

# FAMILY of FAITH

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### REGISTRATION

#### Who can come?

We are able to offer *household* hospitality, meaning each cabin will house members of just one household currently living together.

We are also able to host a small group of adult individuals of any age who are not from the same household. Young adults and minors living in the same household may register if at least one parent from the same household is registered and present.

In respect for the sanctity of marriage as defined in the Bible and as stated in Camp's Statement of Faith, Miracle Bible Camp holds that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Unmarried couples, regardless of gender, are to be housed in separate units.

#### How are registrations processed?

Registrations are processed on a first-in, first placed basis. **Email** ([mbcamp@uslink.net](mailto:mbcamp@uslink.net)) or **call** the camp (218.682.2714) to make a reservation. A 50% deposit must then be paid on-line within 48 hours of booking your cabin, based on the information you provide to us on your family needs and the invoice created and emailed to you the day you book your Family of Faith Retreat.

#### How will I know if the time I want to come is available?

The easiest way to find out if time is available is to **email** ([mbcamp@uslink.net](mailto:mbcamp@uslink.net)) or **call** the camp (218.682.2714). That way you can register immediately for the time you want.

We have plenty of RV and Tent sites and do not anticipate needing to turn any registrations away. However, we cannot guarantee any particular spot or access to higher amperage electrical service. Water connections are very limited.

**Can I stay just two nights? What if I want to stay four nights?**

Yes, you may stay just two nights 😊.

**What time can we check in and when do we have to check out?**

Check-in: 4:00 PM

Check-out 10:00 AM

Early arrivals may be possible; contact the camp a few days in advance to check it out.

**Can I bring my pet with me?**

Dogs or other animals are permitted **in the campground only** and may not be brought to the main camp, even on a leash. **No animals may be brought into any building at camp including the campground at any time** except trained service dogs (please let us know when registering if you are bringing a trained service dog). Animals in the campground must be on a leash at all times. The owner is responsible to clean up animal waste. Contact us if you have any questions.

**What linens do I need to bring?**

For single beds, bring single sheets and blankets, or sleeping bags.

For double beds, bring queen sized sheets and blankets, or sleeping bags.

Towels, wash cloths, etc.

**FOOD SERVICE**

**How are meals going to work?**

Meals are served through our Dining Hall. You will go through the serving line as in the past, with minor changes due to COVID. All food will be served to your plate by your friendly MBC staff. Again, your family will be seated together, and your table will be assigned for the time you are here. Some meals will be eaten indoors, but we have lots of picnic tables outside. Some meals will be served entirely outside.

If you are not using the food service but there are other families present who are, you may request to join us for individual meals; please ask a day in advance.

One thing you can be certain of: the food will be delicious!

**Where will we eat?**

Camp's kitchen and dining hall guidelines follow State's directives for restaurants.

Dining inside is available, with table seating by cabin; tables are spaced according to state guidelines.

Outdoor dining is encouraged and several pleasant areas are available for your family to enjoy.

Per guidelines, families need to follow "Social distancing" guidelines at all times from those in other households.

#### **Will camp still be able to accommodate special diet requests?**

Happily! Special diet requests for Gluten Free, Dairy Free and Lactose Free will be accommodated **if noted when you register**. Requests must be made at least one week in advance of arrival.

#### **Is Pat still doing the cooking?**

You better believe it! Camp just wouldn't be the same without her famous homemade bread!

#### **Are meal plans required?**

Guests staying in Balsam or at RV/tent sites may select the meal plan or may choose to do their own cooking if desired. Guests in all other cabins must use the camp's meal service. This is to make it easier to meet cleaning and sanitation guidelines. Children under 4 eat free with their families!

## **ACTIVITIES**

#### **How will activities work at camp?**

Most activities are self-guided and are OPEN for your family to enjoy at any time you wish, such as fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, campfires, etc. No signup or checkout is required.

Some staff-lead activities require a RESERVATION to be made with Dan any time after arrival. This includes the Creation Station, air rifles, archery, etc. Families will sign up in advance.

Some activities such as frisbee golf may require EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT. We encourage you to bring your own bikes, lifejackets, fishing poles, etc. Camp-owned bikes may be signed out for a family ride; however, kids cannot just take one out by themselves.

The CREATION STATION will be open periodically during your stay. Just talk to Dan to find out when or to set up a visit for your family 😊!

**Are there any activities that will not be available?**

Most items are now available (following state guidelines).

**Will we be able to swim and use camp equipment?**

Yes! Canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and sailboats (if you know how to use one!) will be available during daylight hours. They must be checked out with Dan.

Watercraft will be cleaned as necessary between users.

Swimming is open (weather permitting) most days. Parents are to be the “lifeguards” for their kids and *must stay at the beach* for the entire time their kids are swimming. “Stay Safe” guidelines limit group size, so special beach procedures may be required to allow for the maximum number of swimmers.

**Can we bring our own games, boats, and things?**

Absolutely! In fact, we encourage you to do so. If you have your own bikes, frisbee or lifejackets, for example, bring them along. You will lighten the load of our staff and it will get you into action quicker. The camp does not provide power boats, but dock space is available, so feel free to bring your own. **Note:** *All persons of any age* in boats coming and going from MBC **MUST** be wearing a properly fitted life jacket. A public boat landing is available just down the road from the camp.

