

# *Camp Meribah*

Summer Camp Info  
2023



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from Camp Meribah! After a historic and successful summer of camp in 2023, we are thrilled to be back on "The Hill" for another great summer of Camp Meribah. Summer Camp 2022 was such a great success, and we hope to use that success to continue growing the Camp Meribah program. I encourage you to help us grow Camp Meribah by inviting your friends, relatives, classmates, and neighbors to join us for a fun summer at Meribah!

For those of you who may not know our family, I have been involved with Summer Camp at Meribah for over 20 years, and have spent the past four summers working alongside the Chessors and serving as the Youth Minister of the Centerville Church of Christ. Shelby has been a lifelong camper as well, as she has been a part of a church camp in northern Mississippi until we married in 2014. Shelby works as a 4th-grade teacher at Centerville Intermediate School, and we have two children, Cade (5) and Ansley (2), who love being at camp as well. We look forward to being back with all of our staff and campers and we have several new additions and changes to camp that you're sure to love!

Camp Meribah has been a ministry of our congregation since 1969, and we are excited to share another fun summer with you building on the three main pillars of our summer camp... Faith, Fellowship, and Fun!

See you on The Hill!  
Carter & Shelby Hoover



# SUMMER CAMP DATES, RATES, & SCHOLARSHIP INFO:

Day Camp	Ages 4-9	June 12-14	\$75
Mini-Meribah	Finished K-Finished 5th	June 15-16	\$75
Youth Week	Finished 1st-Finished 6th	June 18-23	\$225
Teen Week	Finished 6-Finished 12th	June 25-30	\$225

## DEPOSITS:

A deposit must be paid at the time of registration to register a camper and reserve their place. Deposits are non-refundable and are considered part of a camper's remaining balance.

Youth Week: \$100 deposit

Teen Week: \$100 deposit

Day Camp & Mini-Meribah: Must be paid in full.

Scholarship Applicants: \$20 minimum deposit (a \$30 balance will still be remaining at the time of check-in.)

## REMAINING BALANCES:

Any remaining balances on a camper's account must be paid in full at the time of check-in.

## PAYMENT METHODS:

All campers are encouraged to pay online while completing the online registration. If you wish to pay by check, all checks should be made payable to the Centerville Church of Christ. Cash is also accepted, but we ask that you pay in exact change.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Meribah offers partial scholarships to those campers who require financial assistance for **one session only per camper**. We do not offer full scholarships that cover the entire cost of camp, and campers may not receive scholarships for multiple sessions. A minimum \$50 non-refundable deposit (per camper, per week) is required for all scholarship applicants to cover basic camper expenses. The deposit must be received before the camper will be registered, and it will not be refunded in the event of cancellations or no-shows.

To request a scholarship, select the correct options during online registration and select the amount of scholarship you are requesting. We will only contact you if we need any additional information. If you **DO NOT** receive a call, then your scholarship has been approved and you can proceed with normal camp check-in. If you have any questions, you may call Carter Hoover at 931-729-4201 (Monday-Thursday; 8:00 am-4:00 pm).





# SUMMER CAMP POLICIES & INFORMATION

## **BEHAVIOR AND DRESS CODE POLICY**

Camp Meribah is, at its core, a Christian Camp. Appropriate Christian behavior and dress are required by both campers and staff at all times during camp sessions. The over-arching rule of Camp Meribah is to behave as a Christian should, and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or dismissal. Camp Meribah has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, physical contact, inappropriate language, drug, alcohol, or tobacco use, and vaping. Students must also adhere to our camp's dress code policy. Our dress code prohibits shorts or shirts with obscene wording or pictures and appropriate clothing must completely cover students' chests, shoulders, stomachs, and bottoms. Campers must wear shorts and a shirt over a swimsuit for all water activities. Refusal to follow these policies will result in disciplinary action as set forth by the Director and may include being dismissed from camp early without a refund.

## **VISITOR POLICY:**

Visitors are not allowed at Camp Meribah during our sessions. This promotes safety and also helps prevent homesickness with campers.

## **LEAVING CAMP:**

Leaving camp is discouraged for campers during camp sessions. If a student must leave camp for emergencies, practices, etc., arrangements should be made (preferably when campers are dropped-off each week) with the Director before pickup to ensure a smooth check-in and check-out. Any campers who leave Camp Meribah for a medical reason (sickness, injury, etc.) must have a doctor's note clearing them to return Camp Meribah before they are allowed to return.

## **MEDICATIONS:**

Camper medications must be turned in to the camp staff at check-in time for safekeeping. Please put all medications, along with dosage information and instructions in a Ziploc bag.



### **SNACKS AND DRINKS:**

Any food or snacks that are brought to the cabins must be kept in sealed containers to ensure that no bugs or other animals become an issue inside the cabin. Campers are only allowed to bring water inside of the cabins to ensure no spills or messes occur with their or another camper's belongings. Beginning in 2023, no candy is allowed inside the cabins. There is no access to refrigeration for camper's personal food and drinks.

