

CAMPER GO-TO GUIDE

Mission Creek Camp and Retreat Center
Inspire the Possible Summer 2024

7240 SW Douglas Rd
Topeka, KS 66610
785-256-6357

Dear Mission Creek Camp, campers!

We are thrilled to welcome you to camp with us this summer! You will find all the information regarding coming to camp, your packing list, safety, and more! Please read through all information provided and let us know if you have any questions!

We cannot wait to have you!

Mission Creek Camp Staff
admin@missioncreekcamp.org
785-256-6357

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Camp Packing list
- What not to bring
- Refund Policy
- Arrival/Departure
- Schedule



WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- Clothes: T-shirts, shorts, pants (required for horseback riding), socks, underwear, etc
- Closed-toe shoes, & flip flops/sandals
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Sunblock
- Washcloth/towels
- Toiletries: Shampoo/conditioner, hair brush, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, etc
- Bedding: Pillow, blanket/sleeping bag
- Swimsuit
- Jacket/Sweater/Sweatshirt/ Rain gear
- Medications
- Notebook or journal
- Pen/pencil

Please make sure to mark all belongings with your name - we reserve the right to confiscate items we deem inappropriate or dangerous.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Radio
- Personal listening devices
- TV
- Cell Phone
- Electronic Games
- Cigarettes
- Nonprescription Drugs
- Alcohol
- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Knives
- Pets
- Food/Drinks
- Skateboard/Rollerblades

PHONE & ELECTRONICS POLICY

Our goal is to provide an enthusiastic and interactive atmosphere that minimizes distractions, emphasizes fun, and provides relaxation with an opportunity to meet new friends. We ask that you "unplug" and take a vacation from cell phones, video games, computers, TV, personal listening devices, social networks, and any other gadgets for your camp week by not bringing them to camp. For safety and to prevent loss or damage, those who insist on bringing cell phones to camp will be asked to check them in with the camp staff at Camper Check-In for storage in a secure location.

DRESS GUIDELINES

Our guidelines are in place to ensure all campers are comfortable, dressed modestly and distractions are minimized. Our dress guidelines are in place to assist all campers in having a phenomenal time without being hindered and/or offended by clothing. Campers wearing shirts with symbols or messages that are deemed inappropriate by the Camp Staff will be asked to change their clothing. The Mission Creek Camp Staff reserves the right to ask any person to change their clothing to minimize distractions and maximize the camp experience.

Boys: Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted. Shirts must cover the mid-section when the hands are raised.

Girls: Tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted. Shirts must cover the mid-section when the hands are raised. Please no "short-shorts". Only modest swimsuits are permitted at the camp.

SPENDING MONEY

The Trading Post will be opened at times for concessions, t-shirts, souvenirs, and more (crafts, books, etc.) that can be purchased throughout the camp week. Suggested spending money for the week is \$65. You can purchase this online or give our administrator (Amanda) the cash at check in so she can keep it safe. Our goal is to help your camper not lose their money!

Choose your own adventure, join us this summer to make memories that last a life time!!!

HEALTH & SAFETY

All campers with contagious diseases or conditions, including lice, are not permitted to attend camp. All water activities are supervised. For enhanced safety, all day- campers are required to wear a life jacket that is supplied by Mission Creek Camp. Your camper's registration (either paper or online) includes a medical questionnaire and a Medical Authorization and Assumption of Risk Participation and Indemnity Agreement. The risk agreements and health guidelines are in the registration packet.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

To ensure the safety of the campers and an orderly camp, the Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss any camper, without refund, for reasons of safety or inappropriate behavior. If a camper is dismissed from camp, the Camp Director will have the parent or guardian immediately pick up the camper from Mission Creek Camp. By sending your child to Mission Creek Camp, you are agreeing with this policy.

ARRIVAL

We will be having arrival done by last name:

A-H 3:00 PM

I-P 3:30 PM

Q-Z 4:00 PM

Upon arrival, you will receive a name tag, water bottle, and colored bracelet for your camper that will match what their counselor has. We will be here to answer any initial questions you might have!

You and your camper will sit down with our medical provider for an initial assessment and to talk about any medications your camper has and/or concerns you might have

There are luggage tags attached at the end, please print and attach to all your campers belongings.

DEPARTURE

For staff and camper safety you must go through the office prior to picking your camper(s) up. You must inform us if there is someone who should NOT pick them up. Campers are not allowed to leave the camp with anyone except their parent/guardian unless indicated in UltraCamp under pickup/drop off authorization.

