



# RULES, CODE OF CONDUCT & CAMPER INFORMATION



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from Camp Meribah! After an incredible summer of camp in 2023, we are thrilled to be back on "The Hill" for another great summer of Camp Meribah. Summer Camp 2023 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 who may not know our family, I have been involved with Summer Camp at Meribah for over 20 years and have spent the past three summers serving as Camp Director and Centerville Church of Christ Youth Minister.

Shelby has also been a lifelong camper, as she has been a part of a church camp in northern Mississippi until we married in 2014. Shelby works as a School Counselor at Hickman County Middle School, and we have two children, Cade (6) and Ansley (3), who also love being at camp.

We look forward to being back with all of our staff and campers. 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

# FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

The purpose of our Summer Camp is categorized into three main pillars: Faith, Fellowship, & Fun. Our goal is that in everything we do, our actions fulfill each of these three areas.

## **FAITH**

- Introduce students to Jesus.
- Encourage students to unplug from the world and think about their faith.
- Promote getting involved with a local church.
- Encourage students to begin thinking about becoming Christians.
- Model positive Christian behavior and discipleship.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

- Allow campers to spend time with each other and fellow Christians.
- Encourage social growth with campers from different walks of life.
- Challenge campers to work and play together.
- Allow students time spent with positive role models.

## **FUN**

- Allow campers to get outside their comfort zones and do things they wouldn't normally do at home.
- Allow students to enjoy camp and safely make great summer camp memories.
- Teach campers the value of Christian fun.



# DATES, RATES, & SCHOLARSHIP INFO:

Day Camp	Ages 4-9	June 10-12	\$75
Mini-Meribah	Finished K-Finished 5th	June 13-14	\$75
Youth Week	Finished 1st-Finished 6th	June 16-21	\$225
Teen Week	Finished 6-Finished 12th	June 23-28	\$225

## DEPOSITS:

A deposit must be paid 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: All campers must pay a minimum (non-refundable) \$50 deposit to attend Camp Meribah.

## REMAINING BALANCES:

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

## PAYMENT METHODS:

Last summer, Camp Meribah switched to an online payment system. Camp Meribah lost approximately \$2500 in credit card processing fees that summer. To ensure that all of the tuition you pay is used for your camper's fun at Summer Camp, we will return to a cash or check-only system in 2024.

Cash or a check can be brought to the Centerville Church of Christ Office (Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm) or mailed to:  
Centerville Church of Christ  
Attn: Camp Meribah  
138 North Central Ave. Centerville, TN 37033

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Meribah offers partial scholarships to 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 scholarship amount you request. We will only contact you if we need any additional information. If you DO NOT receive a call, your scholarship has been approved, and you can proceed with normal camp check-in. If you have any questions, call Carter Hoover at 931-729-4201 (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).



## **BEHAVIOR AND DRESS CODE POLICY**

Camp Meribah is, at its core, a Christian Camp. Campers must exhibit appropriate Christian behavior and dress 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, pranking, drug, alcohol, or tobacco use, and vaping.

Campers 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 campers' chests, shoulders, stomachs, and bottoms. Shorts should reach the mid-thigh for both male and female campers. Campers must wear shorts and a shirt over a swimsuit for all water activities.

Refusal to follow these policies will result in disciplinary action 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 among 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 medical reasons (sickness, injury, etc.) must have a doctor's note clearing them to return to Camp Meribah before they are allowed to return.



### **MEDICATIONS:**

Camper medications must be turned in to the camp staff at check-in for safekeeping. Please put all medications, 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. Candy is allowed inside the cabins. There is no access to refrigeration for 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. Our camp has two water fountains that can be used at any time, as well as drink coolers and cups used during certain activities. 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, 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 who are not trained or equipped to handle students with special physical, emotional, or behavioral needs. To ensure the safety and success of Camp Meribah for all campers, campers with special needs must be disclosed and approved by the director prior to signing up for camp.



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

Cell phones are not allowed at Day Camp, Mini-Meribah, or Youth Week. We have learned that students in this age group are not mature and responsible enough to have cell phones in the cabins and around other campers.

While cell phones are discouraged during Teen Week so 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 losing, stealing, or damaging electronics or valuables.

As a courtesy to those who supervise 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

### **SMOKING:**

Smoking is not allowed on the grounds of Camp Meribah at any time. We ask all visitors to observe this rule during camper pick-up and drop-off.



## **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

## **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.

## **CAMPOUT:**

There will be an optional campout during Youth Week (weather permitting). Campers planning to attend the campout should bring a sleeping bag.

## **COLOR RUN:**

Our Teen Weekers will be participating in the “Meribah Color Run” this summer. Campers are asked to bring a white shirt that will be “tye-dyed” during the run.

## **THEME NIGHTS:**

Campers are encouraged to dress up each night of camp to have fun and participate in the activities each day/night. Dressing up is completely optional and shouldn't require parents to go out and purchase clothing. Any clothing worn for theme nights should follow the Camp Meribah Dress Code.