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## DAY EVENT PACKAGES ~ 2023 DETAILS

### Details:

Thank you for considering a day event at Merriwood! Our retreat season runs 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. (For this reason, and staff downtime after summer season ends, we are not available for outside retreats during these times. Please contact us if you would like to discuss dates, keeping in mind that our fall retreat season books quickly! Spring sometimes has more availability than fall.

### Reservations:

If you wish to book an event with Merriwood, please contact Hannah Baucom at 336-766-5151 or 336-909-5741 (mobile) to discuss your needs. If arrangements are made, MCC would send you a contract and facility-use agreement so we can better prepare for your needs. Your date will not be secure until a deposit is paid and the contract is signed and returned. Deposit is calculated based on 10% of the estimated total cost with a minimum deposit of \$400 and a maximum deposit of \$1,000. Deposit is deducted from balance. The balance is due during your time here. During our retreat season, MCC will be unable to book a day event during a Fri, Sat, Sunday until closer to the requested day as MCC gives priority to overnight retreat bookings on the weekends. Returning groups must re-book their day event each year. MCC requires new groups to schedule an on-site visit/tour before their event, preferably before booking, for planning purposes.

### Minimum Numbers Maximum Numbers:

Because our facility does not have separate meetings rooms, we only have one lease group in attendance at any time, so your group would have use of the complete facility! For this reason, the minimum number for a day event Monday through Thursday is 30 paying persons. The minimum number on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday is 60 paying persons. Some churches or groups will choose to join up with another group in order to reach the minimum. Day group capacity depends on the group's schedule, which activities MCC staff will facilitate, and how many vehicles will need parking space. Please call Hannah to discuss your needs and see if MCC can accommodate your group.

### Food Service:

- Due to health department regulations, we are unable to have outside groups use our kitchen to do their own food service or provide their own meals. For this reason, all meals are provided by MCC Staff. Our staff will set the menu and provide delicious, age-appropriate meals.
- We serve family style. This means that the food is on each table (tables for 8) in serving dishes, hot, at the time you schedule your meal. We recommend that you have every attendee be present at start time, and not allow for people to come and go during the meal timeframe.
- At the end of the first meal, a MCC staff member will demonstrate the "clean up process". It's fairly simple 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.
- MCC can also offer a cafeteria style serving line if desired. However, please consider that if you have a large group, you will need to set aside more time for cafeteria style as opposed to family style. FYI.
- *Day groups may arrange to have the attendees bring a sack lunch, in lieu of Merriwood's food service. (There is a drink machine available in the gymnasium area.)*

### Meal Examples:

- Breakfast example: eggs, biscuits, sausage patties, hash browns, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, cereal, milk, coffee, juice.
- Lunch example: hamburgers, potato wedges, baked beans, pickle spears, fruit, dessert, kool aid, tea, water.
- Dinner example: spaghetti and meatballs, mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, salad, breadsticks, corn, dessert, kool aid, tea, water.



### **Package A – Three Activities Plus One Meal**

- **Choose THREE:** Team building, Climbing Wall, Blob/Water Trampoline, Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- **Also includes ONE MEAL!** (See details on food service on previous page.)
- Also included are outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$44 per person**

### **Package B – Two Activities Plus One Meal**

- **Choose TWO:** Team building, Climbing Wall, Blob/Water Trampoline, Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- **Also includes ONE MEAL!** (See details on food service on previous page.)
- Also included are outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$38 per person**

### **Package C - Two Activities but no meal**

- **Choose TWO:** Team building, Climbing Wall, Blob/Water Trampoline, Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- Also included are outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- No meal. Dining hall available for meal purposes (if you choose to bring your own sack lunches). Drink machine available in gym for drink purchases.
- MCC will have cabin bathrooms open for use for the day.
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$29 per person. Meal is not included.**

### **Package D – One Activity, Plus One Meal Included**

- **Choose ONE:** Team building, Climbing Wall, Blob/Water trampoline, Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- **Also includes LUNCH MEAL!** (See details on food service on previous page.)
- Also included are outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- Drink machines available in gym for drink purchases
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$28 per person.**



### Package E – One Activity, No Meal Included

- **Choose ONE:** Team building, Climbing Wall, Blob/Water Trampoline, Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- Also included are outdoor activities such as: paddle boats, canoes, outdoor sand volleyball, softball (kickball) field, tetherball, fields, 9 Square in the Air, 9-hole disc golf
- Also included are outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- Drink machine available in gym for drink purchases.
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$21 per person. Meals are not included in this rate.**

### Package F – Facilitate Own Activities on the Grounds (No MCC Staff Facilitation Included)

- **No activities facilitated by Merriwood staff.** The lease group would be responsible to supervise their own activities. (Not included: Wall, Blob and Water Obstacle Course, Climbing Wall, and Large Group Games, Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing.)
- Included: outdoor activities (listed below) as well as gymnasium and chapel area (details listed below). The lease group would supervise all of these additional activities and facility areas.
- Dining hall for meal purposes (if you choose to bring your own sack lunches). Cabin bathrooms available if group size necessitates. Due to health department regulations, the kitchen is not available for outside groups to use for food prep.
- Drink machines available in gym for drink purchases
- **Minimum of 30 guests Monday through Thursday. Minimum of 60 Fri/Sat/Sun.**
- **Cost - \$12per person. Meals are not included in this rate.**

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** paddle boats, canoes, outdoor sand volleyball, softball (kickball) field, tetherball, fields, 9 Square in the Air, 9-hole disc golf. The lease group is responsible to supervise all of these additional activities .
- **GYMNASIUM AND CHAPEL AREA INCLUDE:** full court basketball (or half-court basketball and half-court volleyball), two carpet ball tables, one ping pong table, two foos-ball tables. The lease group is responsible to supervise all these facilities.

