

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** (Subject to improvement)**WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO PRIOR TO CAMP?**

- Campers **MUST** be registered no later than seven days before arrival to give you time to monitor their health.
- You will conduct a home pre-screening on your camper prior to bringing them to camp to ensure everyone's health and safety. About seven to 10 days before dropping your campers off at Miracle Bible Camp, you will receive a new health form and questionnaire. You will fill this out and bring it with you when you sign in at camp.
- We will ask our parents to monitor their camper's temperature and health for the two weeks prior to their arrival. We'll also be asking about any exposure that might be relevant.
- Any campers who are ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 72-hours prior to arrival will need to contact our office staff to cancel your camp week. If COVID is the cause for you to cancel, a full refund will be processed.
- Any camper that arrives with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will need to return home 😞.

**TELL ME ABOUT DROP-OFF**

- CDC and state guidelines recommend you not carpool to camp with multiple families. It would be best if no extra riders are in the vehicle.
- Only MBC campers and staff will be allowed at main camp this summer to minimize exposure. We are re-working our drop off procedure accordingly. We will be doing "Curbside Drop-off" like when you drop your kids off at school.
- Please plan to arrive on Sunday afternoon on the following schedule by last name (if multiple last names, just pick one):
  - A-F 3:00
  - G-L 3:15
  - M-R 3:30
  - S-Z 3:45
- You will be directed into the registration line. Please wait in line in your car. You will drive forward from station to station, proceeding from one staff person to the next to complete the registration.
- Once you have talked to Doug (to confirm morning temperature) and Pat (to pay any balance if it hasn't been done ahead of time on-line for a touchless pay) and Merilee (to discuss health questions), you will be ready to drop off your campers 😊!
- THEN your camper will take their luggage and meet up with their cabin group to go to their cabin together. We ask that no one else leave the vehicle. The goal is to provide the least possible unnecessary interaction with others (we LOVE fellowship at MBC but we'll have to pass on it this year).

- Note: if anyone in your vehicle requires a rest room, please use the facilities in the game field pavilion.

#### HOW WILL CAMPER PICK UP TAKE PLACE?

- We will not be doing a closing chapel this year. However, we will have photos posted to Facebook within 24 hours of the end of camp.
- CDC and state guidelines recommend you not carpool to camp with multiple families. It would be best if no extra riders are in the vehicle.
- Please plan to arrive on the following schedule by last name (if multiple last names, just pick one):
 

▪ Aspen Campers	1:30	You will be given a note at drop-off noting which cabin your camper(s) are in and what time to come for pickup.
▪ Cedar Campers	1:45	
▪ Birch Campers	2:00	
▪ Pine Point Campers	2:15	
- Be sure to check out with Doug with your PHOTO ID in hand. He will have you sign for your campers upon arrival and give you any medication, electronic devices, etc.
- You will then proceed to the pick-up area near your camper's cabin. Again, you will need to stay in your car and let your camper come to you. Your camper and their luggage will be ready to go in a designated pickup area. The goals are to minimize intermingling, speed up the exit process and control traffic congestion.

#### HOW WILL CABIN GROUPS WORK?

- This year we will be keeping cabin size to no more than 10 (8 or 9 campers and a counselor and Teen Volunteer). The MDH requires that we keep our cabin groups no larger than 10.
- Roommate requests will be allowed at ONE PER CAMPER. We keep groups from one church to no more than 4 in a cabin, so each church may have campers in 2 or even 3 different cabins.

#### HOW WILL ACTIVITIES WORK THIS YEAR? WILL MY CAMPER BE WITH EVERYONE ELSE?

- Yes and no. Many activities this summer will be done as a cabin group, but some will be done together.
- There are some activities that are simply done best in groups a little bigger than a single cabin. Therefore, at times we will mix a cabin group with one or two other cabin groups. Current CDC and MDH guidelines allow this intermingling as long as we limit this activity time and promote social distancing during the time these small groups are together. These small groupings will remain the same two or three cabins throughout the week.
- That means your child could be in a group as large as 16 or 24 campers and their cabin leaders.
- This approach lets campers get to know a few kids outside of their cabin in a socially distanced setting and allows for the super fun camp activities kids love, all while keeping everyone as safe as possible.
- Some of our "big group" activities will have to wait for another year 😞.

## WHAT ABOUT MASKS?

- 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 CAMPERS TO HAVE A FRESH MASK EACH MORNING.
- Everyone wants to know about masks... who wears them and who doesn't? Our answer is pretty simple. Since campers and their cabin leaders stay primarily in their group of 10, they won't be required to wear masks in their cabin.
- 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 your camper falls into this category.
- All support staff (non-cabin leaders) 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.

