

Registration Tips

Thank you for your interest in registering your child for a week of summer camp at Geneva! Registration for 2026 will open on January 6, 2026. Here's what you need to know:

What to Do BEFORE Registration Day

- Sign in or create a new household account in the registration portal.
- If you already have a household account:
 - o Log in now to make sure you know your password
 - o Double check your household information to make sure it's up to date
- Read through the FAO section to be familiar with Geneva's policies
 - o If you do have questions leading up to registration, it is important that you ask them by noon on January 5th by emailing info@campgeneva.org or calling the office at (616) 399-3150
 - o If you email <u>after</u> registration has opened, you can expect a much slower response time (3-5 business days)
 - o If you call Geneva's office **during** registration (4pm-8pm on 1/6), our staff will most likely tell you to email <u>info@campgeneva.org</u> with a detailed description of your situation
- Pick your dates
 - Review the <u>summer camp schedule</u>.
 - Choose a couple of dates that work for you (have a back-up plan if your first choice week is full)
 - o Pick a week where you have NO scheduling conflicts with the camp schedule
- Coordinate with your buddy's family
 - o Each camper can come to camp with ONE buddy (bunkmate)
 - We cannot guarantee that they will both get into their first choice session
- Contact your church for their PROMO CODE if your church helps cover some of the cost of a week at camp

What to know about Registration Day

- Registration day is January 6, 2026.
 - Day Camp (entering grades 1–4): Registration opens at 4pm
 - o Shores (entering grades 3-7): Registration opens at 5pm
 - o Pines (entering grades 7–9): Registration opens at 6pm
 - High School (entering grades 10–12): Registration opens at 7pm

- Some weeks at camp fill up VERY quickly, within minutes of registration opening.
 - Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis
 - We cannot guarantee that your camper will get into your first-choice week
 - If you have multiple children, we cannot guarantee that they will get into the same week
 - If your child has a buddy, we cannot guarantee that they will both get into your firstchoice week.
 - These are the most popular groups that fill up quickly:
 - All Day Camp Overnight sessions (except for the week of July 4)
 - Traditional Day Camp sessions during July (except for the week of July 4)
 - Pines sessions from late June to early August (except for the week of July 4)
 - High School Classic sessions
- Tips for a smooth registration process:
 - o Registration can be done on a phone or tablet but is optimized for laptop or desktop
 - Only one parent per household should be logged into the registration portal at a time.
 - o Only use one browser/tab, and use the most up-to-date browser version

What to Know If Your First-Choice Week Fills Up

- Waitlist information
 - o We typically have several hundred campers that end up on our waitlist each year
 - Each year there are hundreds of waitlist spots that open up, so if your child is on the waitlist, it's still very possible for them to get into camp
 - o It takes us a few weeks for the dust to settle after registration, but after that, we can give you a clear picture of where your child is on the waitlist, and the best options for them to attend camp
 - o If your child does end up on a waitlist, you can complete a Waitlist Preference Form to let us know the best way to contact you and along with other pertinent registration details.

Things to consider

- If your child is inviting a friend who is new to Camp Geneva and doesn't follow us on social media, make sure to share this information with their parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Don't make concrete promises to your kids about attending camp until you have them registered for a session
 - Let them know that you're going to try to get them signed up for camp, which
 can allow you a chance to celebrate if you get your preferred week