



South Reno 
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Summer Camp 2025
Family Handbook



June 23-27
South Reno United Methodist Church
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A Church Overview

The fruitfulness of South Reno UMC depends upon its people.

- We are unashamedly God-centered. In everything we do and say, we glorify the Three-in-One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We are also passionately people focused. All people, regardless of their spiritual condition, matter to God and to us.
- We are strategically team-based. Ministry is best accomplished by teams of people with diverse gifts and abilities, who are bound together by a common purpose and covenants of trust.

Our Mission is "To PARTNER with God in MAKING DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ who makes disciples for the TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD for the GLORY OF GOD."

We fulfill our vision by helping people grow into fully devoted disciples of Jesus, guided by our values. We draw inspiration from John Wesley's strategy for making disciples in 18th century England:

"For each wave of grace, there is a corresponding formative element to connect people to that grace" ...this conscious alignment is one of Wesley's finest legacies to the Christian tradition.

People come to South Reno UMC seeking guidance. A clear path. One which communicates how to connect within the community, grow their knowledge of God, and make a positive impact on others.

Like the church, the foundation of Summer Camp is to help people who come to South Reno

- Become... more like Jesus in the way we live.
- Belong...and grow in Christian community.
- Bless...others with time, talents, and treasure.

Our mission is to guide young people on their journey to discovering their gifts and to developing a close relationship with God.

Summer Camp Basics

South Reno Summer Camp is called "**Set Sail**."

The dates are June 23-27. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. - noon Monday - Friday. Drop off is at 8:45 a.m., and pick up is by 12:00 p.m. Staff/volunteer hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Set Sail will serve children ages three - 5th grade. The average class size is 10-12 students.

Camp is \$50 for the week. Financial aid is available for families who are not able to incur the cost of Camp.

Middle School (6th - 8th) and High School (9th-12th and recent graduates) students may volunteer to serve as junior guides. Training is required. College Students (18 years - Seniors) may volunteer to serve as Camp guides. Training is required.

Daily Schedules will include:

- Bible stories/lesson
- Crafts
- Music
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Explorations
- Games
- Snack Time (snacks provided)
- Fellowship

Parents will receive follow-up home activity information for enrichment.

South Reno Camp is staffed by volunteers (guides and junior guides) and in part by church staff.

Registration priority is given to SRUMC community members and opens on **Friday March 7**. General Reno/Sparks community registration opens on **Friday March 14**. All registration will close when camp capacity is met. Wait lists will be available.

Building Relationships and Partnerships

Family/Guardian Agreements

We want to work in partnership with our parents and guardians. These positive and proactive **RELATIONSHIPS** will lead to a successful week for camp. Below are our parent/guardians' agreements.

We will ask that parents/guardians agree to...

Read all camp materials, emails, and communications.

Engage with camp by communicating with staff and volunteers.

Listen each day to their child's camp stories of adventure.

Arrive for drop off and pick up on time each day.

Thank the volunteers and staff members who make camp possible.

Ignite excitement about camp by sharing the schedule/plans with their child.

Offer to be on the SRUMC email list for church communications.

Notice their child's health each morning and call in sick if necessary.

Share necessary information to support the success of the child.

Have their child well rested, well fed, and properly dressed each day.

Improve what we do by filling out our end of camp evaluations.

Pray for a successful and fulfilling weeks for all of those involved in camp.

Share any questions or concerns about camp directly with staff members.

Safety and Security

In addition to our required staff and volunteer training, the following additional safety and security measures will be practiced during camp.

- Campers and staff/volunteers will wear name badges during camp hours.
- Each day of camp, parents/guardians will bring their children to the Sanctuary for check-in and then into the sanctuary for drop off and to contact camp guides.
- At the conclusion of camp each day, parents/guardians will pick up their children in the gathering space.
- Camp staff and volunteers must check adult names and/or identification cards at pick up each day.
- Parents/guardians will be required to provide names of those adults dropping off and picking up campers.

- Outside church doors will remain locked during camp hours.
- Parents or guardians who need to enter the church building for any reason during camp hours should enter through the office doors and check in with the office assistant to communicate needs or concerns.

Registration

Thank you for reading the South Reno United Methodist Summer Camp Family Handbook. We appreciate your interest in this summer's camp – ***Set Sail.***

Now that you have read the SRUMC Summer Camp Family Handbook, please fill out the registration form linked below. If you need assistance with registration, please email office@southrenoumc.org. Upon completion of this form, you will receive a form submission confirmation email. When your child's camp enrollment is approved, you will receive a camp enrollment confirmation email.

REGISTRATION

[Youth Volunteers](#) (6th grade - 17 years)