

Commissioner Henri E. Brooks
Annual Summer Camp Program
June 1 – July 24, 2026

Program Summary

1. Information for Youth and Families

The **Commissioner Henri E. Brooks Annual Summer Camp Program** will run from **June 1, 2026 through July 24, 2026** and will be offered through **seventeen (17) faith-based organizations** located throughout **Shelby County Commission District 7**.

As part of this summer camp program, participating students will receive:

- Daily meals and/or snacks
- Mentorship opportunities
- A minimum of **two (2) educational or recreational field trips**

The program is open to **children and youth ages 6 to 17**. Participation requires the completion of a **Parent or Guardian Consent Form**, which must be kept on file by the hosting organization.

2. Faith-Based Organizations & Program Administration

For the **fourth consecutive year**, Commissioner Henri E. Brooks, in partnership with the **Mayor's Office**, has secured **\$250,000 in funding** to support summer youth programming. The funding will support **eighteen (18) eligible Memphis and Shelby County faith-based organizations** operating summer camps in 2026.

Participating organizations will receive **grant payments issued in phases**:

- **First payment:** \$3,250, distributed once enrollment requirements are met and all initial documentation is submitted to the Site Coordinator
- **Second payment:** \$9,000, issued on **July 1, 2026**
- **Final payment:** \$1,000, released after all closeout forms, materials, and required reports are submitted to the Site Coordinator

Shelby County Government has partnered with **South Memphis Renewal Community Development Corporation (SMRCDC)** to:

- Administer grant payments
- Coordinate program compliance
- Serve as liaison with participating faith-based organizations

Shelby County anticipates that **all grant funds will be transmitted to participating organizations by the end of July 2026**. Authorized representatives of each participating organization must sign a short service contract affirming their commitment to provide programming as described.

Program Requirements & Emphasis

SMRCDC will supply **all required administrative forms**, which must be maintained for **each participating child**. Organizations are required to:

- Maintain daily attendance records
- Keep activity logs
- Provide a general program summary at the conclusion of Summer 2026

The **2026 program emphasis** includes:

- **Reading and reading comprehension** to strengthen literacy skills
- Engagement in structured games and learning activities
- Participation in community-based resources

Camps are **encouraged** to utilize existing reduced-cost or free summer resources, including:

- Memphis public libraries
- City parks and swimming pools
- Juneteenth Festivals

Organizations are also encouraged to participate in the **901 Pass Program**, a free program that grants Memphis residents access to:

- City of Memphis community centers
 - Aquatics centers
 - Senior centers
 - Free admission to the Memphis Zoo on Tuesdays
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Measurable Outcomes

Participating camps are expected to document program success using:

1. Pre- and post-program data
 2. Evidence of reading improvement
 3. Types of activities provided
 4. Games and engagement strategies used
 5. Number and types of field trips taken
 6. Any additional data deemed relevant by the organization
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3. How to Apply

Interested organizations or families may obtain additional information by:

- Speaking with a **District 7 Pastor**
- Visiting **South Memphis Renewal Community Development Corporation** online at **www.southmemphisrenewal.org/summer**
- Visiting in person at **1109 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, TN 38126**
- Calling **901-746-9287**
- Contacting **Shelby County Commissioner Henri E. Brooks** at **901-222-1000**