



MERRIWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

2022 DAY CAMPS

The details below are for the Lower-elementary day camps: June 13-17 and July 4-8

The cost of camp week includes morning snack, lunch, and all crafts and activities.

ARRIVAL: Monday morning check-in will be either 8:15, 8:25, or 8:35 am based on your last name. Please park and bring your child into the gymnasium, where you will be able to meet his/her cabin counselor. Tuesday through Friday, please drop your camper off in front of the gym between 8:30 and 8:45. We are not able to accommodate campers prior to 8:30 am. Our staff will gladly open your car door and make sure your child makes it in safely.

PICK-UP: Pick-up is at 4:30 pm each day. Please park and come into the gym, as you will need to sign your child out each afternoon. Anyone picking up your child must be on the "Authorized Pickup" list that you completed during the registration process. The list is printed at the beginning of the week, so changes made during the week will not be on the printed sign-out sheet that we use for the week. **If you need to add an authorized pickup person during the week, please call the office by noon of that day or see the staff at the Information Desk in the afternoon to make changes to your list.**

WHAT TO WEAR: Children should wear play clothes and athletic shoes (firmly attached to the feet) for active games. On Monday campers will be tie-dying shirts. Although they wear smocks and gloves, some staining may occur! Please label all camper's belongings with their name.

WHAT TO PACK:

- Swimsuit (see **Dress Code**)
- Towel and Sunscreen (spray is preferred)

- Flip flops for going to and from pool required, but you may want to refrain
- Plastic bag for wet swimsuit/towels from bringing special Bibles in case of
- Bible, **Optional for those who are able** loss or damage.)
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CAMPER MEDICATIONS: Please make every effort to administer necessary meds before or after camp. However, if your child has mid-day or as-needed medications that are unavoidable or emergency (like inhaler/epi-pen), please register the medication through your online portal 48 hours ahead of camp. Please put any medication in a zip lock bag with the camper's name clearly written on the bag. Please make sure any meds listed on your online med form **exactly match** the meds you are bringing. You can turn those meds in Monday morning at the Medication Check In Table. Medications will be returned on the last day of camp, at pick up time.

CAMP BANK (CANTEEN AND CAMP STORE MONEY): All campers must utilize the "Camp Bank" to make purchases at the Canteen and Camp Store. The canteen is open each afternoon around swim time to purchase snacks and drinks, and one additional time if they stay for the Friday Night Sleepover. Canteen items range from \$0.25-\$2.50. We recommend that you deposit \$15-\$25 per camper into their online Camp Bank. To deposit money, log into your account through the website. Click on "Bank Deposits" on the top menu bar, then follow the instructions on the screen. Camp Bank money can also be spent at the Camp Store, which each cabin will visit **ONE time throughout the week, different days/cabin**. If you'd like your child to be able to purchase something from the camp store, please make sure the funds are available by Monday morning. **Bank money not spent will remain in the account to be used next summer unless a refund is requested in writing.** Funds can also be transferred to a sibling coming later in the summer, if requested.

CAMPER WRISTBANDS: On Monday, your camper may come home with one or more plastic wristbands. If they have a blue wristband, this means they passed the deep water swim test. They may also have a yellow wristband if they have life-threatening allergies or special medical needs. Please do not cut these off until the week is over and encourage your child to keep them in tact.

FRIDAY NIGHT SLEEP-OVER: There is an optional Friday night sleepover for rising 2nd through 4th graders. Campers who choose this option will stay at camp on Friday afternoon from 4:30 (when the other campers depart) until Saturday at 9 am. The cost is \$30. If you have not pre-ordered this option, you will be emailed instructions on how you can add it. New overnight sleep-over orders must be placed by Tuesday night of that camp week.

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 more than a dollar bill from the top of the knee)**. 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, the estimation of the staff, it is immodest or inappropriate.

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. Please don't bring:

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| X Electronics, including cell phones or Apple (smart) watches | X Tobacco/Smokeless tobacco | X Knives of any kind (including pocket-knives) |
| X Magazines | X Vaping devices or products | X No items with any nuts in ingredient label (for safety of those with life-threatening allergies) |
| X Drugs | X Alcohol | |
| | X Fireworks/Firearms/ammunition | |

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 mobile device 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.**

PHOTO GALLERY

Photos taken throughout the day will be uploaded each night and may be viewed on Merriwood's Smugmug site. Once the first set of photos is uploaded (usually Monday evening) a link will be emailed to you. Viewing and downloading web resolution photos is FREE! You may also purchase high resolution photos, prints, and gifts from the Smugmug website. If you find photos you want to share, feel free to download those individual photos and share them on social media or send them to friends and relatives. Please help us maintain camper's privacy by not sharing that link.

EARLY SIGN-OUTS/ WITHDRAWALS

We recommend 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. Mid-day sign-outs will only be permitted on a case-by-case basis. **Please call the office ahead of time or speak with a year-round MCC staff member at check-in to request this.** Due to pick up lines, no campers may leave between 3:45 and 4:30 pm. For security reasons, campers will not be allowed to depart early 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.

LOST AND FOUND 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 \$25 Transfer Fee will be assessed.**