



The Cosby Timbers

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Spring 2026

A Letter from our Executive Director

Hello from the lakeshore!

As the weather warms, Camp Cosby is buzzing with excitement for another incredible summer. While we are currently busy serving our school and retreat groups, our team is also deep in the planning stages to ensure this upcoming season is our best one yet.

We are on track for a record-breaking summer! Enrollment is already at 95%, and several sessions are now fully booked. We still have limited openings for certain age groups, so I encourage you to reserve your spot today before they are gone.



Beyond the fun-filled days and lifelong memories, something truly profound happens here. Camp provides children with a unique space to discover their potential, navigate challenges with courage, and find the confidence to be their authentic selves. This enduring sense of belonging is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Often, our most important work is simply recognizing the light in a camper before they've even discovered it themselves.

Community support is vital to this mission. Our volunteer board and staff are working hard to reach our Annual Campaign goal of \$174,000. These funds go directly toward sending deserving children and foster youth to camp. We invite you to donate today to help us reach this milestone, any contribution makes a meaningful difference.

P.S. We have a "top secret" new addition coming to camp this summer! We can't share the details just yet, but stay tuned for an exciting announcement coming soon.

Warmly,
Steve Merifield - Executive Director



Spring Family Camp April 18-19, 2026

Through this all-inclusive experience, you'll get to enjoy 4 delicious camp meals, living in cabins, camp activities, and more!



Spring Events Cosby Fun Year-Round Register Online Today!



Cosby Tours April 19 2PM-4PM

Meet the staff & directors and take a tour of our exciting camp programs that will create cherished lifelong memories for your child. We will answer all your questions and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for your Cosby Camper. Returning campers, can't wait to come back? Join us, bring a friend and show them why you love Camp Cosby!





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TOP SECRET: Something Big Is Coming

Can You Guess What We're Building for Summer 2026?

Construction has officially begun on a brand-new activity area, and it's one of our most exciting additions yet. While we're keeping the full details under wraps for now, this new feature is designed to elevate the camper experience and bring even more adventure to our program.

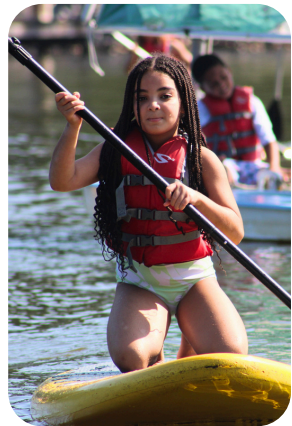


Over the coming months, we'll be sharing sneak peeks and progress updates as the build continues. Keep an eye out on our social media pages... you might even be able to guess what's coming before we reveal it!

Why Sleepaway Camp Matters

Building Confidence, Independence, and Lifelong Skills

Sleepaway camp plays a powerful role in a child's personal growth and development. Research from the American Camp Association shows that campers gain increased independence, self-confidence, and social skills in a camp environment. Being away from home allows children to practice decision-making, problem-solving, and responsibility in a supportive setting.



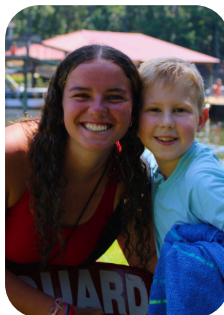
Campers also build meaningful friendships through shared experiences, which strengthens communication and teamwork skills. Time spent outdoors and unplugged from technology contributes to improved mental wellbeing and resilience. At Camp Cosby, our programs are intentionally designed to foster these outcomes while ensuring each camper feels supported and encouraged.

The result is not just a fun summer, but lasting growth that carries into school, relationships, and beyond.

Almost Full: Don't Miss Your Chance!

Limited Spots Remaining for Summer 2026

Camp is already 95% full, making this one of our most in-demand years yet. We currently have only a limited number of spots remaining for rising 4th - 7th grade campers. This high demand reflects the continued trust families place in the Camp Cosby experience and the lasting impact it has on campers.



If you've been considering enrolling your child, now is the time to act before sessions reach full capacity. Secure your child's place today and give them a summer they'll never forget.

Safety First, Always

How Camp Cosby is Exceeding New State Safety Standards

The safety and wellbeing of our campers, staff, and families remains the top priority at Camp Cosby. With the recent passage of the "Sarah Marsh Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act" in Alabama, new statewide standards are being implemented to strengthen safety protocols at youth camps.



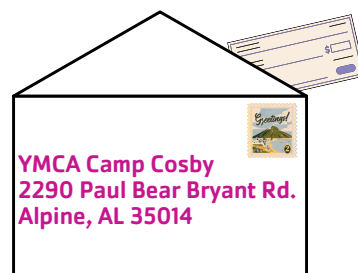
This legislation focuses on enhanced staff screening, improved supervision policies, emergency preparedness, and clear operational guidelines while campers are onsite. Camp Cosby already meets and exceeds many of these expectations through our adherence to American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation standards and Praesidium child abuse prevention accreditation. We are actively reviewing the new requirements and will fully implement all aspects of the bill ahead of the state's required timeline.

Families can feel confident knowing that Cosby continues to lead with proactive, high-level safety practices. Our commitment is not only to meet standards, but to set them.

Help Send a Deserving Child to Camp

100% of Proceeds Goes to the Camper Scholarship Fund

Mail a check or Scan the QR Code with your Phone to Donate to Camp Cosby Today



OR



Give online at

<https://campcosby.ymcabham.org/donate/> or by scanning the barcode with your phone - you will have several options listed below.

We offer an ACH deduction from checking or savings account and payment with a debit or credit card. E-giving is a safe and secured way of giving to camp.

Become a Legacy Partner and give monthly to Cosby.

Start your own fundraiser and raise funds for Cosby through friends, camp alumni, or family.