### Explanation of Activities Available:

#### 1 - Team Building

- Team building is obstacles and challenges that teach life lessons, help the group bond together, reveal leaders and followers in the group, challenge the participants with spiritual lessons.
- MCC will facilitate for 60-75 minutes, as this is the most effective timeframe.
- Please network with MCC to determine times that will work for both parties.
- We will lead small groups to facilitate team building activities. You can break them into groups ahead of time, or we can do it on the spot. Group size can range from 8-11 people, to be effective.
- MCC can generally accommodate four groups (of 8-11 per group) at one time, up to 44 total. If you think you'll have over 44 students or participants, we may need to schedule two separate team building time frames. Please speak to a Merriwood staff member about this when you set up the schedule for the day.
- Unless participants are high school or older, MCC recommends the groups be guys-only or girls-only.



## 2 – Climbing Wall

- Our Climbing Wall is 48 feet tall and has six different climbs, different levels of difficulty. Ratings go from 5.4 to 5.10 on the Yosemite Decimal scale. We typically have 4 climbs and 4 belayers available at one time.
- Approx. 40-60 people can be accommodated in 90 minutes.
- The Climbing Wall is not available during inclement weather. Inclement weather would be rain, snow, thunder, lightning, extremely cold temperatures, or extremely wet grounds.
- Climbers should wear tennis shoes and casual shorts or pants. Clothing should be dry.
- Please network with MCC Staff to find a time that works well for you as well as MCC staff.

## 3 – Blob and Water Blob (lakefront)

- Our blob and water trampoline/Splash track are only available during a late-August or September retreat date.
- Not available in inclement weather (lightning, thunder, or temperatures that are too cold to facilitate safely)
- MCC will provide one or two lifeguards/facilitators at of the blob. MCC will require the lease group to provide two additional adult leaders to help facilitate the blob and water obstacle course. One should be prepared to be IN the water to ensure safety.

## 4—Large Group Games

- If one of your goals for your day is just plain fun, this option may be for you! Or, if your group is so large that it would be difficult for Merriwood to facilitate team building for your group (or time is an issue with team building activities), consider allowing MCC to facilitate large group games.
- We have both outdoor and indoor options depending on the size of the group.
- Group age range should be within four years or so (of each other) and no younger than 4th grader.
- MCC will facilitate large-group games for approximately 30-45 minutes.

## 5—Archery

- Option for 4th graders and up; facilitated weather-permitting at our outdoor range, which is under cover, and also has stadium seating
- Can be done in groups of 24 at one time for 60-75 minute timeframe
- All attendees should be present at start time for instruction and stay through entire session.
- MCC uses Recurve bows at regulations size targets. MCC suggests group leaders be present to help supervise or participate themselves as space allows.

## 6—Slingshots

- Slingshots can be facilitated for 4th grade and up at our outdoor range
- Sling shots can be done with groups of 24 at one time for a 60 minute timeframe.
- All attendees should be present at start time for instruction and stay through entire session.
- Guests will shoot slingshots with paint balls at a backdrop.
- Slingshots don't work well in colder weather, due to paint balls not popping on impact, and bouncing back.
- MCC will provide instruction for the activity; MCC suggests retreat leaders help supervise and participate if they like (as space and time allows)

## 7—Axe-Throwing (Hatchet Throwing Range)

- The hatchet-throwing (axe-throwing) range is available for middle school and older.
- Hatchet throwing is facilitated weather-permitting at our outdoor range. Closed-toes shoes are recommended.
- Hatchet throwing can be done with groups of up to 16 at a time for a 75 minute time frame per group.
- All attendees should be present at the start time for instruction and stay through the end time. (Participants showing up at different times does not work well with this activity).
- MCC staff will provide instruction and oversee the activity.
- Guests will learn what a hatchet is, how to hold/carry a hatchet, where to put the hatchet in between participants, throwing methods, retrieving methods, and then to get practice in rotations. There is a potential of a competition at the end as well if time, abilities, and obedience allow.
- MCC suggests retreat leadership to be present (or participate if they like).
- If MCC is facilitating two activities for your group, we recommend only choosing ONE of Hatchet Throwing, Sling Shots, and Archery as they are similar in nature. You will want to choose a unique activity (if MCC is facilitating two things for you.)



## **8—Solar System Model (walk and talk)**

- This is a great activity for a school group (educational opportunity) or a youth group (like a devotional on God's creation, design, plan).
- MCC has a to-scale solar system model, starting with the sun, and including all the planets over a range of 1/4 mile or so, easily walkable.
- A MCC team member will meet the group and do a brief talk and walk (30 minutes or so) about the creation of the solar system, the design, the purpose, and the wonder of God's creation. Students will get to see how far away (to scale) each planet is from the sun, and how the intricate design puts Earth in the perfect location to maintain life, temperature, etc.
- This model is outdoor and can be used unless it's inclement weather.
- This is a great activity for a science class or school group learning about astronomy or planetary science, and to show God's hand in all things.
- Group size for this activity is flexible.

### **Contact Information:**

Please give me a call if you have any questions or would like to check on some potential dates. I look forward to hearing from you! You could contact us at 336-766-5151 or 336-909-5741 (mobile) or at [office@campmerriwood.net](mailto:office@campmerriwood.net).

### **More Information:**

For information about our summer camp program, for rising 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders, please check our website at [www.campmerriwood.net](http://www.campmerriwood.net).

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