



# Camp Fletcher

a BridgeWays program

## 2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP PARENT INFORMATION

Dear Camp Fletcher Families,

We are grateful you chose Camp Fletcher for your child's summer enrichment. Since 1926, Camp Fletcher has offered a fun and safe environment where children can fully immerse themselves in the beauty of the outdoors. This summer is particularly special as we celebrate our Centennial and honor the legacy of our founder, Pauline Fletcher, the first Black registered nurse in Alabama. Through her perseverance and determination, she sustained the camp and served tens of thousands of children, youth, and families during her tenure. This year, we will welcome nearly 150 campers from Jefferson, Shelby, Bibb, and Tuscaloosa counties, and we anticipate plenty of fun, laughter, and lasting friendships!

We wanted to introduce some of our key staff that will be available to you and your child throughout the summer:



**McKenna Erwin**

**Camp Director**

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**Cathy Chiamonte**

**Office Manager**

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Included in this packet, you will find our "Camp Fletcher Basics," an informational sheet detailing all summer camp policies and procedures, along with a Day Camp Packing List. For ongoing communication throughout the summer, we will utilize our texting platform (# 205.584.6033) and email to ensure you receive all necessary information about camp programming.

Additionally, there are a few donations we're looking for to enhance our camp experience! If you have any of these items at home, feel free to drop them off at the Camp Office. Most of these will be used for sustainability projects this summer! 😊

- 2-liter soda bottles
- Paper towel rolls
- Egg cartons
- Soda/ bottle caps

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

We look forward to seeing you and your children this summer!

Thank you,

*McKenna*

McKenna Erwin

Camp Director | Camp Fletcher

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WHY CAMP FLETCHER?** From their first moment at Camp Fletcher, children aren't merely welcomed. They are known. By their names. By their likes and dislikes — from big things like "is afraid of the water," to seemingly small things like "loves PB&J sandwiches." They're known because we intentionally keep our groups small (much smaller, truth be told, than economically optimal). Mixed into each activity is a learning opportunity for campers — with topics ranging from environmental education, history and geography to math, science and reading. We like to call this technique "undercover learning" because kids at camp don't realize they're being taught. It's a place where academics become an experience and imagination comes to life.

**ACTIVITIES:** Hiking. Canoeing. Creek Stomping. Arts. Crafts. Team-Building. Outdoor Education. Field Games. Swimming. Fishing. Target Sports. Overnight Campouts & MORE!

**SESSION DATES:** June 1st – July 31st \*Camp Fletcher will be closed in observance of the following holiday: Independence Day: Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Program fees will be prorated.

**TIME:** Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**COST:** All registrations have a one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per camper. Weekly camp rates are \$200 per child.

### **PAYMENT POLICIES:**

- In order to secure your camper(s) session(s), a one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per camper, must be paid when submitting your campers' registration. You may sign up for as many or few weeks as you'd like. Cancellations must be received via email 2-weeks prior to the week being cancelled. No exceptions!
- Fees: Please note VIP payment dates & rates below.
  - Day Camp weekly session fees are \$200.00 plus a one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per camper. The 3 (three) day holiday week will be pro-rated.
  - C-I-T (age 13-15): \$100.00 per camper, per week.
  - Sibling Discount: A 10% discount will be applied to households with more than one child attending camp the same week(s).
  - Please feel free to contact the camp office via phone (205-584-6033), text (205-962-0985) or email ([camp.fletcher@bridgewaysal.org](mailto:camp.fletcher@bridgewaysal.org)) should you have any questions!

**DROP OFF:** No earlier than 7:00 a.m. Campers should be checked-in and at the designated area each day by 8:30 am. To ensure your child does not miss out on any activities, we strongly encourage this drop off time.

**PICK-UP:** No later than 6:00 p.m. Scheduled activities end daily at 4:00 p.m. A late fee will be applied if your campers is picked up after 6:00 p.m. For every ten minutes past 6:00 p.m., there is a \$20 late fee per camper. \*If you need to pick your child up for any reason before 4:00 p.m., please call the Camp Office so we can have your child ready.\*

**LUNCH:** Campers are provided lunch in our Dining Hall every day. We will send the menu out a week in advance. If your child is picky or may not eat what is on the menu, you may send a sack lunch. We provide a healthy snack each morning and campers also have the opportunity to visit the general store each afternoon to purchase snacks and drinks. We recommend a weekly allowance of \$25.00 per camper which can be added to their account of CampBrain.

**WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?** A daily packing list is attached, but remember, at camp, kids and clothes will get dirty. Please do not send new or expensive items and label everything with your child's full name – this helps us return items if they end up in 'lost & found.' Campers are not allowed to bring any electronic devices to camp.

**SWIMMING:** Every camper is given a swim test to establish his/her ability. Only campers who pass the swim test are allowed to swim in the deep end of the pool. This test is administered by Red Cross Certified Lifeguards.

**OUR STAFF:** We hire and train the most compassionate counselors who share our sense of mission, then train them to be leaders, role models and friends. All staff members are certified in First Aid & CPR and required to complete a background check and multi panel drug screen.

**HOW ARE CAMPERS DIVIDED?** Campers are divided into groups, by age.

**COMMUNICATION:** We will make every effort to contact parents as soon as possible in the event of an emergency, weather closure, schedule change, etc. We will communicate via Facebook, email, text and/or phone.

**MEDICATIONS, WELLNESS AND SAFETY:** Safety is our top priority at Camp Fletcher. Medications must be turned in to the Camp Office in a sealed bag, and original container and will be dispensed daily and tracked on our Medication Log for easy parent and staff reference. In the event of illness or injury, parents/guardians will be notified immediately by phone and campers will be taken to a local medical facility, if necessary.

**BEHAVIOR:** Parents are encouraged to discuss camp behavior policies and rules with campers before they arrive at camp. Behavior expectations at camp are:

- Follow all safety rules.
- Cooperate with other campers and staff.
- Respect the rights and properties of others.
- Listen and follow instructions.

Camp Fletcher will respond quickly and deal with any behavioral incidents that may occur. If the problem persists, parents/guardians will be notified.

**IS CAMP FLETCHER ACCREDITED?** Camp Fletcher is accredited by the American Camping Association. This means we voluntarily invite an outside team of ACA trained visitors every 5 years to verify our compliance with more than 300 nationally recognized industry standards from staff qualifications & training, to health & safety and site & facility management. More information about ACA can be found at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

**HAVE A QUESTION?** Please contact Camp Fletcher Office Manager, Cathy Chiaramonte at 205.584.6033 or email [Camp.Fletcher@BridgeWaysAL.org](mailto:Camp.Fletcher@BridgeWaysAL.org). We look forward to serving your family this summer.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP PACKING LIST

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH CAMPERS' FULL NAME!**

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- ✓ Camp Appropriate Clothes (PLEASE pack extra, they will get dirty!)
  - ✓ Backpack
  - ✓ Girls: 2 one-piece swimsuits
  - ✓ Boys: 2 swimsuits ↩ ONE FOR THE POOL AND ONE FOR THE CREEK!
- Please note: Swimsuit trunks must have appropriate lining—no cutoffs or speedos allowed.*
- ✓ Closed-Toe Shoes: Essential for all activities ↩ NO CROCS OR FLIP-FLOPS, PLEASE!
  - ✓ Hat: For sun protection
  - ✓ Towel: For drying off after swimming
  - ✓ Spray Sunscreen: To keep your camper protected from the sun
  - ✓ Spray Insect Repellent: To ward off pesky bugs
  - ✓ Water Shoes: Ideal for canoeing and creek walking
  - ✓ Water Bottle: 16-32 oz. to keep your camper hydrated
  - ✓ Any Necessary Medication: *To be checked in with our health care supervisor*

### WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP:

- ⊘ Electronics: This includes cell phones, smartwatches, handheld video games, iPads/tablets, etc. *Camp Fletcher is an electronic-free facility! Any electronics found will be collected and returned to parents/guardians at the end of the day.*
- ⊘ Alcohol, Nicotine Products, Drugs, and Weapons: *Campers found in possession of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, or weapons (pocketknives, firearms etc.) will be immediately dismissed from camp. No refunds will be issued.*
- ⊘ Money: Any cash should be turned in to camp staff at check-in.
- ⊘ Valuable or Sentimental Items (Things WILL get lost!)
- ⊘ Personal Items (toys, stuffed animals, fishing rods, pool toys etc.)

### OVERNIGHT SESSIONS:

In addition to the 'Day Camp Packing List', please send the following items: Pj's, toiletries, shower shoes, pillow(s), twin sheet (optional), sleeping bag/blanket, flashlight, and extra clothes.



**Thank you! We look forward to serving your family this summer!**