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Molding Christian Character

*Summer Youth Camp • Retreats • Quality Programming
Team Building • Climbing Wall • High Ropes Course*

RETREATS ~ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

OVERNIGHT EVENTS, F.A.Q.

Q: Does MCC host overnight events? Who is your general clientele?

A: Merriwood has been providing quality camp facility, food service, and some programming for hundreds of middle school, high school, and college-aged attendees for decades now, each fall and spring. Due to our housing being mostly cabins (as opposed to motel/hotel style units) Merriwood is not set up well to host couples, older ladies, or families. We will gladly recommend some other sites in our region that could assist these groups better.

Q: Can you describe your housing?

A: We have 12 cabins that have 12 beds (6 sets of bunk beds) in each room. Each room has mirrors and sinks. Two cabins are connected through a bathroom which includes two showers and two bathroom stalls. Total housing in our normal 12 cabins equals 144. We also additional housing (that we use in the summer months) that could house an additional 48 students. So, we can house 192 with our cabin space. There are also 2-3 motel units available for adult leaders or a family if necessary. The motel units consist of one double bed, and a set of bunk beds. Retreat groups are asked to bring all their own linens (sleeping bags, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, etc.) and toiletry items for cabins and motels as these are not provided. The cabins and motel rooms contain hand soap dispensers and toilet paper.

Q: Does Merriwood require any minimum numbers for overnight events?

A: Since we are a camp (and not a conference center with multiple break-out rooms) we only host one retreat group at a time at our facility. The benefit in only having one group on site at a time is that groups do not have to work their schedule around other groups for building use, outdoor space, and team building and wall times. It's all yours! Because we only have one group at Merriwood at a time, we do ask for a minimum of 50 paying persons for a one-night retreat. The minimum for a two-night retreat is 40 paying persons.

Q: What months are available for overnight retreats?

A: We do retreats from March through mid-May and then again from late-August through mid-November. We do not usually do retreats from mid-November through February. (Our cabins are closed down during this time.)

Q: How does pricing work for overnight events and what is included in that?

A: All you see above below included in the cost of an overnight event. Our rates are per-person. For example, a shorter retreat of one night and three meals would be \$63 per person in 2016. A longer retreat of 2 night and 5 meals would be \$106 per person in 2016 (rates subject to change). We can custom-make your event, adding more or less meals depending on when you arrive and depart. Please contact Merriwood for current rates.

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Q: What is included in the price of an overnight retreat?

A: Included are meals, cabin housing, 2-3 motel units, the gymnasium and chapel area, the dining hall, three campfire areas, paddle boats, canoes, and outdoor fields. Team building and the climbing wall (facilitated by Merriwood staff) are also included in the rate whether you use them or not. For a complete listing of outdoor activities available as well as activities available in the gymnasium, please see the retreat page on our website.

Q: What things does Merriwood facilitate and what events must we provide supervision for?

A: If decided upon by MCC and the retreat group, Merriwood can facilitate team building, the climbing wall, and meals. These things must be agreed upon by both parties and should be reflected in on the contract. Groups attending Merriwood must provide their own chaperones and supervision at all activities (including meals) except for team building and wall. Groups should have supervision in the gym, fields, paddle boats, canoes, and anywhere else their group has activities.

Q: How can I book an event?

A: Call MCC's office at 336-766-5151 to check availability. Once a retreat date and activities are decided upon, MCC will email a contract packet to the group. There is a \$400 non-refundable deposit for overnight retreats, deducted from the full amount. For day-events, there is a \$100 or \$200 non-refundable deposit, also deducted from the full amount, to be returned with the contract. Once the contract and deposits are returned, the retreat will be confirmed. Balance is due during your time with us.

Q: What is Team Building?

A: Team building activities are group initiatives. They are fun activities that are challenging and designed to teach life lessons and/or spiritual lessons. Some activities have an apparatus and some do not. Some are physical challenges and some are more mental, thinking challenges. Groups will learn to work together as a team, to notice one another's strengths and weaknesses, to communicate, who the leaders and followers of the group are, and to trust one another. MCC Staff will process how the group worked together as well as what life lessons can be learned after each activity. Individuals will learn about themselves and how they interact, as well as learn about their team mates. These activities are great for school sports teams, youth groups, leadership teams, and any group that wishes want to increase their learn to work together more effectively and appreciate one another. Typically, 60-75 minutes is a good time-frame for team building.

Q: Can you describe your Climbing Wall and how that works?

A: Our 48' Climbing Wall is an Alpine Tower and was built at Merriwood in 1996. There are six different climbs available, although we usually offer four climbs at a time with four MCC staff belayers. They are different levels of difficulty rated from 5.5 to 5.10 based on the Yosemite Decimal System. We encourage each climber to bump their personal comfort zone. They are encouraged to make a goal of how high they would like to climb and to reach that goal and perhaps exceed it. Each climber wears a harness and helmet. Each climber's equipment is checked by MCC staff before climbing. Individuals from children to senior citizens are welcome to climb the wall if decided upon on your contract. Typically, we allow about an hour for 20-40 climbers in our retreat season.

DAY EVENTS, F.A.Q.

Q: What kinds of day events does Merriwood host?

A: Merriwood can host field days, team building days, day outings for youth groups, church picnics, Sunday School Class picnics, school day events, etc.

Q: What activities are available for day events?

A: We can design a package that will fit your needs. Typically, paddle boats, canoes, gym use (ping pong, carpet ball, foos ball, basketball, indoor volleyball), sand volleyball, softball field, soccer area (not regulation), fishing (gear not provided by MCC), tetherball, 9 Square in the Air, three campfire areas to choose from, and cafeteria use are available. For additional rates, Merriwood staff can facilitate team building activities and/or the Climbing Wall. See the one-day event package listing on our retreat page on our website for more details.

Q: Does Merriwood require any minimum numbers for one-day events?

A: Yes, for a day event on a Saturday or Sunday, the minimum required is 60 persons. For a day event mid-week, the minimum is 30 persons.

Q: What are the day event rates?

A: The rates depend on what the group uses and if Merriwood Staff facilitation is necessary or not. A one-day event detail page with several different packages is available on the retreat page of our website. Please feel free to call the office if you have additional questions or to discuss specifics.

Q: What is a sample day event schedule?

A: We can modify this schedule for the group attending. If a group wishes for MCC staff to facilitate some of the programming, typically, we'll do team building in the morning (60-75 minutes). We can provide lunch if the group desires. MCC Staff can belay at the Climbing Wall in the afternoon. The group can have free time during the other parts of the day or your group leader can plan a meeting/agenda. The schedule can be modified to meet the needs of the group attending and for staffing purposes.

We hope you'll consider Merriwood for your overnight or day event! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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