REFUND POLICY

Deposits are non-refundable. Refunds will not be given for early departures due to homesickness, disciplinary issues, family obligations, sports obligations, or any other early departure that is deemed non-refundable by the camp staff. A prorated refund minus the deposit will be given for early departures due to physical illness, COVID-19, or injury occurring while at camp, family emergencies, or any other departures deemed refundable by the camp staff. Mission Creek Camp reserves the right to determine non-refundable and refundable departures.

HOW TO CONDUCT YOURSELF AT CAMP

Physical

- No kissing
- No sharing shower/bathroom stalls
- Sleep in your own bed
- No hitting, kicking, slapping, etc.
- No touching private areas

Verbal

- No lying
- No gossiping
- No name calling/bullying
- No foul language
- No discussions sexual in nature

CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday <i>(arrival)</i>	Monday-Thursday	Friday <i>(departure)</i>
3:00 PM Last names A-H	7:30 AM Wake up	7:30 AM Wake up
3:30 PM Last names I-P	8:00 AM Breakfast	8:00 AM Breakfast
4:00 PM Last names Q-Z	9:00 AM Cabin Clean Up	9:00 AM Activity
5:00 PM Dinner	10:00 AM Activity 1	11:15 AM Pack up/ Clean Cabins
6:30 PM Evening Activity	11:00 AM Activity 2	12:00 PM Lunch
9:00 PM Bed Time	12:00 PM Lunch	12:45 PM Activity/ Ready to go
	1:30 PM Rest Hour	3:00 PM Departure
	2:45 PM Activity 3	
	3:45 PM Activity 4	
	5:00 PM Dinner	
	6:00 Free time	
	6:30 PM Evening Activity	
	9:00 PM Bed time	

COMMUNICATION

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KEEPING UP WITH CAMP

You can find fun pictures of your campers every day activities on our facebook page! We suggest liking our page prior to your campers arrival so things start to show up on your news feed!



Where strangers become friends and friendships last forever.

CAMPER MAIL

If you have questions, please call the Camp Administrator at (785) 256-6357.

Letters and Packages: Mission Creek Camp does not guarantee any postal service delivery. If a letter or package is received after your camper has left camp, we will return it to the sender, if possible. Here is how to label a package that is sent to your camper:

Mission Creek Camp
Camper's First and Last Name
7240 SW Douglas Road
Topeka, KS 66610

WEEKEND CARE

We are offering weekend care this year for campers who may need a flexible pickup date or who are staying for multiple weeks. There is an additional \$125/day charge to cover counselor cost, food cost, and housing cost.

LOST & FOUND

Lost items will be kept for one week and then discarded. All other items will be discarded after the camper departs from their week of camp. Mission Creek Camp is not responsible for items lost, left at, or removed from Mission Creek Camp property including any excursion location or any of the drop off locations. All belongings should be marked with the Camper's name. Items with an estimated value of \$50 per item must be identified and claimed at Mission Creek Camp by appointment only. Please call the camp office to make an appointment at (785) 256-6357.

TRAVEL ACCOMODATIONS

If your camper needs transport to/from the camp (like flying into MCI) please make sure you email the itinerary to admin@missioncreekcamp.org at least 2 weeks before arrival. We also have an additional form that will need to be signed before transport. Pickup is \$75 and drop off is \$75 (\$150 round trip) and this fee must be paid before the trip.

VISITORS

Safety is one of our primary concerns. For this reason, while camp is in session, visitors are prohibited. Special exceptions may be granted by the office before a visit. Mission Creek Camp reserves the right to decline any visitation request.

HOMESICKNESS

It is our goal to minister to every camper in a loving and caring way. Some children are ready for a week at summer camp and some are not. Please visit with your camper about the possibility of homesickness.

MEALS

At Mission Creek Camp, the food is FANTASTIC! Our Director of Facilities and Dining is a Cordon Bleu Chef! Our staff does an excellent job of cooking and preparing tasty and healthy foods for your camper. We make every effort to ensure each camper's dietary health restrictions are met. However, sometimes it may be necessary for participants to send food because of their special dietary needs. Please specify the dietary needs on the camper's registration form. Additional arrangements may be required. Dietary preferences may not always be met.

GIRL'S LUGGAGE TAGS

(3 BAG LIMIT)



Wrap around handle and staple to opposite end here.

(Filled out at Camper Arrival)

GIRL
CABIN:

Camper Name

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BOY'S LUGGAGE TAGS

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