



2022 OVERNIGHT RETREAT DETAILS

Dates:

We are available for retreats from late February through mid-May and then again, from late-August through mid-November. *We run our own summer camp program from late-May through mid-August, so we are not available for outside retreats during those months.* (We close down our housing facility for the winter months of December, January, and most of February but the cafeteria/gym/outdoor fields are available during this time for day groups.) Please contact us if you would like to discuss dates, keeping in mind that **many dates (especially fall) book 9-12 months out!**

Rates for 2022:

We can add or subtract a meal here or there to custom-make your retreat. These rates are based on how many nights you stay and how many meals you include. Retreat rate includes: housing, meals, the use of the grounds, and your choice of **two** activities facilitated by the MCC team. No additional fees for use of buildings or general ground/lake/boats. Here is an idea of some of our retreat costs:

- One night, three meals - \$78 per person
- Two nights, five meals - \$127 per person

Minimum and Maximum Numbers—Capacity:

Because our facility does not have separate meetings rooms, we only have one lease group in attendance at any time. This means that the group in attendance has the use of the complete grounds. For this reason, we ask for the groups to pay for a minimum of 50 people for a one-night retreat, or a minimum of 40 persons for a two-night retreat. Some churches or groups will choose to join up with another group in order to reach the minimum.

Housing: Our regular cabin buildings have a total of 144 beds (usually 72 beds for girls plus 72 beds for guys). There are 12 beds per room (6 sets of bunk beds). These cabins have sinks and mirrors in the bedrooms. Two cabins of 12 each share a bathroom, consisting of 2 showers and 2 bathrooms.

We have additional housing of 44 more beds is available, upon request, which use the bathhouse for restrooms, just across the sidewalk.)

We also have 2 motel units available if needed (for a speaker, band, or a family that won't do well in student housing). Motel one consists of one queen bed, AND a set of bunk beds. Motel two consists of a full/double bed and set of bunk beds. Motel units are available for no *extra* fee. Same "per person" as others applies.

Food Service:

All meals on site are prepared and provided by MCC staff. We get compliments on our food! We typically serve family style but can discuss other options if cafeteria style is desired. For family style, all the food is on each table (tables for 8) in serving dishes, hot, at the time you schedule for your meal. We recommend that all guests are present at the meal start time, instead of people coming and going during the meal timeframe if we are **not** having a serving/buffet line. *(Due to health department regulations, we are unable to allow outside groups to use our kitchen facilities.)*

We will send the group leader the menu for the retreat about a week out. If you have a favorite food or strong dislike, we can certainly take that into consideration as we plan your retreat menu. Please make us aware of this at time of contract. A breakfast example is biscuits, sausage, eggs, hash browns, instant oatmeal, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, (jelly/butter), cereal, milk, coffee, juice. A lunch example is chicken tenders, fries, fruit, salad bar, dessert, tea/lemonade/water. A supper example is chicken fajitas, flour tortillas, tortilla chips, nacho cheese, Spanish rice, (shredded cheese, lettuce, sour cream salsa), salad bar, dessert, cool aid, tea, water, ice.

At the end of the first meal, a MCC staff member will demonstrate the "clean-up process." It's a simple process but helps our team clean up quicker and allows us to keep staffing costs down (thus, keeping retreat costs down). It works well in our own summer camp programming as well. *In general, a family-style meal-time will last 30 minutes or so, plus clean-up time.*

Activities:

Included in the overnight retreat rate are two activity options that MCC staff will facilitate for you (if desired). Activity options are: 48 foot climbing wall, team building activities, large group games, archery, sling-shots, and/or blob & water trampoline at lakefront (available August/September/early October only). You will be able to choose your two options during the contract process. MCC will work with you to schedule these activities during timeframes that work for your group as well as our staffing.

Other activities the retreat groups can facilitate themselves are: 9 Square in the Air, softball field/kickball field (limited equipment on site), outdoor sand volleyball, gaga pit, arena soccer, tetherball, two playgrounds, canoes and paddleboats on the waterfront, 9-Hole Disc Golf, outdoor swimming pool (in season), bottle bash, can jam, spike ball, corn hole, gymnasium (includes basketball, volleyball, foosball, carpet ball, ping pong, etc.), camp store, chapel area with stage, couch area in cafeteria and fireplace, three campfire area options, and more! All facilities, in season, are included in the per-person cost.

Booking:

Interested parties are encouraged to set up a tour time to see the facility and meet with the retreat coordinator. If your group and Merriwood both decide on a working date, Merriwood will send you a contract and facility use agreement so we can best prepare for your needs. Leaders have 14 days to return the contract and deposit. When you return the contract and non-refundable deposit, your date will be confirmed. *The deposit will be 10% of the approximate total cost of your event (with a minimum of \$400 deposit and max of \$1,000) deducted from your final amount due.* The balance amount is due during your retreat time with us. MCC prefers checks, to avoid high credit card fees. Your schedule is due ASAP. Final numbers are due 14 days before your event. We will communicate closely with you to make sure your needs and goals are met! Please contact Hannah Baucom at Merriwood if you have any questions or would like to check potential dates. We look forward to hearing from you! Office: office@campmerriwood.net, 336-766-5151 or 336-909-5741 (mobile)

Summer Camp:

For information about our summer camp program, for rising 1st -12th graders, please check our website at www.campmerriwood.net.