



## **SUMMER TEAM FINAL STAFF TRAINING DETAILS & REMINDERS:**

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS/HOURS:** Training will be 14 days of quite extensive training, from sun-up through bed-time May 18 through June 1st. This includes weekend times as well. Due to intensive training, there will not be much "off the grounds" free time during the staff training period, other than attending Sunday morning church. Please make sure you have the things you need before arriving and please don't make plans to visit home those staff training weekends.

**CELL PHONES AND COMMUNICATION:** Our desire is that our staff be focused on the ministry at hand this summer. That may mean sacrifice in terms of keeping up with social media, friends, and even family, to an extent. Your contacts need to know that you will be minimally available to reply to them on email, social media, or to return voice mail or text messages. **During staff training**, you will have very minimal break times to use your phone in your housing space. Although you can be on your device after training hours, we encourage the team to do this minimally, and to use the evening break times (after training) to bond playing games/hanging out. Those who do this will feel more engaged all summer with the team and develop the best relationships. **During camp times**, staff are welcome to have a cell phone to use during weekend or non-camper times, but you will not have access to your phones/laptops/devices during camper times or in camper areas. (We have a safe available to keep phones stored securely.) You should plan to bring stationery and envelopes with you, or postcards, and we will have stamps available for purchase for snail mail. Friends and family may address incoming mail to you at: Your Name, c/o Merriwood Christian Camp, 9640 Center Grove Church Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012. If someone needs to get in touch with you during the camp week, they should call the office at 336-766-5151 or email us at [office@campmerriwood.net](mailto:office@campmerriwood.net) and we will get a message to you. If your family has an emergency during non-day hours, they can call Terry Covington, the Executive Director at 336-817-5031.

**MCC'S DRESS CODE:** MCC staff are expected to not only **be above reproach** with modeling the dress code for campers, but be able to **kindly enforce it**. *The purpose of our dress code is to eliminate distractions and support the principle of modesty and respect. Clothing should always cover undergarments, all private areas, and the midsection. No short shorts. Shorts must completely cover the bottom (plus several inches) and maintain modesty during all activities (typically at least a 3-4" inseam). 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. Guys' bathing suits should be boxer-style (no Speedos please). Campers shall dress in accordance with their biological sex. MCC reserves the right to ask any individual to change his/her outfit if, the estimation of the staff, it is immodest or inappropriate. Please embrace the dress code positively, recognizing its connection to our Christian values, as your choices contribute to a respectful and positive atmosphere. Consequences are in place for non-compliance, ensuring a consistent and fair camp experience for all.*

**WEEKENDS ONCE CAMPS START:** There will be some Saturday nights where we have officially planned staff outings (for bonding and relaxation) for the team. Other weekends might be "optional Saturday night activities." If you want to bond well with the summer team, please plan to stay around on the weekends at least the first month or so. This will pay dividends in terms of staff relationships that will last all summer (and beyond)!

**We look forward to seeing you very soon and ministering alongside you this summer!**