



2026 OVERNIGHT RETREAT DETAILS

Merriwood Christian Camp is a private, religious summer youth camp. For retreats, we give priority to ministry-based groups to use our facility.

Dates:

We are available for retreats from early February through early-May and then again, from late-August through mid-November. *We run our own summer camp program from mid-May through mid-August, so we are not available for outside retreats during those months.* (We typically close down our housing facility for December and January, but the cafeteria/gym/outdoor fields/amphitheater/campfires 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 2026:

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 a shorter and longer retreat cost: *(Keep in mind we can add or subtract days, nights, meals, etc. Contact us for exact pricing.)*

- One night, three meals - \$93 per person
- Two nights, five meals - \$154 per person

Minimum and Maximum Numbers—Capacity:

Typically, each group has exclusive use of the facility to themselves. We don't typically have two groups here, sharing space. 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.

Between February and early May, there may be an opportunity for a smaller than minimum number to book with us, if they are open to another group also being on the property (sharing spaces at times). Contact us for details.

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, which is our first 144 beds we use) have sinks and mirrors in the rooms. Details: two cabins (of 12-beds each) share a bathroom, consisting of 2 showers and 2 bathrooms.
- The additional four cabins (cabins 13-16 near the pool, an additional 48 beds) use the bathhouse for restrooms, just across the sidewalk. If these are needed, we typically put GUYS in these spaces.

We also have 2 or more motel units available if needed (for a speaker, band, or a family that won't do well in cabin 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. Motel bathrooms contain a stand up shower, toilet, sink, and mirror. Motel units are available for no *extra* fee. Same "per person" rate applies.

MCC provides cabins and motel units with toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels. All other bedding (sheets or sleeping bags), pillows, blankets, towels, toiletry items are the responsibility of each guest.

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 be present at the meal start time, and enter together after we give some instructions, instead of people coming and going during the meal timeframe as it's not a serving/buffet line.

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, mac and cheese, vegetable medley, salad bar, dessert, tea/lemonade/water. A supper example is tacos, flour tortillas, corn 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 25-ish minutes (for an average group size of 40-80), plus clean-up/announcements (which might be 10 minutes). Groups this size allow about 35 minutes please (a bit more for larger groups).*

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, blob and jump tower/ water obstacle course at lakefront, & outdoor pool. * Blob and pool 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. Please talk to us about what will work best with your retreat goals and your group size.

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, playground, canoes and paddleboats, 9-Hole Disc Golf, bottle bash, can jam, spike ball, corn hole, and three outdoor campfire area options. Gymnasium includes: full-court basketball, volleyball, foosball, carpet ball, ping pong, half pong, camp store, and chapel area with stage.

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

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, by check, to avoid high credit card fees. Your proposed schedule would be 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).