### **MEALS:**

Campers will be served three meals per day, as well as other "canteen" (snack) opportunities during each day of camp. Camp Meribah serves what would widely be considered "kid food" (pizza, hamburgers & hot dogs, sandwiches, tacos, chicken strips, etc.) each day, but we do not provide options for campers with dietary restrictions (ie gluten-free, lactose-free, etc.). If your child has a specific dietary restriction, please contact Carter at 931-729-4201 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS:**

It is our goal to help ensure that as many children as possible can experience the faith, fun, and fellowship that Camp Meribah provides. At the same time, Camp Meribah counselors are college and high school aged students that are not trained or equipped to handle students with special physical or behavioral needs. Campers with special needs must be disclosed and approved by the Director prior to signing up for camp to ensure the safety and success of Camp Meribah for all campers.

### **CELL PHONES AND OTHER VALUABLES:**

Cell phones are not allowed at Day Camp, Mini-Meribah, or Youth Week. While cell phones are discouraged during Teen Week so that campers can "disconnect" and enjoy camp to its fullest, cell phones may be kept and used inside the cabins only. No money, gaming systems, or other expensive electronic devices should be brought to camp. Camp Meribah is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronics or valuables.

As a courtesy to those who have the responsibility of supervising your child and others, all phone communication between you and your child must be done through the Camp Director or staff. If an emergency arises, contact Carter (931) 797-9743 or Shelby (662)544-2576 to speak with your child.

### **MAIL:**

If you would like to send your child mail while they are at camp, you can send letters and packages to:

Camper Name  
c/o Camp Meribah  
493 White Pine Drive  
Centerville, TN 37033



# PACKING GUIDE

**BE SURE TO READ  
OUR CELL PHONE &  
SNACK POLICIES.**

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Bible
- Sleeping Bag or Twin Bed Linens
- Pillow
- Toiletries & shoes for the Bathhouse
- Comfortable, athletic-type clothing for daily activities (please make sure all clothing is Christian camp appropriate).
- Tennis shoes
- Swimsuit & creek clothes (shirt & shorts must be worn during water activities)
- Creek Shoes (flip flops do not make good creek shoes)
- Towels (both for pool and showers)
- Flashlight
- There will be an optional campout during Youth Week. Campers planning to attend the campout should bring a sleeping bag.
- Fishing poles and tackle must be left with camp staff at registration to ensure camper safety and prevent damage of equipment in the cabins. Fishing will take place one day at the creek each week.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Firearms, knives, or any other weapons.
- Fireworks, lighters, or any other explosive or flammable materials.
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products including smokeless tobacco, vape products, or e-cigarettes
- Any other item or items that would be considered inappropriate for a Christian camp.
- Smoking is not allowed on the grounds of Camp Meribah at any time. We ask all visitors to observe this rule.



# SPECIFIC WEEK INFORMATION

## DAY CAMP INFORMATION:

- Drop-off will be from 7:30-8:30 am at the Centerville Church of Christ (Lighthouse door).
- Pick-up will be from 3:30-4:00 pm at Camp Meribah each day.
- Campers should wear clothes appropriate for VBS each morning.
- Campers should bring appropriate clothes, shoes, and a towel for an afternoon creek/ water activity each day. Everyone must wear a t-shirt and shorts (even over a swimsuit) for water activities. If possible, please send creek shoes other than flip-flops.
- If your child needs sunscreen, please apply it before arriving each morning.
- Campers should eat breakfast before arriving each morning. Lunch will be provided for each day. The menu is as follows:
  - Monday: Turkey or PB&J Sandwich
  - Tuesday: Hamburger or Hotdog
  - Wednesday: Mini Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)
  - If your child does not like these daily choices, feel free to bring your lunch.

## MINI-MERIBAH INFORMATION:

- Drop off will be from 7:30-8:30 am inside Ken McDonald Hall at Camp Meribah.
- Campers should eat breakfast prior to check-in.
- Pickup will be from 4:00-4:30 on Friday afternoon.
- Cabins will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Campers will experience what a normal day of Youth Week of Camp Meribah consists of (devotionals, team games, meals, crafts, activities, creek-time, etc.)
- Campers should pack according to our "What to Bring" packing guide.

## YOUTH WEEK INFORMATION:

- Drop off will be from 3:00-4:00 pm inside Ken McDonald Hall at Camp Meribah.
- Pickup will be from 4:00-4:30 pm on Friday afternoon.
- Cabins will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Students will have the option of creating a tie-dye t-shirt while at camp. If your camper would like to participate, please send a t-shirt to use.
- There will be an optional campout during Youth Week. Campers interested in camping should bring a sleeping bag.

## TEEN WEEK INFORMATION:

- Drop off will be from 3:00-4:00 pm inside Ken McDonald Hall at Camp Meribah.
- Campers should eat breakfast prior to check-in.
- Pickup will be from 4:00-4:30 pm on Friday afternoon.
- Cabins will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Teen Week Special Packing Items
  - Folding Camp Chair
  - Neon or bright clothing
  - White clothing for the Meribah Color Run

## DRESS UP NIGHTS:

Both Youth Week and Teen Week have optional dress-up nights (i.e., Luau Night, Glow Night, "America" Night, etc.) for campers to take part in. Be sure to check our social media prior to camp starting to find list of dress up nights for your child's week of camp. Make sure that all clothing is Christian camp appropriate.