

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.

Because some regulations from the state have been lightened, we may now be 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) 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) or **call** the camp (218.682.2714). That way you can register immediately for the time you want. We have a chart that you can view on our web site (miraclebible.com) that will indicate which cabins are available each session, and we will try to keep it up to date.

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 combine a mid-week and weekend to stay for a week?

Our sessions are:

- Monday at 4 p.m. through Thursday at 10 a.m.
- Thursday 4 p.m. through Sunday 10 a.m.

Early arrivals and late departures will make it very difficult to prepare rooms for the next guest, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

You are welcome to combine two sessions, arriving Monday and staying through the following Sunday morning, giving your family a full week experience (6 nights) at Miracle Bible Camp.

Camp is closed Sunday evenings.

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

Due to costs and labor for cleaning, all reservations are made for three-night sessions. You may only be able to enjoy two nights with us, but we must charge for all three.

Four-night stays may not work. Staying an extra day will make the room unavailable for the next three-night session. You may request the extra night and we will gladly accommodate if no one else is requesting the cabin for the next session; however, we will not be able to guarantee that night until close to the date requested.

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

Check-in: 4:00 PM
Check-out 10:00 AM

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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 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?

We will be serving families either in the dining hall or “Take-Out” style so you can go to a favorite spot outside to enjoy your family meal.

If dining in, 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.

“Take Out” will be ordered the day prior to the request and prepared for the family in the kitchen. One family member will be invited into the Dining Hall to get their family’s food for the meal.

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.

Families will have other options, including lakeside, by the campfire, picnic tables, on the fishing dock, or picnic style on the ground.

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. Meal plans are available for \$20/person/day and children under 4 eat free!

Will coffee still be available 24/7?

Unfortunately, not in the Dining Hall. However, coffee makers will be available in each rental unit. Complimentary coffee/tea will be available in the Dining Hall at meals and other announced times in the day and will be served by a staff member.

ACTIVITIES

How will activities work at camp?

Some activities are OPEN for your family to enjoy at any time you wish, such as fishing, hiking, campfires, etc. where no signup or checkout is required.

Some 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. This allows staff time to clean areas and items before and between users.

Some activities require EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT, such as frisbee golf, fishing poles, lifejackets, etc. That checkout will occur at the counter on the Lakeview Café patio or Snack Shack to pick up and return items. This checkout service allows us to sanitize items between users. We encourage you to bring your own lifejackets, fishing poles, etc. to make this unnecessary. Most board games, card games, puzzles, and so on cannot be sanitized and so are unavailable; go ahead and bring your favorites from home for use by your family!

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?

At this time we have had to put away playground equipment, 9-Square in the Air, and even Octaball, as it is impossible to meet state sanitation requirements (sniffle!!). Other items may not be available for a period after someone else has used them so that we have time to clean them properly. We will gladly add things back in as soon as state guidelines allow!

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 (reservations may be required). They must be checked out with Dan.

Watercraft will be cleaned between users.

Swimming will be 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. Reservations may be required if a lot of guests are at camp at the same time.

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

Absolutely! In fact, we encourage you to do so. If you have your own 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.

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. “Turtle-less Wednesdays” and other activities will be occurring in nearby Longville, MN. Explore the local shopping, go 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 and we will follow-up with a **post-event health questionnaire** as well. Temps will not be taken on site unless requested.

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?

Every staff member 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 new executive order went into effect July 25. All staff, visitors and campers are required to wear face coverings in all indoor settings. PLEASE SEND ENOUGH MASKS FOR YOUR FAMILY TO HAVE A FRESH MASKS EACH MORNING.

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.

All 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 some 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?

It depends. Camp will be respecting the Governor's "Stay Safe" mandates. In his most recent orders effective June 10, gatherings involving people from different households need to be 25 or fewer. Social distancing is still required, with 6' between guests where practical.

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 are able to host worship services following the State's "Stay Safe" guidelines. The current guidelines allow us to meet indoors at 50% capacity, always following social distancing guidelines.

Camp plans to conduct an informal campfire praise gathering each evening, but no formal chapel services are planned at this point.

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