



OVERNIGHT CAMPER ATTENDANCE INFORMATION 2024-25

Registration Details:

1. **Check-In:** See your Event details for check in times.
2. **Waiver:** After registering, you will receive an email with a link to sign the online SmartWaiver.
3. **Medicine:** At Registration, you will check in all medicine with the Camp Nurse. Please bring medication/supplements in the original container with current pharmacy label. No additional form is needed; we will use the information you provided online. If you need to add/change a medication from that list, you can do so by phone or at Registration.
4. **Store:** We try to open the MR Store during registration, if you would like to purchase MR gear.
5. **Family Dinner/Camp Tour** - for Middle School, Junior and OpX camps, parents and family are invited to join us for a Family Dinner after check-in. There is a tour before dinner. The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 per family for dinner.

Staff: Our staff has been preparing for your stay! Our counselors are selected based on their love for kids, Christian commitment, and maturity. All staff and volunteers are background checked.
Emergency Contact: (253) 851-4410 (Office hours) or (805) 215-0776 (Program Director)

Accommodations: Cabin mate requests must be entered during online registration or called in advance. It is very difficult to rearrange cabins last minute.

Packing List: (label items with camper name):

- Sleeping bag and pillow
 - Bible, notebook, pen
 - Sunscreen (labeled w/ name)
 - Warm jacket
 - Riding boots w/ heel, long pants (riding elective)
 - Long pants and long sleeved shirt (paintball)
 - Swimwear: girls, modest one-piece or tankini
 - Trading Post money (see below)
 - Medications - must be checked in with the Nurse
 - Horse Camps: see below
 - Toiletries (towel, soap, toothbrush...)
 - Flashlight
 - Beach towel and flip flops
 - Several changes of clothes
 - Active footwear (closed toed shoes)
 - Swimwear: boys, no speedos
 - Fitted sheet for bunk bed (optional)
 - Refillable water bottle (optional)
- Please do not bring peanut products, cell phones, iPods/MP3 players, radios, tapes, DVD or CD players, laptops, fishing gear, knives, fireworks, personal sports equipment, animals/pets, tobacco or any expensive items. Alcohol, drugs or weapons of any kind are prohibited.
- High school campers who drive to camp must turn in their car keys to the camp leadership team.

Technology:

It is a gift to your camper to "unplug". Please leave cell phones at home or turn into the Counselor for safe keeping. Campers may call home anytime they request.

Dietary Restrictions:

With at least two weeks of advance notice, the Kitchen offers vegetarian, gluten free (non-Celiac) and dairy free options. The Kitchen does not use peanut oil or peanut products but the Camp is not strictly peanut-free. Please call the office if you have additional questions.

Swim Check: The swim test consists of swimming two lengths within our dock and 30 seconds of treading water. Campers may take the swim test with or without a life jacket. To swim in the deep end, slide, or access inflatables, campers must pass the swim test. If they pass with a jacket, they can swim in the deep end with a life jacket only. All Campers still wear a jacket when on the slide/inflatables, for extra safety. All kids 7 and under are required to wear a life jacket at all times.

Horsemanship Electives / Camps: If you registered for horsemanship electives or a horsemanship camp, please bring long pants/jeans and cowboy boots (preferably) or tennis shoes. with a heel. Check thrift stores for used boots or western stores for new boots. Please, no cumbersome rubber boots; these are difficult to ride in. The camp provides riding helmets, or you may bring your own ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet.

Paintball Elective: Depending on camp size and scheduling, all campers will have the opportunity to participate in paintball once during the longer camps. If your camper is signed up for the paintball elective, they will play daily. Campers must wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and close-toed shoes during paintball. Markers, paint, and masks will be provided. You may bring your own protective gear but please do not bring your own markers.

Camper Mail: We discourage USPS packages; our mail delivery is consistently 2-3 days longer than expected. You are welcome to drop care packages at Registration and we will deliver any day.

Camper E-mail: For camps 3 nights or longer, you can send one-way emails to your camper at MRcamper@cristacamps.org. In the Subject portion, please include camper name/counselor name, if you know it. Sorry, no attachments can be received.

Phoning & Visiting: We are fully conscious of our great responsibility to care for your camper. In the case of any emergency, you will be notified promptly. Consequently, we discourage personal phone calls, either incoming or outgoing, or personal visitation during the camp session due to the interruption to the schedule and the effect on camper morale. If a serious concern arises, you may contact the camp director to discuss the situation.

Lost and Found: Please label all belongings with camper's name and phone number. If a camper leaves something behind, we will attempt to locate the item. You will be asked to pay the postage required to return the item. All unclaimed items are donated after 2 weeks.

Spending Money at the Trading Post: The store has snacks, small items and MR merchandise, ranging from .50 to \$40. The store is typically open during free time. We use an "account" system. Call our office to add funds or make a deposit at registration. After camp, any bank balance of \$5 or less will be donated to the CRISTA Camps scholarship fund. Any amount over \$5 will be refunded to a credit card on file.

Cancellations: There is a \$50 cancellation fee for overnight camps, with more than 30 days' notice from the first day of camp. Camp balances are due 30 days in advance of camp. Within 30 days of camp, cancellation is 100% of the camp fee.

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