

Welcome to Alliance Sports Camp 2026!

Below you will find the final details about Alliance Sports Camp including information about registration, parking, weather, what to bring, and food allergies. If you have any questions in advance of the camp, please address them to Bill Jester (bill@scalliancechurch.com).

What's New This Year?

Since many of you are return campers, here are some highlights of what's new this year. Read below for more details on each:

- Due to declining registration, we have removed Volleyball as a sport option and replaced it with Lacrosse! Experienced adult and youth sports coaches will help 2nd and 3rd grade kids learn the fundamentals of this growing sport using kid-friendly safe equipment. Check out the Sports Descriptions for more details!
- We are collaborating with Calvary Church this year! Calvary's "[Adventure Camp](#)" will be running in the evenings the same week as Alliance Sports Camp and using the same teaching, songs, and small group content. Our goal with this partnership is to allow as many kids as possible to participate in this camp, so we ask parents to only sign kids up for one or the other, not both.
- Instead of Splash Night, we will be hosting a joint celebration at the end of camp on Friday evening at State College Alliance Church along with kids and leaders from the Calvary Adventure Camp! Look for more details about this gathering as the camp approaches.

Drop-off/Pick-up

Please see the separate drop-off/pick-up information letter which explains our procedures for the week in more detail. Although this may feel complicated, we are fully committed to a safe and secure environment for the children. Please read over the instructions ahead of time so that the process can go as smoothly as possible.

- If you can, please stop by the church between noon and 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 26th to get a head start on the check-in process. You can get your child's T-shirt, pick-up cards, and wristband on Sunday to beat the crowds on Monday.
- Please bring a completed **release form** for each child. Admission will not be permitted without a completed release form. There will be blank release forms at registration.
- We cannot accommodate any last-minute changes or additions to our camp.
- If you have not yet paid your registration fee, please come prepared to pay (\$12 per child) with cash (exact change, if possible) or check made out to State College Alliance Church on the first day of camp.

Parking

With over 400 kids and 250 volunteers participating in the camp, parking is always tight during drop off and pick up times. For the safety of everyone participating, please keep in mind the following:

- We will have sections of the parking lot blocked off for basketball and pickleball. Please do not park beyond the cones on the courts, and follow the instructions of the Facilities team to find parking.
- The loop road to the rear parking lot will be used for volunteer parking then closed off at the start of camp to protect kids playing on nearby fields and courts.
- If the church parking lots are full, you can park on Sheller's Bend adjacent to the fence by the soccer/baseball fields. Please park only on the field side of the road facing the direction of traffic and as close as possible to the car in front of you.

Social Media

If you want to keep track of what your kids are learning at Alliance Sports Camp and see photos of the young athletes enjoying the camp, make sure you like/follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We will be updating the page frequently throughout the camp and will periodically post information about other family events as well, including future Alliance Sports Camps.

Inclement Weather

Because the camp is being held mostly outdoors there is the possibility that inclement weather could become an issue. If intermittent bad weather moves through during the camp your children will be safely moved indoors, and we will modify the activities that day. If there is a day that looks like it will be a complete washout there may be the need to cancel. In this case we will send out an email no later than 7:30am with the change in plans and share a post to the camp social media. Join us in praying that this won't be necessary.

Health and Safety

We will do our best to ensure the health and safety of your child during Alliance Sports Camp by providing supervision both from our general volunteer team and through a dedicated First Aid/Safety team. Here are some specific notes on our medical and safety protocols:

- If your child has a specific medical condition that our teams should be aware of, please indicate it on the Release Form.
- If your child may need medication, including inhalers or Epi-pens, please provide details on the usage of the medication on your release form, then drop off the medication in the first aid box when you arrive. Make sure that all medication is in a zip top bag clearly marked with your child's name.
- We will provide basic first aid for bumps, bruises, scrapes, or other mild conditions on site. If a more serious situation arises, we will contact the primary or secondary contact listed on the release form for further guidance or an early pickup if needed.
- Please do not send your child to camp if he or she is showing any symptoms of contagious illness.
- Please notify us ahead of time by emailing Bill Jester (bill@scalliancechurch.com) if we can provide any additional support for your child, including a one-on-one buddy.

