

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR CAMPER FINANCIAL AID

Because we feel that Christian camping is such a powerful tool that changes lives, **Silver Birch Ranch does not want any student's financial status to stand in the way of an opportunity to come to Silver Birch Ranch.** As the result of the generous support of SBR friends, we are able to provide funds to a limited number of low-income families to help defray the cost of camp. Please follow the instructions below to complete the financial aid application and send to: Berggren Financial Aid Fund, N6120 Sawyer Lake Road, White Lake, WI 54491. You can also fax it in to (715) 484-2743 or scan and email to: linda.wager@silverbirchranch.org.

FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES

- 1) Applicant should request financial assistance from their home church before applying for SBR aid.
- 2) Applicant's family income should be under extreme financial stress / circumstances to apply.
- 3) Applicant is to pay the applicable Registration Fee and Transportation Fee (if requesting bus transportation to/from SBR).
- 4) Financial Aid is only offered for 1 session per year.
- 5) Financial Aid is seldom awarded for retreats, and only for SBR sponsored retreats.
- 6) Adult and Family aid is a lower priority than youth camp, and very limited.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Part 1: Complete your personal contact information. Be sure to include an email address as that is our primary mode of communications.

Part 2: Provide information as to the reason for seeking financial aid, amount you will be providing, and if you requested support from your church.

Part 3: List the names of each family member registering for camp. Provide birthdate(s) and grade(s) for child(ren). Select the camp session you are requesting (see our website for dates) and provide that information for each registrant. Bus transportation is available to SBR from Mt. Prospect, IL during youth camp sessions. If your child requests this transportation, please write "YES" in the transportation box.

Part 4: State your current annual gross household income from wages, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's benefits, disability benefits, and ANY OTHER INCOME.

Part 5: The adult who completed the application must sign the form.

Church Recommendation Form: You should provide the Church Recommendation Form to your local church pastor, leader, or director for evaluation. Our receipt of this form is part of the Financial Aid Application. Failure to submit the form could delay or prevent financial aid.

Please allow enough time for your recommendation form to be returned before your desired camp session. It can take up to two (2) weeks for a financial aid decision to be made after all paperwork is turned in. You will be notified by e-mail or mail if you qualify for financial assistance, and, if so, the amount awarded.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

This explains how we will use the information you give us.

Silver Birch Ranch requires the information on this application in order to determine eligibility for available financial aid. We will use your information only to determine if your child is eligible for financial assistance, and for administration and enforcement of the financial aid program. Go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore to learn more about your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act:

Church Recommendation Form for Financial Aid for Silver Birch Ranch

Dear Church Leader,

The above applicant has requested financial aid. Because Silver Birch Ranch has limited resources to assist campers in need, we ask that you complete this form, as well as consider supporting this family's need.

Please return this recommendation to:
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White Lake, WI 54491.

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I recommend that you make financial aid funds available.

I do not recommend that you make financial aid funds available to this individual.

Our church will help with funds needed for this child go to camp? Yes No

If YES, how much will you provide? \$ _____

(Send any designated aid money to Silver Birch Ranch, Attn: Linda Wager, N6120 Sawyer Lake Rd., White Lake, WI 54491 with the camper's name noted.)

Name

Church

Church Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

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Rcvd: ___/___/___