



OVERNIGHT CAMP MERRIWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP SUMMER 2018

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:

Junior and Middle School campers should check in at the **gymnasium** between 10 and 11 am on Monday. **Teen Week** campers should check in between 4 and 5 pm on **Sunday**. **Sorry, we are not able to accommodate early arrivals.** All overnight camps end on Saturday morning. Please sign campers out at 9:30 am in the gymnasium.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Bedding or sleeping bag
- Pillow(s)
- Four Towels (two for showers, two for the pool)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Casual activity clothes - See "Dress Code" information
- Nice casual clothes for Friday evening banquet
- Tennis shoes
- Flip flops for going to and from the pool
- Water shoes for lake activities (with straps or anything that will secure the shoes to the feet.)
- Rain Jacket and/or light jacket (can get cool in chapel)
- Swimsuit (see "Dress Code" information)
- Sunscreen (spray, if possible)
- Bible (no particular version is required)
- Pens for note-taking
- Flashlight
- Spending money for canteen (snack shop) and camp store, if not already deposited online (\$25 - \$50 recommended)
- Optional: electric fan, extension cord, journal, musical instrument, camera (not video), etc.
- Teen Campers:** Small Backpack for Expedition Day

CAMPER MEDICATION



Please pre-register camper medications (prescription or OTC) through our online portal. An email with instructions will be sent prior to arrival. (If you are not able to access the online portal, medication can be registered when you arrive.) All camper medications (prescription or OTC) must be brought in the original prescription bottles and registered with MCC personnel at the check-in area.

PARENT/CAMPER COMMUNICATION

Please keep all communication upbeat and positive to enable your child to have the best possible experience at camp.

Communication/Feedback Opportunities (all are optional):

- 1) One-Way Emails to Campers (see below),
- 2) Purchase a "Make My Day" Care Package. (Order form available online and will be sent out by email in the spring.)
- 3) Drop off a care package at or mail to the camp office, clearly marked with the camper's name on the outside of the package. Packages received by 5:30 pm will be delivered at supper nightly. Mail to "Child's name, c/o Merriwood Christian Camp, 9640 Center Grove Church Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012." **Please limit packages to ONE per camper for the week and letters to ONE per day.** Care Packages will either be delivered during supper in the dining hall OR to the cabin around supper time, depending on the volume of packages that day.
- 4) As always, campers are welcome to send letters home. (Younger campers may want to come equipped with pre-addressed, stamped postcards or envelopes to ensure delivery.)

ONE-WAY EMAILS TO CAMPERS

Do you want to send a quick email to your child during the week letting them know that you are thinking about them? You can purchase a "block" of 5 emails (cost is \$4 per block of 5) that will be delivered on a daily basis. This can be accessed through the "Additional Options" menu, under "Email a Camper." "Friend Accounts" can also purchase emails to send to campers. You can purchase the block of emails now, but you will not be able to compose and send the emails until the camper arrives at MCC.

ONLINE CAMP BANK

You may deposit money in your camper's "camp bank" account (to be used in the canteen and the camp store) through the registration portal. The camp bank can be found under the "Additional Options" menu. Select "Store Deposits" and enter the amount you wish to put into your child's camp bank, then go through the check-out process. Because of credit card fees, we ask that the deposit to be a minimum of \$10. Funds can be added at any time, even while the camper is at camp. You can still send cash or check with them on Monday to be deposited as well.

ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY

Do you wish you could see what is going on at camp each day? Simply log onto your account, look under the "Additional Options" menu, choose "Photo Gallery," and view photos that have been uploaded daily during the camp week. If you find some you would like to download in a higher resolution and save to your computer, you may do so **FREE OF CHARGE!** You can also create "Friend Accounts" to allow friends and family to view the photo gallery. Only parents with children attending the current camp week and those you have given access to through "friend accounts" can view the photos.

CAMPER EMERGENCIES

If a camper has an emergency while with us, MCC staff will contact the guardian. Parents needing to contact MCC in case of emergency should call the office at 336-766-5151 or the cafeteria at 336-766-5154. **For extreme cases, if no one can be reached at these numbers, please call 336-817-5031.**

CELL PHONE POLICY

Our desire is that campers focus on the program of the camp week while in our care. Cell phones are not permitted. **Bringing a cell phone to camp may be cause for dismissal without refund.**

DRESS CODE

The purpose of our dress code is to eliminate distractions and support the principle of modesty. For this reason, we ask that **all shorts be at least mid-thigh length.** Spaghetti strap shirts, low cut shirts, shirts revealing the midriff, or clothing with improper advertising will not be allowed. **Swimsuits must be one-piece and modest (or tankinis should meet at the waist to cover the stomach).** MCC reserves the right to ask any individual camper to change his/her outfit if, in the estimation of the staff, it is immodest or inappropriate.

DO NOT BRING

Any electronic devices, magazines, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, firearms/ammunition, knives of any kind (including pocket knives), etc. MCC reserves the right to search a camper's belongings if there is reason to believe that something harmful to themselves or others or against Merriwood regulations may be present.

MID-WEEK SIGN-OUTS/ EARLY WITHDRAWALS

MCC recommends that campers sign up for a week where they do not have outside extra-curricular activities. Coming and going during the week is discouraged, as it interrupts the camper's experience and cabin structure and can add to homesickness. Mid-week sign outs will only be permitted in extreme cases, on a case-by-case basis. **Please call the office or speak with an MCC staff member at check-in to discuss this.** For security reasons, campers will not be allowed to depart camp mid-week unless previous arrangements have been made and proper paperwork completed. All campers will be expected to stay the entire period unless they become ill, have an emergency at home, or are released due to disciplinary action. **There will be no refunds or credits given for early withdrawals for any reason,** including: discipline, health reasons, homesickness, extra curricular activities, or emergencies at home. As a Christian organization, MCC maintains a high standard of conduct. MCC reserves the right to dismiss anyone conducting themselves in an improper manner.

LOST AND FOUND

Please mark all luggage and clothing with the camper's name. MCC is not responsible for items lost or damaged. **Items left behind will be disposed of if not requested in 14 days.** Any items that have to be mailed will be sent C.O.D.

PAYMENTS/REFUNDS/TRANSFERS

All final payments are due 2 months before your camp begins. Deposits are non-refundable. See the "Policies Statement" online for refund policy. **Final Payments not made within 1 month of the start date of camp will be assessed a \$25 Late Fee and/or may result in forfeiting the camper's space.** You are welcome to make payments through our online system, available at www.campmerriwood.net with a Visa, Master Card, or Discover, OR AMEX, or over the phone by calling 336-766-5151. You may also mail a check to the camp at 9640 Center Grove Church Rd, Clemmons, NC 27012. **We will allow you to transfer your child from one week to another, as long as space is available. A \$15 Transfer Fee will be assessed.**

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