Please do **not** bring fireworks, skateboards or other “nuisance” items (bikes are *great!*). Ask Dan for instructions before flying any kind of drone.

**What is the lake like and how’s the fishing?**

Woman Lake is 5,500 acres of great fishing! In fact, lots of fish are caught right in Lantern Bay on the shores of which stands Miracle Bible Camp. We have a great accessible fishing dock, so you don’t even need a boat to grab some fish! Please be sure everyone who needs a license has one and follow all state laws. Bring your own fishing gear (a limited selection of gear may be available here).

We mostly practice “catch and release” fishing, but if you wish you may clean fish in the fishing shack *only!* (never in a cabin or on a picnic table). Ask Doug, John or Dan for instructions.

**Can we have campfires?**

Yes! Camp has multiple campfire sites available so more families can have the opportunity. Firewood is available at no charge. Please *do not start fires anywhere but in the fire rings!*

RV and tent sites have fire rings.

### **What off-site activities are available?**

The area around Camp offers a lot of fun options. Longville is the “Turtle Racing Capital of the World,” with fun events every Wednesdays. You may also enjoy local shopping, mini-golfing or stop in at Frosty’s for ice cream and pizza. Donuts are made fresh daily at Woman Lake Lodge, just a short boat ride away from camp. There’s something for everyone, from golfing to biking and more!

## **COVID-19 SAFETY QUESTIONS**

### **Will guests be screened for COVID-19?**

Yes. Guests will be sent a **pre-screening checklist** in advance of their session, which includes temperature checks at home. A safe and healthy camp experience begins with people who are healthy! Guests will also be screened upon arrival according to the same checklist. If you are concerned about possibly being sick, please help camp stay open by staying home (your fees will be refunded if illness causes you to miss out). If you are at camp and start to feel ill, let us know.

### **What does safe social distancing look like at camp?**

Instructions will be sent ahead of your retreat, including guidelines and expectations for using and sharing Camp facilities and activities in a safe, socially-distant environment.

These guidelines will also be posted in each building.

### **What is your staff doing to make sure they are healthy?**

Senior Staff have been fully vaccinated. Every staff member on site will be self-screening for signs of symptoms of COVID-19 every day they come onsite. If they do not pass the test, they will stay home.

### **What if a staff member or guest becomes aware of direct COVID-19 exposure or manifests COVID-19 symptoms?**

In those cases, the following four things will happen:

1. The sickened person and any person housed with him/her would be asked to leave Miracle Bible Camp as soon as practically possible and seek medical attention immediately.
2. Cass County Health Department will be contacted.
3. Staff would wait 24 hours to clean & sanitize any rooms where the exposed person has been.
4. Host Staff would communicate to guests and staff if there is a possibility of exposure to them, acting appropriately if they or any other staff need to be quarantined or sent home.

## Do I need to wear a facemask at camp?

The executive order went into effect July 25, 2020 and has not been fully rescinded. All staff, visitors and campers are required to wear face coverings in all indoor settings **except the cabin you are living in**. Please bring lots of masks so your family can have fresh ones each day.

The Executive Order does not require children 5 years old and younger to wear face coverings and children under 2 should never wear a face covering.

The Executive Order also does not require face coverings when a person is unable to tolerate wearing a face covering because of a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability. Please contact us ahead of time if you fall into this category.

Support staff will wear face coverings whenever they are interacting with campers as long as it is feasible and safe for them to wear one. Staff may not wear masks in outdoor settings.

Staff at the front during chapels may not wear masks. And yes, we do sing!

The Executive Order allows people to temporarily remove face coverings in certain circumstances, provided that social distancing is maintained, including:

- When eating or drinking.
- When swimming or participating in another activity that would get the face covering wet (a face covering should never be worn in the water or when wet).
- When participating in an organized sport or other physical activity when the level of exertion would make it difficult to wear a face covering.
- When communicating with a person who is deaf or hearing impaired or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with a face covering difficult.
- When performing or public speaking
- When staff are working alone, including when alone in an office, a room, a cubicle with walls that are higher than face level, a vehicle, or an enclosed or separated work area.
- When sleeping or going to sleep in sleeping quarters (e.g., a dorm, bunk house, tent, or other shared sleeping space) that are shared between persons who are not members of the same household.

## GROUP GATHERINGS

### How many people can do an activity together at one time?

Current guidance is that groups over 50 need to have distance between them. Social distancing is still required, with 6' between guests where practical.

We welcome you to join us at our campfires and in our beautiful new **tent chapel!** Spreading out will be easy there 😊!

Seating in the Dining Hall is set for up to 6 at a table from the same household. Tables will be spaced according to state guidelines. Please do not rearrange tables, chairs, etc.

On the beach, social distancing requirements are still 6' from others outside your household.

**Can we hold worship services at camp?**

Yes! We have a beautiful new **tent chapel** that will easily allow for appropriate social distancing.

Further, current guidelines allow us to meet indoors at 50% capacity, always following social distancing guidelines.

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