

REMOTE LEARNING CAMP at MERRIWOOD, Q&A

Q: Why is Merriwood offering this Remote Learning Camp? And what is it?

A: In WSFCS's Plan (for the 9-week remote learning), two limitations to the remote learning were mentioned: First, a lack of ability for some families to adequately support the academic needs of their children, and 2) a lack of community child care centers for before and after school care. MCC seeks to help those in the community with the education plan set forth for the first nine weeks of school - to offer academic support to students, to offer a safe, uplifting, Christian environment for those needing childcare, to offer fun, camp recreation activities, and to promote positive peer social interaction.

Q: What grades is this Remote Learning Camp for?

A: MCC will be offering RLC to 3rd through 8th graders. WSFCS has outlined different plans for K-2nd, 3-5th, 6-8th, and high school. K-2nd grade will have greater coaching needs, which would mean more cost passed on to paying parents. And many 9th-12th graders are better suited to handle the remote learning even if a parent is not 100% present. Merriwood may consider adding grades in future weeks, but at this time, RLC at MCC is being offered to 3rd-8th graders.

Q: What are the dates for Remote Learning Camp?

A: This program is being offered the first nine weeks of WSFCS school, which are Monday, August 17th-Friday, October 16th, 2020.

Q: Is this only for WSFCS students?

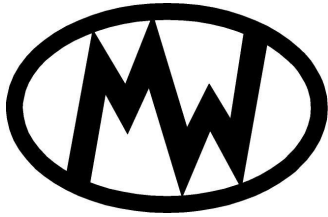
A: MCC's Remote Learning Camp has been designed with the WSFCS schedule and standards in mind, with plans saying that remote learning will happen synchronously with actual video teaching times and asynchronously (students working on their own) between 8:00-2:30 (or 3:00) pm. For this reason, other than snack times, lunch, and brain breaks, the 8:00-2:30 timeframe in the daily schedule will be dedicated to education (with the exception of Flex Fridays possibly having much more recreation time). Since other counties are doing things differently, this program may not work well for those outside WSFCS.

Q: Can my child attend just mornings or just afternoons at MCC or just certain days of the week?

A: To maintain consistency and to have the proper amount of staff in place, MCC will need to know ahead of time how many students will be in the program each day. At this time, MCC is not offering any drop-in options or pro-rated options for 1/2 days. But MCC is offering 5-day/week options, 3-day/week options, and 2-day/week options.

Q: What will MCC be doing to ensure safety and health in light of COVID-19?

A: First, students and staff will undergo a health screening each morning which includes a series of questions and temperature check at arrival, according to CDC guidelines. Second, MCC will be following NC state guidelines for wearing face coverings and social distancing. Students will need to enter the building with a mask and come prepared to use it when not able to social distance. However, students 10 years and under are not required in NC to wear a face covering, but certainly may if parents prefer. MCC staff will wear a mask when not able to socially distance. Third, MCC will have many sanitation stations set up including hand sanitizer and hand washing stations and we will be increasing cleaning of frequently-used spaces. Last, MCC will limit outside visitors in buildings during this program.



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Q: What will the education part of the schedule look like during the day?

A: Most students have online classes from 8:30 am-3:00 pm (give or take), including brain break times and lunch/recess breaks. MCC will have learning coaches in the academic room during to assist students during their academic day. MCC will have recreation staff and activities available throughout this time as well where students can get out of the classroom setting for their breaks, and for any PE/music sessions, etc, that need to happen away from the classroom space.

Q: What is a “Learning Coach” and what does WSFCS require their credentials to be?

A: WSFCS requires that each student have a “learning coach” for these nine weeks. A Learning Coach is defined by WSFCS as: *any adult who the parent or guardian identifies as the individual who will oversee the student's day to day virtual or remote learning school work. This person can be a family member, friend, or community representative.* MCC staff will be operating as “learning coaches” during the 8:00-3:00 timeframe. However, each parent will be the *official* “learning coach” for their child.

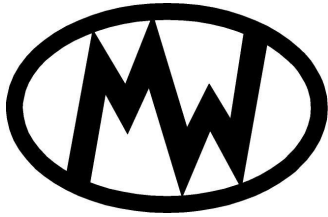
MCC will have an experienced classroom teacher who will act as the **Academic Director** who supervises the academic room as well as other Learning Coaches. The role of MCC’s learning coaches is to oversee the remote learning day, make sure the students are logged in when needed, and assist when possible, *but not necessarily to teach or tutor.* (Learning Coaches will help students field any unanswered *education* questions back to the student’s actual teacher.) ** MCC’s Learning Coaches will provide a log of how the student’s time was spent during the 8:00-2:30 pm remote learning timeframe (synchronous, asynchronous, and brain breaks) by Friday of each week. If WSFCS requires, it will be the responsibility of the parent to turn in the weekly attendance log to WSFCS for their child.

Q: How will MCC’s learning coaches make sure my child is attending the proper synchronous class sessions?

A: We realize that parents will be the ones getting all the communication from teachers concerning synchronous class times, changes in schedule for the day, assignments, and occasionally Canvas or Zoom issues. MCC will use the student’s class schedule to help them log into the appropriate classes daily. There will be time on Flex Friday where each student will log in, check email, and be able to complete any remaining assignments for the week. MCC will provide a mobile number a parent can text or call at any time if there is a change in student schedule after the start of the day.

Q: What will happen between 2:30-4:30 pm?

A: Merriwood has so much to offer for students on our 68-acres of property! After class time, MCC will open the canteen for afternoon snack, followed by active, camp activities like swimming, lake activities, archery, sling-shots, crafts, climbing wall, (and more) where students can interact with one another safely.



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Q: Do you accept students that have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), are EL (English Learner), or in the EC Program (Exceptional Child)?

A: All students are welcome to apply. MCC will evaluate the needs of each student and make a decision if our staff are able to meet the needs of the applicant, and make it a successful situation. Please allow 24-48 hours for the application process.

Q: What meals or snacks will be provided for my child?

A: MCC will provide a morning snack for the students, included in the program cost. (But if you prefer to send your own morning snack, that is fine as well.) We ask parents to send in a lunch box/bag with lunch daily. (As the program gets underway, MCC may offer prepared lunches for an additional fee for those who want it.) Students can visit the canteen in the afternoon to purchase a snack/treat after school with cash (or bring their own afternoon snack from home).

Q: How do I enroll in this program?

A: There is an application process online for each, individual student, giving us more information about them so we can provide the best coaching and care possible, along with a non-refundable \$25 processing fee per child. If approved, MCC would send a notice of acceptance and the applicant would be given the go-ahead to register and pay online for the program.

Q: How and when is payment made?

A: Once accepted into the program, the registrar will work with the parent to set up a payment plan. As a general rule, payments will be processed on Fridays, for the upcoming week.

Q: How many students are in this program and is there availability?

A: MCC is still accepting applications for Remote Learning Camp until all spaces are filled. Currently, there are 15-20 students enrolled, different days of the week.

Q: What if WSFCS extend the remote learning after October 16, 2020?

A: If remote learning is extended, MCC will consider extending this Remote Learning Camp as well. A decision would be made later concerning the extension of the program.

Q: Who do I contact for more details?

A: Call 336-766-5151 or email registration@campmerriwood.net

We hope to see your child this fall!

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