

## WHAT TO BRING TO SILVER BIRCH RANCH!

- Sleeping bag or blankets and linens (twin beds): pillow
- **Modest** casual clothing: modest shorts, t-shirts, jeans, sweats, socks, underwear; pajamas (See separate document for 2024 SBR Dress Code .)
- Old clothes for "messy" games; extra pair of socks for games
- Jeans and closed-toe shoes are required for horseback riding.
- Sweatshirts/jacket for cool weather
- **Modest** swimsuit (Girls: **modest** one piece or modest tankini—See SBR Dress Code document for details.); Swim shorts are encouraged for girls.
- Gym shoes (**and an extra pair** for rafting that can get wet!!)
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Water bottle and cinch sack or backpack
- Rain gear /jacket
- Toiletry articles: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth, cup, brush
- Laundry bag (Do NOT use a plastic garbage bag, please. They rip AND get mixed-up.)
- Bible, paper, pens, envelopes, stamps
- Flashlight; sunscreen; bug spray; optional: camera, fishing gear
- Personal sports equipment (fishing pole, baseball mitt, etc.) is allowed.
- Please **do NOT bring** knives or weapons, electronic games of any kind, fireworks, tobacco, firearms, alcohol/drugs, or animals. SBR staff reserves the right to search and seize campers' items that are not allowed or are misused at camp.
- **Cell phones are not allowed. Any devices brought will be collected, stored in a secure area, and returned to campers at the end of the camp session.**
- Smoking is not permitted in the buildings and is only permitted by those 18 years and older (non-campers).
- For those High School campers who drive themselves to camp, **keys** must be turned in upon arrival and will be returned on departure day.



**Silver Birch Ranch is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.** Please mark all clothing and equipment clearly with camper's first & last name. Missing items (other than socks and underwear) which we are able to find can be returned, **upon request**, for a postage and handling fee. We suggest that you make a clothing check-off list for your child to check on the day returning home from camp. We recommend that new or expensive clothing not be brought to camp.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Camp's Goals:** The goals at Silver Birch are 4-fold: **SAFE: Safe—Affordable—Fun—Effective** (See our website for further description.)

**Health & Safety:** The safety of each camper is paramount and we make sure that each program area of camp is staffed by well-trained individuals. There is a potential for risk whenever activities and campers are involved, however, we have initiated safety measures, to the best of our ability, to limit the level of risk. (See website for camp activities list: silverbirchranch.org) We will contact you by phone in case of your child's illness or injury while at camp.

**Medications:** Please make sure that your camper's prescription medications are updated and listed on the Medical section on your camper account Dashboard.

**SBR Transportation (Coach buses & vans)** (from Chicago area): Add, delete and manage through "Optional Items" on the Dashboard.

**Camper Photos and Video Digital Downloads** Check out our camp pics at silverbirchranch.org/camper-photos. Pictures will be posted beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> full day of the session, but due to our location and tech issues, the postings may be delayed. Please visit our website for access to this year's session pics and videos.

**Spending money:** Our "**Canteen/Trading Post**" offers a wide variety of items for sale beyond the normal pop, candy, and pizza. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other camp apparel can be purchased for \$8-\$35, along with other camp souvenirs. Items like toothpaste, stamps, etc. will be made available at a nominal cost. Money is banked "on account" at camp to avoid the risk of losing it, and the remaining amount will be returned to and sent home with the campers.

**Special Dietary Meals** for gluten-free and/or dairy-free must be made online with the registration. There is an additional charge of \$28 for 6-day sessions. Requests are not guaranteed, any late requests (within 7 days prior to the session) may not be able to be honored due to lack of food availability and will be charged an additional late fee. The **SBR kitchen is not** a celiac, wheat-free, peanut-free, or tree nut-free facility. See Special Dietary Meals document or FAQs under Summer/Youth Camps/Need to Know Info button for more details. Contact [foodservice@silverbirchranch.org](mailto:foodservice@silverbirchranch.org) with questions.

**Mail:** Mail letters to your camper before they leave for camp to ensure delivery while they are at camp and always use your return address. (We also encourage sending self-addressed stamped envelopes with your camper to send you a note from camp.)

**Send mail and packages to: Silver Birch Ranch Camper Name N6120 Sawyer Lake Road White Lake, WI 54491**

**Email:** See the document about **Bunk1—our form of camper one-way email communication**. The campers do not have access to computers to return emails. (silverbirchranch.org→SUMMER→YOUTH CAMPS→"Bunk1 Email" link.) Cost involved. Use of the authorization code on the Bunk 1 letter will be needed. The code for 2024 is SBR2024.

**Payments:** Please make a payment online or by mail for your camp balance 1 week in advance of your session. If any questions arise concerning your balance, please contact Linda at 715.484.2742x230/Linda.Wager@silverbirchranch.org.

**Attire:** Please see the **2024 SBR Dress Code Document**. To maintain an appropriate atmosphere at camp, we ask that you pack according to the SBR Dress Code a **modest wardrobe for active wear** for the week, and that you **don't bring clothes that draw attention to your body**. **Thank you, girls and guys, for your cooperation with modest dress.** Campers dressing inappropriately and immodestly will be asked to change to modest clothes.

**Camper Departures:** For those picking up their campers at the end of the session, the camp program for the week ends at **10:30 am**. **Campers will be picked up at the Chapel. Reminder: Note your session dates carefully.**

**Emergency Contact:** Call our office (715.484.2742) if you have an emergency message to be given to your camper.

**Program begins** at supper-6pm.

**Cancellations:** If your child is unable to attend his/her camp session, please call & let us know. (The registration deposit fee (\$75) is not refundable and is only transferable within 2024 Youth Camps to not-yet registered campers or immediate family members registered for another session.. Any Canteen payment made online is refundable due to a camper's cancellation.

**Parents-**Thank you for entrusting your child with us. We're prepared to do our utmost for each camper's happiness, health, and safety, as God's Word is shared with them daily.

