



2023 OVERNIGHT RETREAT DETAILS

Dates:

We are available for retreats from mid-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 part 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 2023:

Each retreat is custom made. Pricing is based on how many nights and meals you choose. Rates are per-person and include: 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 grounds/lake/boats. Here is an example of retreat costs: *(Keep in mind we can add or subtract days, nights, meals, etc. Contact us for exact pricing.)*

- One night, three meals - \$82 per person
- Two nights, five meals - \$135 per person

Minimum and Maximum Numbers—Capacity:

Each group attending gets the use of the entire facility to themselves! 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 if numbers are a concern.

Housing: Our housing is best suited for youth. MCC has 192 beds within 16 cabins. Each room contains 12 beds (6 sets of bunk beds).

- Twelve of our cabins (cabins 1-12) have sinks and mirrors in the rooms; two cabins (of 12-beds each) share a bathroom, consisting of 2 showers and 2 bathrooms. This is a total of 144 beds.
- The additional four cabins (cabins 13-16 near the pool) use the bathhouse for restrooms, just across the sidewalk. This is an additional 48 beds.

We also have 2 or more 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 a set of bunk beds. Motels bathrooms contain a stand up shower, toilet, sink, and mirror. Motel units are available for no *extra* fee. Same "per person" rate 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 (8 chairs/table) 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 tacos, 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). *Typically, a family-style meal will last 30-45 minutes (depending on the group size), plus clean-up/announcements.*

Activities:

Included in the overnight retreat rate are **two** activity options that MCC staff will facilitate for you (if desired, not required). Activity options are: 48 foot climbing wall, team building activities, large group games, archery, sling-shots, axe throwing, to-scale solar system model walk and devotional, and/or blob & water trampoline at lakefront (available in season & weather-permitting only, August/September/early October). You will be able to choose your two options during the contract process. *(You can add activities for an additional fee as well.)* MCC will work with you to schedule these activities during timeframes that work for your group as well as our staffing.

Other activities included in the rate, that the retreat groups can facilitate and supervise 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 lake, 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!

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: We host all-inclusive camps for rising 1st -12th graders. Check www.campmerriwood.net.