Howdy Camp 2027

Camp Registration Information Packet

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Howdy Camp 2027 General Information

Aggie Transition Camps Office

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Session Dates/Location for Howdy Camp 2027

- **January 9-11, 2027; Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX**

Registration Dates & Times

Monday, October 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM CST	**Camper Registration Opens** **Scholarship Application Opens**
Before November 1, 2026 upon registration completion	**Partial Refund** ($25 will be taken off for administrative fees, remaining balance will be refunded)
Starting November 1, 2026 at 12am	**75% Refund**
Starting December 1, 2026 at 12am	**50% Refund**
Friday, December 11, 2026 at 11:59pm	**Scholarship Applications Close** Camper registration closes.
Starting January 1, 2027 at 12am	**No Refunds**

Payment Information

Registration Fee

The cost of attendance to Howdy Camp 2027 is $310.00

The registration fee includes the following:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Facilities usage
- Camp activities
- Meals for the duration of camp
- Camp swag
- Accidental event/ liability insurance while at camp
    - ***Insurance does not cover costs incurred for pre-existing conditions or treatment of illness.

- Camp materials, printouts, and incidentals

Fee Structure

Please see the registration dates and times above for payment deadlines. Payments can be made online (via the CircuiTree registration system) with a credit card with a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express.

Payment Options

- **Pay in Full** – Participants pay the registration fee at the end of their registration; their spot for the respective session will be saved after the payment is submitted.

- **Payment Plan*** – Participants can secure a spot by putting an initial deposit down of half the total cost of registration and pay the remaining amount cost by the first day of their designated session. Their spot will be saved for the respective session after paying the deposit. Any remaining balance will be automatically charged on the first day of their respective session if not done so prior to that date.

    - *No interest is applied to the payment plan structure.

- **Scholarship (DEADLINE December 11, 2026 at 11:59 pm)** – Participants will complete a scholarship application during their registration; their spot will be saved for the respective session after the application is submitted. Campers will be notified by **December 18, 2026 at the latest** if they will receive a scholarship.

    - When registering, please make sure to select the "scholarship" option. This will allow you to register without having to pay upfront.

        - **Please note, you will be given the option to pay in full. This is NOT required, you can select the $0 option to defer payment until the scholarship decision is made. A card must be put on file in order to complete registration. No charges will be made under this option upon initial registration. Charges will only be made if the student does not receive a scholarship to pay the full registration fee.**

    - If a participant receives a scholarship, they will be notified and asked to accept the scholarship; if a participant does not receive a scholarship (or full scholarship), they will be required to pay the full cost/remaining balance for camp ("pay in full" or "payment plan" options will be available to these students).

    - ***The scholarship option will be unavailable after December 11, 2026 at 11:59 pm.***

- These are financial need-based scholarships. Funding has been partially provided by individual donations, The Foundation, the Howdy Camp Endowment, and Alumni of Aggie Transition Camps.
- Please remember that scholarships are limited.

Refunds

If for any reason you have to cancel your registration, you will need to contact Aggie Transition Camps (atc-reg@tamu.edu) by email informing them of your cancellation. The following refunds will be given during these time periods:

Starting Before November 1st upon registration completion	**Partial Refund** ($25 will be taken off for administrative fees, remaining balance will be refunded)
After November 1st at 11:59pm	**75% Refund**
After December 1st at 11:59pm	**50% Refund**
Starting January 1st at 12am	**No Refunds**

Online Payments will be refunded to the credit card with which you originally paid.

Registration

General

Registration is on a **first come, first serve** basis. We only have a limited number of spots available per session.

If you will not be 18 years old on the day that you register, you will need to have your parent/guardian create an account through our registration website as well and complete the registration process for you.

If you are registered under a name different than the one you prefer to be called please change this on the registration site. You can change your name by logging in and clicking your initials in the top right corner. Click My Dashboard. From here, you can view and edit your profile and information.

Every session and camp have counselors who have been trained to provide a welcoming and supportive experience for the participants in that camp. Howdy Camp offers the same program to every participant in every session.

Registration will close on **Friday, December 11, 2026 at 11:59 PM CST or when sessions are full** to ensure that the program staff have adequate time to process all registration information. Filled sessions will have a waitlist option. Our staff are regularly updating session waitlists to ensure participants are able to find out with as much time as possible whether or not they have been offered a spot.

Confirmations

Session Confirmations will be emailed to the email account used to create the CircuiTree account upon completion and confirmation of payment. The confirmation email will be in the form of a payment confirmation. ***Please be sure to check your SPAM inbox.*** More information for Howdy Camp will be sent out in mid-December/the first week of January prior to camp. **Once you have completed the registration process and paid, please allow 72 hours for processing.**

If confirmation emails are not received 72 hours after completing registration, contact the Aggie Transition Camps Office at 979-862-1785 or atc-reg@tamu.edu.

Confirmation Emails will look like the document linked here: Example Confirmation Letter

Cancellations

Registration is **not transferable** to another incoming student. Should you need to cancel your Howdy Camp registration, please email atc-reg@tamu.edu. Information on cancellation can be found here.

