



OVERNIGHT CAMP DETAILS 2023

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DETAILS:

Junior Weeks: Campers will be assigned an arrival time (10:00, 10:15, or 10:30 am) based on your last name, in order to alleviate traffic and wait times. Junior Campers should be picked up on FRIDAY night at 5 pm.

Middle School Weeks: Campers will be assigned an arrival time (10:00, 10:15, or 10:30 am) based on your last name, in order to alleviate traffic and wait times. Middle School Campers should be picked up SATURDAY morning at 9:30 am.

Teen Weeks: Campers will be assigned an arrival time (4:00, 4:15, 4:30 pm) **on SUNDAY afternoon** based on your last name. Teen Week Campers should be picked up SATURDAY morning at 9:30 am.

All Weeks: We are not able to accommodate early arrivals. Check-in will take place in the **gymnasium**. **Please leave luggage in the vehicle**, but bring in all camper medication (see instructions below) and camp bank money if it has not been deposited online. At check-in, your camper will be given his/her cabin assignment. You will be able to assist your camper with their luggage to the cabin, meet the counselor there, and briefly help them set up their bunk (if desired).

WHAT TO BRING:

- Bedding or sleeping bag for twin size bunkbed
- Pillow(s)
- Four Towels: Two for showers, two for swimming
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Casual activity clothes (Please see **Dress Code**)
- One nicer outfit for Friday supper banquet (example: khaki shorts with polo/ skirt or summer dress) ****Junior Week banquet will be Thursday night.**
- Tennis shoes for activities
- Flip flops for going to and from pool
- Water shoes for lake activities (must attach firmly to foot)
- Rain jacket and/or light jacket (gets cool in air conditioned buildings)
- Swimsuit (see **Dress Code**)
- Bible (No particular version is required, but you may want to refrain from bringing special Bibles in case of loss or damage.)
- Pens for taking notes in chapel
- Flashlight
- Teen Campers:** Small backpack for Expedition Day
- Optional: Journal, musical instrument, camera, clothing or other items for Tie Dye Tuesday and Wacky Tacky Wednesday

CAMPER MEDICATION: Camper medications, whether prescription or OTC (over the counter), should be pre-registered through our online portal at least 48 hours before check-in. An email with instructions will be sent prior to arrival. Please keep in mind MCC keeps many OTC items on hand like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Bendaryl, Antibiotic ointments, Hydrocortizone creams, Band-aids, etc. Campers do not need to bring these items.

CAMP BANK MONEY: The Canteen is open twice a day for campers to purchase snacks and drinks. The Camp Store is open each afternoon to purchase Camp Merriwood memorabilia. Purchases for both places can be made using the camper's electronic "Camp Bank." Please deposit money into their Camp Bank account using the online portal prior to the camper arriving. We recommend that campers bring \$35-\$70. See next page for more details.

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.

- X** Electronics, including cell phones or Apple (smart) watches
- X** Magazines or books not in keeping with Christian principles
- X** Drugs
- X** Tobacco/Smokeless tobacco
- X** Vaping devices
- X** Alcohol
- X** Fireworks/Firearms/ammunition
- X** Knives of any kind (including pocket knives)
- X** **No items with any nuts in ingredient label** (for safety of those with life-threatening allergies)

DRESS CODE: The purpose of our dress code is to eliminate distractions and support the principle of modesty. All shorts must be at least **mid-thigh length** (one dollar bill long-wise from the top of the knee upward) including athletic shorts. No tight-fitting clothing. If wearing leggings, a long shirt should cover the bottom. If wearing a long shirt, shorts must still be visible. No spaghetti strap shirts. No clothing with improper advertising. Swimsuits must be one-piece and modest (or tankinis should meet at the waist). Guys should wear shirts at all times, except during pool times or planned water times. Campers shall dress in accordance with their biological sex. 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.

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 these items 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.**

PARENT/CAMPER COMMUNICATION: There are several ways for you to communicate with your child throughout the week. **Please keep all communication upbeat and positive to enable your child to have the best possible experience at camp.**

- 1) Purchasing a Merriwood Care Package. (Online order forms will be emailed to you with purchase links.)
- 2) Drop off or mail a care package to your camper. Clearly mark the camper's name (and cabin number, if known) on the outside of the package. Packages must be in the office by 5:00 pm to be delivered that day. Depending on the volume of packages, they will either be delivered during supper mail call or delivered to the camper's cabin. (*Junior Weeks: The last care packages will be distributed Thursday at supper.*) Please limit the number of care packages to ONE per day and letters to THREE per day. If you like, you can drop off a package in the office after check-in the first day. PLEASE PLACE THE PACKAGE BY THE DAY OF THE WEEK YOU WANT IT DELIVERED. As always, campers are able to send postcards and letters home. (For younger campers, please pack pre-addressed, stamped postcards or envelopes to ensure delivery.)

CAMP BANK: MCC is not responsible for campers losing cash while at camp. For this reason, we require that all campers utilize the "Camp Bank" to make purchases at the Canteen and Camp Store. **Money can be deposited ONLINE through your registration account**, or you can bring cash or check to be deposited at check-in. We recommend that you deposit \$35-\$70 per camper. (Canteen items range from \$0.25-\$3, and Camp Store items range from \$1-\$20.) If \$20 or more is left in the camp bank it will be refunded back to you in the manner it was paid (to your credit card, bank account, or cash.) If less than \$20 is left, it will be left on your registration account as a credit for the next summer or it can be refunded or transferred to a sibling upon written email request to registration@campmerriwood.net.

PHOTO GALLERY & CAMP VIDEO: Photos taken throughout the day will be uploaded each night and may be viewed on Merriwood's Smugmug site. An email with the link will be sent once the first set of photos are up the first night, around 9:30 pm. Please help us maintain camper's privacy by not sharing that link. 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.

MID-WEEK SIGN-OUTS/EARLY WITHDRAWALS: MCC recommends 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 and can increase homesickness. Mid-week sign-outs will only be permitted on a case-by-case basis. **To save time at check-in please call the office ahead of time and speak to Hannah to arrange this.** For security reasons, campers will not be allowed to depart mid-week 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. **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. **Cancelations:** If the reservation is canceled more than two months prior to the camp week, all fees paid other than the \$75 deposit will be refunded. If the reservation is cancelled less than two months, but more than one month before the camp week, 50% of the fees paid will be refunded, less the \$75 deposit. If the camp week is canceled less than one month prior to the camp week, no refund will be given. Some exceptions may be made if there is a medical emergency or a death in the immediate family. (Verification may be required before a refund is processed.) *Updated 5/8/23*

QUESTIONS? Email: registration@campmerriwood.net Phone: 336-766-5151 Website: campmerriwood.net