Mobile Sports Camp Fundraising

We are excited to see the impact of Alliance Sports Camp continue to grow beyond our church walls! This year, a team of local leaders in Kenya already completed the Nyeri Sports Camp in April with just a bit of remote support and funding from the US. During Alliance Sports Camp 2026 we will be turning our focus again to the Envision Atlanta site in Clarkston, Georgia, which serves the local refugee community. A team of 15 adults and students will be traveling to Clarkston on August 14-23 to bring the fun, excitement, and discipleship of Alliance Sports Camp on the road. Visit scalliancechurch.com/atlanta2026 for more information about this trip.

More details about our fundraising efforts during Alliance Sports Camp 2026 to support these efforts around the world will be communicated shortly.

Friday Open Session

Families are invited to join us on the last day of camp to watch your kids in their final sports session and performances. A detailed schedule will be shared on Thursday of camp.

Friday Night Celebration

On Friday evening, July 31, will be joining together with volunteers and kids from our partner camp at Calvary for a time of fun, celebration, and fellowship! This event will provide opportunities for families to play together, meet each other, and celebrate one more rally time with our favorite songs from camp. More details will be shared as camp approaches – we hope you'll be able to join us!

How to Prepare Each Morning

Please be sure your child eats a healthy breakfast because they will be very active! We will provide them with a snack each day but a good breakfast to start the day is essential. Also please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothes and shoes for active play and apply sunscreen to your child before they get to the camp.

All kids will spend at least some time outside each day:

- Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, NinjaFit (4th-5th grade), Pickleball, Soccer, and Lacrosse will be **outside** for their Sports Sessions (~90 minutes) and **inside** for Rallies and Snack/Huddle Time (~90 minutes).
- DanceFit, NinjaFit Jr. (K-2nd grade), and Robot Olympics will be **inside** for their Sports Sessions and Rallies (~2.5 hours) and **outside** for their Snack/Huddle Time (~30 minutes).

What to Bring

Other items your child should bring to the camp are listed below, based on the sport they are playing. **Please make sure items are clearly marked with their name** to avoid mix-ups. We will have extra equipment available if your child is not able to bring some of the items listed.

All Sports

- Water bottle that can be refilled and is clearly labeled with the child's name
- Sports Camp T-shirt or another similar colored shirt

Baseball

- Appropriate running shoes (no metal cleats)
- Baseball glove (we have limited spares)
- Please do not bring a bat or balls.

Basketball

- Basketball (if you have one your child likes to use)

Flag Football

- Appropriate running shoes or soft cleats (no metal cleats)

Soccer

- Appropriate running shoes or soft cleats (no metal cleats)
- Soccer ball (if you have one your child likes to use)
- Shin Guards (Optional)

Lacrosse

- Appropriate running shoes or soft cleats (no metal cleats)
- All equipment will be provided – for safety reasons, please do not bring your own sticks, pads, or other equipment.

Pickleball

- If your child has a pickleball racket, he or she can bring it. Otherwise, we have plenty to loan.

DanceFit/Lacrosse/Ninja Fit/NinjaFit Jr./Robot Olympics

- Appropriate footwear

Allergy Information

Each day we serve individually packaged snacks just after our halftime rally. To support families with food allergies, we follow these procedures:

- The daily snack list will be posted on the camp website and shared by email prior to the start of camp.
- All snacks we serve will be peanut free, though we cannot guarantee that some are not marked as “manufactured in a facility that processes peanuts”.
- If you are concerned with a snack on a particular day, please send your child with their own snack that day and leave it at the first aid station when you drop your child off. The snack should be in a disposable plastic bag labeled with their name, sport, and huddle color (you’ll get this on the first day). Please send only healthy snacks that do not need to be refrigerated and can be eaten indoors or out, and do not send any snacks containing peanuts or other nuts.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email Bill Jester at bill@scalliancechurch.com or call the office at (814)237-7991. Otherwise, we’ll see you at camp!