



Camp Kirby Families,

We hope this message finds you well and that your fall is off to an amazing start. We are preparing for summer camp registration to open, and can't wait to share all of the details with you. Below you will find our 2026 sessions, dates, and rates, as well as changes coming to Camp Kirby and new leadership programs.

Registration for Overnight Camp will open on Saturday, November 1st at 9AM.

Registration for Day Camp, Family Camp, and Alumni Camps will open on Monday, January 5th at 9AM.

Introducing our 2026 Themes!

Camp Kirby Themes **2026**

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Changes to Overnight Camp! Friday Night Pick Up

We want to also take this time to communicate one **major change** moving forward: **camper pickup for overnight camp weeks will take place on Friday evening instead of Saturday morning.** **New Pickup Time: Friday at 7:00 PM** (instead of Saturday at 10:00 AM)

We've made this adjustment after thoughtful consideration, with several key benefits in mind:

- **Improved Camper Transition Home:** Ending the week on Friday evening allows tired campers to return home and have the entire weekend to rest and reconnect with family before jumping back into their routines.
- **Family Scheduling:** We recognize that Friday evening pickups may align more easily with family schedules. Over the past few years we have had an increase in the number of families needing to do a Friday pick-up due to sports tournaments or weekend travel plans.
- **Staff Wellness:** Ending camp on Friday evening allows our hardworking staff more time to decompress, rest, and recharge between sessions. A more rested team means a better camp experience for everyone.
- **Improved Camp Clean-Up:** An earlier end time provides much-needed space for deep cleaning and resetting camp facilities.
- **Better Camper Preparation:** With a refreshed and focused team, we can better prepare for the arrival of new campers and deliver the high-quality experience you've come to expect.

We understand that change can be an adjustment, and we appreciate your support and flexibility as we continue to prioritize the wellbeing of our campers and staff.

Overnight Camp Info

2026 Overnight Camp Rates:

Full-week Sessions - \$925

Half-week Mini Session - \$500

Weekend Stay - \$125

Weekend Stays: July 10th-12th and August 7th-9th (Sessions 2-3 and 6-7)

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July 5th-10th | 2nd - 12th Grade - BC, ADV, DIS, EXP, VOY

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July 12th-17th | 4th - 12th Grade - ADV, DIS, EXP, VOY

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Session 4

Animal Planet (Mini Session)

July 19th-22nd | 1st - 7th Grade - CR, BC, ADV, DIS

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Overnight Camp

Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

The CIT program is a learning intensive program intended to help individuals who might want to become camp counselors make the transition from camper to staff member. Although the CITs have a great deal of fun and can participate in many camp activities, it also

involves a large academic component. **Our CIT program is for campers entering 11th grade and who are between the ages of 16 and 18** (unless the Camp Director has approved otherwise).

There are two cohorts of CITs each summer, and each cohort will consist of up to 16 participants. CITs will go home every weekend after the session ends, with the exception of one optional stayover weekend. CITs who are accepted into our program are not necessarily guaranteed their first choice of cohort/dates, so it is recommended that CITs keep their availability open. Applications for our CIT Program will open on November 1st, and will close on February 1st.

- 2026 Cohort One: Sessions 1-3 (June 28th–July 17th with optional stayover July 10th-12th)
- 2026 Cohort Two: Sessions 5-7 (July 26th–August 14th with optional stayover August 7th-9th)

CIT Program



Kirby Intern Team (KIT)

KIT is Camp Kirby's comprehensive leadership development program designed specifically for our interns who aspire to become future counselors. **This volunteer program is designed for campers entering 12th grade (and who are between the ages of 17 and 18), and who have already completed the CIT program in the previous summer.** Through a combination of hands-on experience, guided mentorship, and specialized training, KIT equips participants with the essential skills needed to lead confidently and create a positive, supportive environment for campers.

Interns in the KIT program learn valuable lessons in communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and responsibility. They gain real-world experience by assisting counselors, leading activities, and practicing decision-making in a supportive setting. KITs not only build leadership skills but also foster personal growth, confidence, and a deep connection to the Camp Kirby community. Applications for our Intern Program will open on November 1st, and will close on February 1st.

- Interns will complete a required training week during Session 1 (June 28th-July 3rd), and then complete 2-3 volunteer sessions beyond that.

KIT Program



Changes to Day Camp! Expanding to Include Friday

Exciting changes for 2026:

Our Day Camp is expanding to a full week, and will now run Monday through Friday!

After listening to feedback from families and reviewing how we can make the most of our summer days together, we're making this change to enhance the overall camp experience for both campers and parents.

- **More Camp Fun:** One extra day each week means more time for nature exploration, games, crafts, friendships, and memory-making!
- **Better Routine:** A consistent Monday–Friday schedule helps families with planning and gives campers a rhythm they can count on.
- **More Value:** Families get even more out of each camp session—more activities, more learning, more joy.

Day Camp Info

2026 Day Camp Rates

\$375 for full week

\$225 for mini session

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July 6th-10th | K-6

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Day Camp

Counselor Assistant Training (CAT)

Next summer we will also be re-launching our Day Camp **Counselor Assistant Training (CAT) Program!** CATs are incoming 7th

graders who are ready to take the next step in their camp journey!

This program gives older campers a chance to grow as leaders, learn new skills, and begin the transition from camper to counselor—all while still enjoying the fun and community of day camp.

The CAT program is a hands-on experience where participants will:

- **Develop leadership and communication skills** through guided training sessions
- **Build confidence and responsibility** in a supportive, camp-based setting
- **Shadow camp counselors** and assist with younger groups
Still enjoy their favorite camp activities while having increased leadership opportunities.

The following year, as **incoming 8th graders, individuals who have successfully completed the CAT program will be invited back as Counselor Assistants (CAs).**

- CAT Program will be offered during sessions 1 and 5.

CAT Program



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