



Merriwood CHRISTIAN CAMP

DAY CAMP DETAILS 2026

COST INCLUDES: The cost of the camp week includes morning snack, lunch, and all crafts and activities. See canteen/camp store (bank) details for additional purchases opportunities below.

ARRIVAL: Different this year: We will have **staggered drop off times DAILY**, 8:15, 8:25, or 8:35 am in order to accommodate traffic. (You will get your specific time by email as time nears.) Activities begin promptly at 8:45. **MONDAY:** Please park and **walk in** to the gymnasium, where you can check in & meet your child's counselor. **TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:** We will facilitate drive-through drop off in front of the gym. **Note: We are not able to accommodate campers prior to 8:15 am.**

PICK-UP: **Pick-up will be again staggered, at 4:30,, 4:40, 4:50 pm each day** in order to accommodate traffic. You will need to **park and come in** to the chapel/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 **please ensure all authorized pick up additions are done one week ahead of the camp start time.** Changes made after that will not be on the printed sign-out sheet and **you will need to call the office by noon of that day or see the staff at the Information Desk in the morning or afternoon to make additions.**

WHAT TO WEAR: Children should wear play clothes and athletic shoes (firmly attached to the feet) for active games. On Monday campers will be tie-dying shirts. Although they wear smocks and gloves, some staining may occur! Please label all camper's belongings with their name. (See dress code on next page for more detail.)

WHAT TO PACK:

- Swimsuit (see **Dress Code**)
- Towel and Sunscreen (spray is preferred)
- Flip flops for going to and from pool
- Plastic bag for wet swimsuit/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 of loss or damage.)
- **Extra change of clothes & undergarments** in case of accident

CAMPER MEDICATIONS: Please make every effort to administer necessary meds before or after camp. However, if your child has mid-day or as-needed medications that are unavoidable or emergency meds (like inhaler/epi-pen), you will need to register the medication through your online portal **48 hours prior to camp.** (Click on camper's name, then "Medications," then the box that says "Manage Medications.") Please put any medication in a zip lock bag with the camper's name clearly written on the bag. All medications listed on your online med form must **exactly match** the meds you are bringing. Medication will be turned in Monday morning at the Medication Check In Table. Medications will be returned on the last day of camp, at pick up time.

CAMP BANK (CANTEEN AND CAMP STORE MONEY): All campers must utilize the "Camp Bank" to make purchases at the Canteen and Camp Store. (We are cash-free.) The canteen is open each afternoon around swim time to purchase snacks and drinks, and one additional time Thursday night if they do the Sleepover. **Canteen items range from \$0.25-\$3.** We recommend that you deposit \$15-\$25 per camper into their online Camp Bank before the week begins. To deposit money, log into your account through the website. Click on "Bank Deposits" on the top menu bar, then follow the instructions on the screen. Camp Bank money can also be spent at the **Camp Store, which each cabin will visit ONE time throughout the week, different days/cabin.** **Camp Store items range from \$1 to \$30.** The camp store is also open at pick up time daily if you want to visit the store with your child. If you'd like your child to be able to purchase something from the camp store, please make sure the funds are available by Monday morning. **Funds remaining:** 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 in 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**

CAMPER WRISTBANDS: On Monday, your camper may come home wearing one or more plastic, waterproof wristbands. 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 keep these intact all week and do not cut these off until the week is over. (But if they come off inadvertently, no worries, see the Information Table at arrival and we can replace.)

THURSDAY NIGHT SLEEP-OVER: There is an optional **Thursday night sleepover** for rising 2nd through 4th graders. Campers who choose this option will stay at camp on **Thursday** afternoon (when the other campers depart) through **Friday at regular pick up time.** The sleepover cost is \$45. If you have not pre-ordered this option when you registered, you will be emailed instructions on how you can add it. **Overnight sleep-over reservations/payment must be made by Tuesday night of that camp week. No refunds will be given for cancellations after Tuesday night.**

DRESS CODE: 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 with no skin showing). 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 camper to change his/her outfit if, in 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. Thank you.

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. Please don't bring:

- **Electronics, including cell phones**
- **Apple/smart watches, gaming devices**
- **Magazines or books not in keeping with Christian principles**
- **Tobacco/Smokeless tobacco**
- **Vaping devices or products**
- **Alcohol or Drugs**
- **Knives of any kind (including pocket-knives)**
- **Fireworks/Firearms or ammunition**
- **Snack items with any nuts in ingredient label (for safety of those with life-threatening allergies)**

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. **Once the first set of photos is uploaded (usually Monday evening) a link will be emailed to you.** 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.

EARLY SIGN-OUTS/ WITHDRAWALS: We recommend 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 and only allowed at lunch time for day camp weeks.** **Please call the office or email office@campmerriwood.net ahead of time or speak with a year-round MCC staff member 24 hours out to request this.** 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.

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. (cash on delivery).

PAYMENTS/REFUNDS/TRANSFERS: **Deposits** are non-refundable. **Balances:** Remaining camp fees are due 2 months before your camp begins. Payments can be made through your registration account, over the phone at 336-766-5151, or mailed to the camp. Please contact the registrar if you need to request an extension. **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.** **Transfers:** 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.)

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