



MERRIWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

2019 OVERNIGHT CAMPS

ARRIVAL & PICK-UP

ARRIVAL: Check-in takes place in the gymnasium. Please have camper medication available to check in as well. (For faster processing, please register medication online a minimum of three days prior to the camp week.) We are not able to accommodate early arrivals. If you arrive early, you will need to remain outside the building. At check-in, your camper will be given his/her cabin assignment. You ARE allowed to accompany the campers to the cabin and help set up bunks.

Junior and Middle School Weeks: Campers should check in at the gymnasium between 10 and 11 am on Monday. Doors will not open prior to 10:00.

Teen Week : Campers should check in between 4 and 5 pm on SUNDAY night.

PICK-UP: Please pick your camper up on Saturday morning at 9:30 am in the gymnasium.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bedding or sleeping bag for twin size bunkbed
- Pillow(s)
- Four Towels: Two for showers, two for swimming
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Casual activity clothes (Please see **Dress Code**)
- One nicer outfit for Friday Supper banquet (example: khaki shorts with polo/skirt or summer dress)
- Tennis shoes for group activities
- Flip flops for going to and from pool
- Water shoes for lake activities (must attach firmly to foot)
- Rain jacket and/or light jacket (gets cool in air conditioned buildings)
- Swimsuit (see **Dress Code**)
- Bible (No particular version is required, but you may want to refrain from bringing special Bibles in case it does not make it home.)
- Pens for taking notes in chapel
- Flashlight
- Spending money for canteen (snack shop) and camp store, if not already deposited online. (\$25—\$50 recommended)
- Teen Campers:** Small backpack for Expedition Day
- Optional: Journal, musical instrument, camera

DO NOT BRING

Bringing any of the following items may result in confiscation of the item(s) and/or immediate dismissal from camp. *Merriwood Christian Camp reserves the right to search a camper's belongings if there is a reason to believe that something harmful to themselves or others (or against Merriwood regulations) may be present.*

- X** Electronics, including cell phones
- X** Magazines
- X** Drugs
- X** Tobacco
- X** Vaping devices
- X** Smokeless tobacco
- X** Fireworks
- X** Firearms/ammunition
- X** Knives of any kind (including pocket knives)

DRESS CODE

The purpose of having a 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 (no less than a dollar bill from the top of the knee).** This is the same standard as the local public schools. Spaghetti strap shirts, low cut shirts, shirts revealing the midriff or undergarments, or clothing with inappropriate messaging will not be allowed. Swimsuits must be modest, covering the entire midriff. 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.

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 medication (prescription or OTC) must be brought in original bottles for verification purposes. If your child has multiple medications and you feel it would be easier for our staff to dispense the medications using pill organizers, you may bring them already separated out. However, we ask that you also bring the prescription bottles with you with at least one pill in each bottle. That way if there is any confusion or if the pill box accidentally opens, we can make sure the correct medication is given at the correct time.

MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

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

CAMPER EMERGENCIES

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

PARENT/CAMPER COMMUNICATION

There are several ways for you to communicate with your child throughout the week. **Please keep all communication upbeat and positive to enable your child to have the best possible experience at camp.**

- 1) One-way emails to campers (see below).
- 2) Purchasing a "Make My Day" Care Package. (Order forms are available online in the spring.)
- 3) Drop off or mail a care package to your camper. Clearly mark the camper's name (and cabin number, if known) on the outside of the package. Packages must be in the office by 5:00 pm to be delivered that day. Depending on the volume of packages, they will either be delivered during supper mail call or delivered to the camper's cabin. Please limit the number of care packages to ONE per day and letters to THREE per day.
- 4) As always, campers are encouraged to send letters home. (For younger campers, please pack pre-addressed, stamped post-cards or envelopes to ensure delivery.)

ONE-WAY EMAILS TO CAMPERS

Do you want to send a quick email to your child during the week to tell say that you are thinking about them? You can purchase a "block" of 5 emails (cost is \$5 per block of 5) that will be delivered on a daily basis. They can be accessed through your registration account by choosing the "Additional Options" menu, then selecting "Email a Camper." If you have friends or relatives who would like to send your child an email, you can set up a "Friend Account" and they can purchase blocks of emails as well. You can pre-order the emails, but you will not be able to compose and send the emails until the camper arrives at Merriwood.

CAMP BANK

Junior and Middle School campers are not allowed to carry cash and must use the "Camp Bank" to make purchases at the Canteen and Camp Store. The Canteen is open twice a day (swim time and after evening chapel) for purchasing snacks and drinks, and the Camp Store is open each afternoon during free time. **Money may be deposited ONLINE through your registration account**, or you can send cash or check with your camper on Monday. If they have more than \$1 left on Friday night, it will be given back to them on Saturday. If more than \$20 is left and the deposit was made by credit card, a refund will be processed to your card.

PHOTO GALLERY & CAMP VIDEO

Photos taken throughout the day will be uploaded each night and may be viewed on Merriwood's Smugmug site. For privacy reasons, the website is not available to be viewed by the public, but a link will be emailed to you so you can view the photos. Viewing and downloading web resolution photos is FREE! You may also purchase high resolution photos, prints, and gifts from the Smugmug website. (Photos will no longer be uploaded to the registration portal, as we had many complaints about the size of the thumbnail and difficulty downloading.) **Beginning this summer, instead of a weekly DVD for purchase, we'll be providing each camper with a link to a video of their week (also available for download) included with the cost of camp!**

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 on a case-by-case basis. **Please call the office or speak with a year-round MCC staff member at check-in to discuss this.** For security reasons, campers will not be allowed to depart 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 and reserves the right to dismiss anyone conducting themselves in an improper manner.

LEFT BEHIND ITEMS

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 and picked up 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.** Payments can be made through your registration account, over the phone at 336-766-5151, or mailed to the camp. **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.**

QUESTIONS??? Email: registration@campmerriwood.net Phone: 336-766-5151 Website: www.campmerriwood.net