

Camps for Kids

Life changing, first-time resident camp experiences for children living in Milwaukee County.

CAMPS FOR KIDS INFORMATION

Camps for Kids provides full scholarships for youth ages 7—15 to attend an overnight, residential camp in Wisconsin. Each camp provides exciting activities and a chance to meet new friends and learn in a safe environment.

In order to be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- At least 8 years old at the time they go to camp and not older than 15.
- Family qualifies for FoodShare/SNAP, Wisconsin Shares, and/or child is in foster care.
- Haven't previously attended camp through the Camps for Kids program.
- Live in Milwaukee County.

HOW CAMPS FOR KIDS WORKS

- Camps for Kids provides a one-time scholarship to youth who qualify so they may attend a week-long, overnight, residential camp.
- Interested students must complete the Camps for Kids Application Form and submit it to the Milwaukee Recreation Department by Friday, April 19th. Campers will be selected on a first come first served basis as long as scholarships are available.
- There is a \$20.00 commitment fee to reserve a camper's spot. The commitment fee is paid directly to the selected camp once registered.
- Camps are responsible for providing transportation to and from their camp from designated pick-up/drop off points within Milwaukee County.

ABOUT THE CAMPS

- Each participating camp is accredited by the American Camp Association to ensure that each child receives an incredible camp experience.
- All camps are located in Wisconsin, most within a few hours of Milwaukee.
- Most camps have a representative at both orientations to answer questions about their specific camp experience.
- Camps offer activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, water and field sports, rock climbing and hiking, campfires, and more!

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about Camps For Kids or to view information in additional languages please visit:

mkerec.net/CFK

Please contact Milwaukee Recreation at 647-6050 or email outdoor@mkerec.net for questions or to request a registration form.



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A previous American Camp Association survey done on campers revealed that 92% of campers felt that camp helped them feel good about themselves and 90.6% made new friends.



Camps for Kids (CFK) Summer 2026 Application Form



Student Eligibility Criteria:

- MPS Students, ages 7-15 years.
- Family qualifies for one or more of the following program subsidies: FoodShare/SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Wisconsin Shares Childcare Subsidies, Foster Care (Proof of enrollment/eligibility must be submitted to the camp along with the camp application.)
- Has not previously attended camp through the Camps for Kids Program.
- Live in Milwaukee County
- A \$20 commitment fee is required and will be collected when the child makes his/her camp selection. (PLEASE **DO NOT** TURN IN FEE WITH REGISTRATION FORM).

Student Information

Student's Name: _____

MPS Student ID Number: _____ Student's Age: _____ Student's Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Student's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Which race or ethnicity best describes you? Please circle your answer below		Which of the following most accurately describes you? Please circle your answer below	
Hispanic /Latino	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Male	Non-Binary
American Indian or Alaska Native	White	Female	Prefer not to answer
Asian	Two or more races	Transgender	
Black or African American	Prefer not to answer		

Parent/Guardian Permission:

I certify that my child meets the Camps for Kids eligibility criteria outlined above and hereby grant permission for my child to be considered for the Camps for Kids Program. I agree that if my child is selected for a camp scholarship, I will make sure that he/she is in attendance during his/her selected week this summer.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

**Please return this application form to the MPS Recreation Outdoor Education Office on or before
Monday, April 13, 2026. Please call 414-647-6050 with any questions.**

A Camps for Kids family information session will be held on Thursday,
April 16th, 5:30PM-7:30PM, MPS Central Services Auditorium – 5225 W. Vliet Street.

Email forms to: outdoor@mkerec.net

Mail forms to: MPS Camps for Kids
2414 W. Mitchell Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

On Friday, May 8th an email and letter via US Mail will be sent to students letting them know if they have received a CFK scholarship along with a camper preference form link.