



CAMP Family Weekend Retreats

Questions and Answers

What is a Family Weekend Retreat and who can attend?

A Family Weekend Retreat is an overnight program that allows the full, immediate family of all ages to experience a weekend at CAMP. Each family unit must contain at least one Camper with special needs and at least one parent or legal guardian.

What is the fee for our entire family to attend?

Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) has graciously continued funding for a designated number of Family Weekend Retreats. Enrollment requires a \$50.00 deposit which will be refunded following successful retreat attendance. Families may also opt to donate their deposit to CAMP if desired.

We attended a Family Weekend Retreat last year – may we come back again this year?

We love that you want to come back! Priority will be given to those who have never attended a retreat, and then to those who did not attend last year. Those who attended last year and wish to return will be automatically placed on the waitlist and placed if/when space becomes available. Waitlist spots will be offered in the order enrollment requests were received (by date, then time of submission).

What are the check-in and check-out times?

Check-in takes place Friday evening between 6:00pm and 7:00pm (with dinner served between 6:30pm and 7:30pm). Check-out takes place between 1:00pm-1:30pm on Sunday.

Will my Camper have his/her own counselor?

They will not. All Camper supervision and care will be your responsibility during the retreat.

Will we be participating closely with other families?

Not at this time. As a safety precaution, each family will experience the entirety of the retreat with only their family unit; this includes all activities, meals, and sleeping arrangements.

Where will we sleep?

Each family unit will have their own cabin which includes private sleeping areas and bathrooms. Our cabins are climate-controlled, spacious, and divided by sides or sections which allows us to safely serve each family who attends.

What will we do while at CAMP?

CAMP offers classic camping activities such as canoeing, horseback riding, archery, outdoor cooking, and more! Activities vary based on weather and availability. CAMP staff also have a variety of indoor activities available for rainy days.

What will mealtimes look like? What if someone in our family requires a special diet?

Each family will be served meals at a designated family table. CAMP is able to prepare and serve many special diets, including gluten-free/casein-free, vegetarian, vegan, low sodium, etc... Families with more restrictive or unique special diets may bring their own food; they may also choose to have CAMP staff store and prepare it separately to prevent cross-contamination -or - bring pre-prepared meals to be reheated.

What precautions and policies are in place to help keep our family healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Every effort to maintain social distancing as well as health and wellness guidelines will be maintained throughout the retreat; full details of our COVID-19 safety policies and procedures will be provided in the confirmation email (or upon request). All CAMP staff will wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines. All families are encouraged to wear masks but have the autonomy to decide what works best for their family unit according to what can be easily tolerated while at CAMP.

Does CAMP require that each family member be vaccinated against COVID-19?

No. However, CAMP reserves the right to accept only those we can confidently and safely support. Unvaccinated individuals with high-risk conditions will be unable to attend this year.

Will we have to be tested for COVID-19 prior to our Family Weekend Retreat?

Yes. Each participant must prepare for check-in by being tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to arrival. It must be a PCR test and each participant must bring their negative test result with them to check-in. Anyone who tests positive will be unable to attend. CAMP is unable to accept home-tests or antibody tests.

Do I have to submit a full School-Year Program application to attend a Family Weekend Retreat?

You do not! After completing the Pre-assessment Screening, you need only complete 3 forms, provide payment information for the deposit, and email photos of any COVID-19 vaccine cards (if applicable). Instructions to complete and fully submit your enrollment will be included in the application and subsequent emails. Be sure to use a personal email address and check it often for updates or in case additional information is needed. Email is our primary method of communication!

What if my enrollment is placed on the waitlist?

If your desired weekend is already full when you complete your enrollment, you will be added to the waitlist. The Family Support team will contact you if/when a space becomes available and will also let you know of available spaces for other scheduled retreats.

If placed on the waitlist, what are the chances we'll receive a call to attend?

It depends where you fall on the waitlist. Waitlist spots will be offered in the order enrollment requests were received (by date, then time of submission). That said, families on the waitlist were offered a spot for each of the five retreats held in 2020/2021.

Additional questions or concerns?

Email us (the Family Support team) at FamilySupport@campcamp.org and let us know how we can help!