All online payments will be refunded to the card with which you originally paid if it is within the designated refund period. After refunds are initiated through email, please allow 3-5 business days for us to process it.

Special Assistance

If you have any assistance requests that need to be placed, please inform us of these needs in the question that prompts for it during the Registration process. **As a part of registration, you will have the opportunity to express any assistance or dietary needs you may have. If these needs are not mentioned at the time of registration, or emailed by December 9th, 2026, Aggie Transition Camps cannot guarantee that arrangements can be made.**

It is also recommended to register with Disabilities Resources (https://disability.tamu.edu/) and inform them you will be attending Howdy Camp.

If you have any special dietary needs or food restrictions this information **needs to be included in the section in the registration process that asks for dietary restrictions or food allergies.** Howdy Camp will be nut free and will provide gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan, and vegetarian options for those who indicate that need during the registration process. **If these needs are not mentioned at the time of registration, or emailed by December 9th, 2026, Aggie Transition Camps cannot guarantee that arrangements can be made.**

If you forget to include this information while registering, email atc-reg@tamu.edu immediately to inform them.

Parking on Campus

Option 1: Annual Permit

Register online for a 2026–27 annual parking permit. These permits are now digital and are connected to your vehicle's license plate. They will be made available one month prior to Howdy Camp. Please be sure that you have added the appropriate vehicle license plate number to your parking permit by going to and logging into your account on the TAMU Transportation website.

Option 2: Temporary Permit

Register online for a Howdy Camp Special Event parking permit. These permits are now digital and are connected to your vehicle's license plate. They will be made available one month prior to Howdy Camp. Please be sure that you have added the appropriate vehicle license plate number to your parking permit by going to and logging into your account on the TAMU Transportation website.

General Parking Information

More information can be found on the Transportation website, transport.tamu.edu.

Aggie Transition Camp does not provide or coordinate any housing accommodations before or after a session. If you will be arriving prior to your session check in or need to find accommodations for the night after the session those will need to arrange those yourself. See below for available resources that might be of assistance:

- Destination Bryan TX Lodging: tx.ag/IP2luBk
- Airport Shuttles: https://transport.tamu.edu/Transit/service.aspx

Accommodations for the night before and/or after your assigned session will be your personal responsibility. Although not required, we recommend that all campers who are driving themselves to and from College Station make accommodations for the night after camp, as they will likely be very tired from their days at camp and may need rest prior to safely driving long distances. A list of lodging in the College Station and Bryan area can be found at: https://visit.cstx.gov/hotels/ and through Destination Bryan at: tx.ag/IP2luBk

At Howdy Camp Information

If you have lost anything AT camp, please locate an Aggie Transition Camp staff member who will assist you in locating it. If anything is lost AFTER camp, please contact the Aggie Transition Camps office at 979-862-1785 or atc-reg@tamu.edu to assist you in locating it.

If you lose any items at camp you will be able to pick them up in The Department of Student Activities located in the Koldus Building the following two weeks after camp. If you cannot pick up lost items on these days please email atc-reg@dsa.tamu.edu.

Special Accommodations

If you have already informed Aggie Transition Camps of a special accommodation, we will be contacting you at a later date to verify our records and make any additional accommodations while at camp. **Please ensure that if you plan on attending Howdy Camp that any accommodations that you may require are sent to us by December 9th, 2026. Any accommodations/needs communicated to us after this date we cannot guarantee.** If you have any accommodations that are new and Aggie Transition Camp is unaware of them, please email atc-reg@tamu.edu.

Reminder

All students are encouraged to attend their Howdy Camp session in its entirety. In the event of an emergency, a student may have their emergency contact pick them up from camp, or may be granted to leave if they drove themselves. Aggie Transition Camps recommends that participants attend their full session if possible. For the safety of all campers, students who arrive at camp with a contagious illness will be asked to leave camp and find transportation home at their own cost (if applicable). A refund will not be given in such a situation. If you know you have a contagious illness on the morning of your camp session check in, please call the office to see if we can cancel your registration altogether.

Packing List:

Required

- One form of photo identification (TAMU ID or Driver's License)
- Cool and weather appropriate clothes and shoes.
- Closed toed shoes (required for scheduled outdoor activities)
- Sheets, pillow, blanket, and/or sleeping bag (all beds are twin-size beds)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, body wash/bar soap, any other hygiene products) and a towel
- A reusable water bottle

Optional

- Appropriate clothes for Dance Party Mixer (themes for Mixers will be sent out closer to camp)
- Shower Shoes
- Small quantity of cash for snacks and drinks* and/or credit card
- Laundry bag for repacking dirty clothes
- Insect repellant
- Sunscreen

Please do not bring any snacks containing nuts

Please note that snacks will be provided, in addition to meals each day.

Registration Policies

Please note that all State and Federal Laws as well as Texas A&M University rules and policies apply upon arrival at Aggie Transition Camp check in. Aggie Transition Camp rules and policies also apply and are listed in the agreements you signed during registration. If any of these rules

and policies are violated, you may undergo disciplinary action from Aggie Transition Camp and/or Texas A&M University, as well as removal from the program at the expense of the participant and without a refund.

