caring, Christian environment.*



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