



# MERRIWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

## 2019 DAY CAMPS

### ARRIVAL & PICK-UP

**ARRIVAL:** Check-in is from 8:30 to 8:45 am daily, with activities beginning promptly at 8:45. On Monday morning, please park and bring your child into the gymnasium, where you will be able to meet his/her cabin counselor. We are not able to accommodate campers prior to 8:30 am. Tuesday through Friday, please drop your camper off in front of the gym. Our staff will gladly open your car door and make sure your child makes it in safely.

**PICK-UP:** Pick-up is at 4:30 pm each day. Please park and come into the gym, as you will need to sign your child out each afternoon. Anyone picking up your child must be on the "Authorized Pickup" list that you completed during the registration process. The list is printed at the beginning of the week, so changes made during the week will not be on the printed sign-out sheet that we use for the week. If you need to add an authorized pickup person during the week, please call the office or see the staff at the Information Desk in the afternoon.

### WHAT TO WEAR

Children should wear play clothes and athletic shoes (firmly attached to the feet) for active games. On Monday campers will be tying shirts. Although they wear smocks and gloves, some staining may occur! Please label all camper's belongings with their name.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Swimsuit (see **Dress Code**)
- Towel
- Sunscreen (spray is preferred)
- Flip flops for going to and from pool
- Clean Socks for the bounce house (please pack daily in backpack)
- Plastic bag for wet swimsuit and towels
- Bible, *Optional for those who are able to read* (No particular version is required, but you may want to refrain from bringing special Bibles in case it does not make it home.)

### CAMP BANK/CANTEEN MONEY

**New for 2019!!!** We are now making the camp bank available for Day Campers! Instead of sending cash with your camper each day, please deposit money into the camp bank online prior to arrival. You can do this through the registration system. After logging into your account, select "Additional Options" and "Camp Bank" and follow the instructions on the screen. The canteen is open each afternoon around swim time to purchase snacks and drinks, and one additional time if they stay for the Friday Night Sleepover. Please send \$10—\$20. Any funds not spent will remain in the account to be used next summer unless a refund is requested in writing.

### CAMPER WRISTBANDS

On Monday, your camper may come home with one or more plastic wristbands. Each camper will be given a white wristband with their name, cabin number, and bar code for accessing their camp bank money. If they have a blue wristband, this means they passed the deep water swim test. They may also have a yellow wristband if they have life-threatening allergies or special medical needs. Please do not cut these off until the week is over and encourage your child to keep them in tact.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVER

There is an optional Friday night sleepover for rising 2nd through 4th graders. Campers who choose this option will stay at camp on Friday afternoon from 4:30 (when the other campers depart) until Saturday at 9 am. The cost is \$25. This option can be pre-ordered online or you can sign up during the week of camp. More information will be sent home with your child on Monday.

### DRESS CODE

The purpose of having a dress code is to eliminate distractions and support the principle of modesty. For this reason, we ask that **all shorts be at least mid-thigh length (no less than a dollar bill (length-wise) from the top of the knee)**. This is the same standard used by the local public schools. Spaghetti strap shirts, low cut shirts, shirts revealing the midriff or undergarments, or clothing with inappropriate messaging will not be allowed. Swimsuits must be modest, covering the entire midriff. 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.

### CAMPER MEDICATION

If your child will need to take medication while at Day Camp, please register the medication with MCC personnel Monday morning at check-in. This includes emergency medication that must be kept on the camper (epipen, inhaler, etc)

All medication (prescription or OTC) must be brought in original bottles for verification purposes. If your child has multiple medications and you feel it would be easier for our staff to dispense the medications using pill organizers, you may bring them already separated out. However, we ask that you also bring the prescription bottles with you with at least one pill in each bottle. That way if there is any confusion or if the pill box accidentally opens, we can make sure the correct medication is given at the correct time.

## 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.*

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| ✘ Electronics, including cell phones | ✘ Tobacco           | ✘ Fireworks                                    |
| ✘ Magazines                          | ✘ Vaping devices    | ✘ Firearms/ammunition                          |
| ✘ Drugs                              | ✘ Smokeless tobacco | ✘ Knives of any kind (including pocket knives) |

## 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 a mobile device 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.**

## PHOTO GALLERY

Photos taken throughout the day will be uploaded each night and may be viewed on Merriwood's Smugmug site. For privacy reasons, the website is not available to be viewed by the public, but a link will be emailed to you so you can view the photos. Viewing and downloading web resolution photos is FREE! You may also purchase high resolution photos, prints, and gifts from the Smugmug website. (Photos will no longer be uploaded to the registration portal, as we had many complaints about the size of the thumbnail and difficulty downloading.)

## EARLY SIGN-OUTS/ 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. Mid-day sign-outs will only be permitted on a case-by-case basis. **Please call the office (prior to noon on the day they need to leave early) and speak with a year-round MCC staff member at check-in to request this.** No campers may leave between 4 and 4:30 pm. For security reasons, campers will not be allowed to depart early 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.

## LEFT BEHIND 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. See the "Policies Statement" online for refund policy. **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 \$15 Transfer Fee will be assessed.**

**QUESTIONS???** Email: [registration@campmerriwood.net](mailto:registration@campmerriwood.net) Phone: 336-766-5151 Website: [www.campmerriwood.net](http://www.campmerriwood.net)