

Camp SVS 2026

SUMMER GUIDE

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CAMP 101

- Camp for rising lower school students (grades 1st - 5th) is June 15th – 18th and 22nd – 26th Camp hours are from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday - Friday. Camp is for two consecutive weeks, so plan on joining us for both weeks! (We will be off June 19th in observance of Juneteenth)
- Camp for rising middle school students (grades 6th - 8th) is June 15th – 18th and 22nd – 26th. Camp hours are from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday - Friday. Camp is for two consecutive weeks, so plan on joining us for both weeks! (We will be off June 19th in observance of Juneteenth)
- Please bring a reusable water bottle.
- Please check in any medications with a camp counselor at the welcome table at the start of camp.
- We ask that campers do not bring personal electronics (i.e. toys, iPad, cell phones, tablets, AirPods, and headphones) to camp. If they do bring them, please check them in at the front desk before camp starts daily. If an item is lost or damaged at camp, we are not responsible for replacement costs.
- Camp SVS is open to all kids, regardless of having a diagnosed learning difference or not. However, we are not able to offer aid support, so campers need to be able to fully function without aid support in a regular academic setting.

CAMP LUNCH

- We will be eating lunch and snacks outside daily.
- Campers must bring their own lunch for camp.
- Please bring a reusable water bottle daily.

CLOTHING

- Campers need to wear comfortable play clothes.
- Please label all bags and belongings with the camper's full name.
- Extra clothes may be needed for art – we will send notes home when needed for the next day.

SNACKS

- Please send two snacks with your camper daily and a reusable water bottle.

DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

9:00am - 9:10am Morning Meeting
9:15am - 10:00am Block A
10:05am - 10:25am Snack Break
10:30am - 11:15pm Block B
11:20am-12:05pm Block C
12:10pm - 12:45pm Lunch
12:50pm - 1:35pm Block 1
1:40pm - 2:25pm Block 2
2:30pm-3:15pm Block 3
3:20pm - 3:50pm House Games
3:50-4:00pm Get ready for carpool

Academic Classes consist of Writing/ELA, Math, and Executive Functioning. Elective Classes consist of STEM, Art, and Sports and Games. Lower School and Middle School campers will be divided into three groups each, based on age and math ability. This will determine their placement in their "pod" that will rotate through academics and electives. Students will also be divided into houses. Each house will earn points throughout the two weeks.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Writing / ELA: Victor Hugo said, "To learn to read is to light a flame; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." With proper instruction, learners can acquire gains in their reading and writing capabilities. Our faculty's expertise equips students with learning differences to achieve their goals.

Multisensory Math: Young learners will sharpen crucial math skills taught by creative, experienced teachers. Math concepts will be taught using the highly respected Orton-Gillingham approach to mathematics. We will focus on math concepts and skill development based on the child's grade level.

Executive Functioning: Lost papers? Messy rooms? Too much to do and too little time to do it? Executive Function is the cognitive ability to organize and prioritize life into manageable and enjoyable portions. Students with learning differences often have struggles in this arena. We will explore different research-based tools for addressing EF issues, as well as deepen our understanding of this complex topic. This hands-on class will provide time-tested and proven techniques that have the potential to make school much more peaceful.

Art: In visual arts, we will be using various mediums, creating traditional art, as well as participating in full-body projects. We hope to use mediums that they might not have discovered yet! This is a wonderful chance for students to step out of their comfort zones, get messy, and try new things! A change of clothes might be needed some days.

STEM is intended to integrate STEM subjects, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, through project-based learning. Students will be engaged by frequent hands-on activities geared towards combining each of the STEM disciplines. We will be covering a variety of scientific disciplines including biology, chemistry, environmental, and physics.

Sports and Games: Campers will spend part of the afternoon learning how to play different sports as well as participating in exercise stations. The curriculum is based on the book, Spark, by John Ratey. His research shows that students who have regular physical activity are able to concentrate better. The goal of this camp is for campers to enjoy and seek out physical activity in a fun and exciting way.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

- Drop-off and pick-up both take place outside in front of the school. If you are running late, you must sign your child in at the front desk.
- For afternoon pick-up, you do not need to sign your camper out. A staff member will walk your camper to his or her car. Please join the carpool line and stay in your car.
- Whenever someone, other than parents or guardians, are picking up campers, the camp must be informed beforehand; please email the name of the driver to Mrs. Raburn or Mrs. Zanotti. The person picking up your child will be asked to show their driver's license.

MEDICATIONS

- If your child requires medication, please complete out the medication form on the website
- All medications remain at Camp SVS under staff supervision, not in the camper's possession. This does not apply to epi-pens or inhalers.
- Medications will be brought to the car with the camper on the last day of camp by a camp instructor.

TUITION

- Tuition must be paid in full by Monday, May 19th.
  Missed days will not be refunded, including those due to sickness reasons.
- The cost of camp is $600 with a $50 non-refundable registration fee for SVS students and a $75 non-refundable registration fee for non-SVS students. Spots are limited and the registration fee will hold your camper's spot.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Campers are responsible for their conduct at Camp Spring Valley.
- SVS expects campers to treat each other and camp instructors with kindness and respect.
- Camp Spring Valley reserves the right to establish rules and regulations for the general welfare of the camp and its campers/administration.
- Because of the nature of our camp, as well as the teacher-to-student ratio, we will not have aid support for any campers.

CAMPER RESPONSIBILITY

Every camper is expected to:

★ Treat all campers, faculty, and staff with courtesy and respect
★ Be a willing participant in all camps
★ Respect Spring Valley School property, all other campers, and staff
★ Abide by the code of conduct

SICKNESS PROTOCOLS

- Camp SVS 2025 will follow all Alabama Department of Public Health guidelines and regulations for summer camp activities. These are subject to change as the ADPH's regulations change.
- If your camper has a temperature, they must be fever-free without the use of any fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours before returning to camp. All campers must be 24 hour free of any vomiting.
- Refunds are not available for illness reasons.

CAMP CONTACTS

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CAMP LOCATION

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There will be a strict max of 45 lower school and 45 middle school campers. **Registration closes Friday, May 15th**.

For more information, or to register, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera - or visit www.springvalleyschool.org

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