Participant Behavior Agreement

Policy:

All participants, guests, and members of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) are expected to abide by University policies and regulations as dictated by the TAMU Student Rules (found at http://student-rules.tamu.edu), and all federal, state, and local laws. In addition, guests of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) and members are expected to abide by Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) and Lakeview Methodist Conference Center rules, policies, and all instructions presented by University and Conference staff guests of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp), Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) Directors and Co-Chairs, whether written or verbal. The Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) policies are outlined in the Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) Constitution, which can be found at https://stuactonline.tamu.edu.

Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/T-Camp) is an alcohol-free and illegal substance-free program. Being under the influence and/or use of alcohol or any kind of illegal drug is strictly prohibited. As a participant, guest, and/or member of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T-Camp), I agree to abide by the substance free policy, and understand that if I violate this policy or any others as stated above, I may be immediately removed from Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T-Camp).

Behavior:

As an Aggie, it is imperative that we hold ourselves to a higher standard. Behavior expectations for Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T-Camp) go beyond the policies of the organization and align themselves with the mission and values. As a participant, guest, or member of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T-Camp), I agree to display decency, appropriateness, and acceptable conduct, and understand that if I violate this behavioral expectation, I may be immediately removed from Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T-Camp) at my own cost.

In addition to being removed from Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp)/membership, alleged policy and behavioral violations may be reported to the Texas A&M University Student Conduct Office, Offices of the Dean of Students, other campus departments, and/or local law enforcement. Furthermore, any violation of Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) policies and behavior expectations may affect my future participation with the Aggie Transition Camps (Howdy Camp/ T- Camp) organization.

- I verify that by registering for an Aggie Transition Camp program I agree to the Lakeview Methodist Conference Center Standards Regarding Disorderly Conduct (Lakeview Standards), and that my participation is contingent upon following these guidelines.
- As outlined in the Lakeview Standards, the following acts are considered violations of the behavioral expectations of Aggie Transition Camps, and may result in my removal from Camp and referral to the appropriate authority:
- Criminal mischief, reckless damage or destruction to property, structures, equipment, or vehicles, and theft (under $750.00).
- Disorderly conduct or breach of the peace such as use of abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language or gestures; indecent exposure or public lewdness; or displays that tend to incite a breach of the peace; or creating by chemical or other means a noxious and unreasonable odor in a public place.

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- Possession of firearms, fireworks, illegal or prohibited knives, knuckles, clubs or instruments of any type that are specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting bodily injury.
- Injury, reckless conduct, or terroristic threat that would indicate intent to do bodily harm to self or others.
- Enticement or solicitation of a child; Violations of the Safe Sanctuary or Safe Camps Policies
- Sexual harassment, either verbal or physical.
- Other conduct that interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with a planned program.
- The use of fire starter devices or pyrotechnics are prohibited unless used in organized programs which have been approved by Lakeview. In no case will open fires be allowed in or near structures or unprotected areas.
- Cutting, breaking, or otherwise defacing trees, shrubs, or other native plants is prohibited unless part of a program of improvement approved by Lakeview.

Transportation (FOR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS ONLY)

Aggie Transition Camps primary mode of transportation for all participants will be charter buses that will transport all participants to/from our off-campus campsite. Participants must check-in on-campus at Texas A&M University on the first day of camp, and will return via charter bus back to Texas A&M University on the last day of camp. In extenuating circumstances, special permission to use a personal vehicle to/from our off-campus campsite may be granted. **Requests to use a personal vehicle may be made by emailing Aggie Transition Camps at atc-reg@tamu.edu and must be made no later than a predetermined date**. If permission is granted, I verify that by electronically signing this registration form:

- I will not transport or store alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in my vehicle. I will immediately notify Aggie Transition Camp staff if I fail to remove these items from my vehicle prior to arriving at camp.
- I will not transport or store firearms, fireworks, illegal or prohibited knives, knuckles, clubs, or instruments of any type that are specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting bodily injury in my vehicle. I will immediately notify Aggie Transition Camp staff if I fail to remove these items from my vehicle prior to arriving at camp.
- I will adhere to the posted speed limits and the instructions of Aggie Transition Camp staff while at camp (or something along these lines).

In special circumstances (i.e. transporting yourself to/from camp at our off-campus campsite) participation in Aggie Transition Camps may be contingent upon the collection of personal vehicle keys upon arrival at Howdy Camp/Howdy Camp by Aggie Transition Camps program staff (as applicable). Keys will be returned at the conclusion of the program (as applicable). Students will only be permitted to access their vehicles in extenuating circumstances as deemed necessary by the program staff. TAMU and Aggie Transition Camps are not responsible for theft or damages to your vehicle or belongings.

Any violation of the above agreements will subject the participant to dismissal without a refund.

By agreeing, I am stating that I have carefully read and understand the provisions stated above and I agree to be bound thereby.

Emergency Information

For emergencies, please call the Aggie Transition Camps Office at 979-862-1785 or Student Activities at (979) 845-1133. You may also email atc-reg@tamu.edu.

Again, welcome to the Aggie family. Our staff has been eagerly awaiting your arrival for months now, and we are beyond excited to see you at Howdy Camp 2027!