## WILL MY CAMPER BE SOCIALLY DISTANCED FROM OTHER CAMPERS?

- The MDH requires that we keep our cabin groups to no larger than 10. That means that your camper will spend most of their time at camp with at most 8 other campers and 2 camp staff. However, there are likely to be times of intermingling.
- Bunks will be arranged so that campers are sleeping "head-to-toe" fashion.
- Dining hall tables will be arranged by cabin groups and spaced generously around the Dining Hall and Lakeview.

- Chapels will be held in the Dining Hall with campers staying at their assigned tables. This ensures they remained spaced out.

#### WHAT ABOUT VISITORS ON-SITE?

- Miracle Bible Camp will be limiting access to our property during these camp events. There might be a UPS truck or vendor or two who drops off our groceries, but they do not interact with campers. If you are not a camper, staff member or one of a few key volunteers, you will not be allowed on the grounds.
- If you must come to camp for any reason during the week, please call the camp (218.682.2714) before coming to make arrangements.

#### CLEANING DURING COVID

- Cabins: Our staff are thorough in their cleaning before campers arrive, but this summer we will have a more detailed disinfectant protocol. There are also no campers in cabins between camp weeks for at least 24 hours.
- Cleaning cabins has always been a regular cabin chore during the week, but this summer we will take it up a notch. Camper will (as usual) be expected to clean up after themselves. During the week, no outside staff or campers will enter a cabin unless they are staff there for a specific purpose (i.e. maintenance need). High-touch surfaces will be cleaned at least twice a day, per MDH guidelines.
- Hand Washing: Clean hands will be a priority at camp! If you missed it, our Facebook page even shows Program Director Dan singing the Miracle Bible Camp theme song while washing his hands – check it out and maybe even get your kids singing it now!
- We have alcohol-based hand sanitizer for every cabin and areas throughout camp. We will also take time every day to remind campers to wash their hands before meals and at each activity area.
- Campers will be asked to refrain from hand touching or high-fives.

#### MEALTIMES

- Campers will eat with their cabin groups in the dining hall. The tables are spaced, and the number at each table is the number in their cabin group.
- Special diets of Gluten Free, Dairy Free and Lactose Free will continue to be accommodated but WE MUST BE NOTIFIED ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE of their dietary needs (it should already be marked on their registration form, but if you miss it, call right away!!).
- Our food service areas are constantly cleaned in compliance with MDH standards.

#### WHAT IF SOMEONE GETS SICK AT CAMP?

- Our staff will contact parents if a camper appears to be showing any symptoms of COVID-19. If concerns arise, all parties involved will be asked to talk through options with camp management as we follow CDC and MDH guidelines.

- Symptoms similar to COVID-19 can be common at camp. In previous years it was not unusual for campers to have a low-grade temperature, not feel well, etc., during a normal week at camp. However, this summer our staff will be especially ready to respond rapidly to any symptoms campers demonstrate. Our staff will also ask campers how they're feeling much more often.
- If, within 14 days of their arrival at camp, you find out that your child was in close contact with an individual that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or shows COVID-19 symptoms, we are asking you to contact camp as soon as possible. To be on the safe side, your child should not come to camp. Your registration fee will be refunded in full. If your camper is onsite when it is learned, we will separate them from the other campers, and they will need to be picked up. Every parent from that child's cabin will also be contacted concerning that exposure (privacy, of course, will be respected).

#### HOW ARE CABIN GROUPS ASSIGNED?

- When requesting to be with another camper, it is always best to have them request you as well. Camp is always more fun with a friend!
- Often large groups of kids create "friendship chains" to try to all be in the same cabin. We usually try to keep such groups to about 3-4. If your camper is part of a large "friendship chain" we welcome your input regarding how the group should be split. One or two parents of the affected kids may be consulted to help make the divide. Final decision lies with the camp.

#### HOW DO I PAY MY FINAL BILL FOR CAMP?

- We PREFER that payments be made cashless before you bring your camper for their time at camp. The link is: <https://www.miraclebible.com/make-payment>. Be sure to indicate the camper name when you make your payment. If you need information about the balance on your account, Please call Pat or Doug at camp (218.682.2714) and they can answer your questions. A confirmation email with the invoice was sent when you registered your child. This payment should include, if possible, camp store and offering money.

#### HOW ABOUT CAMP STORE MONEY?

- This year we are trying to go cashless for your camper's store account. Again, use the on-line portal and indicate the campers' name(s) <https://www.miraclebible.com/make-payment>. Money left at the end of the week can either be donated to the mission project or refunded on-line (this is a bit more cumbersome, so if you can estimate their store needs and deposit that much, great! Please do this ahead of time, as the pick-up will not include a trip to the camp store this year.
- Campers will have six opportunities to visit the camp store. Typically kids spend no more than \$2 per visit unless they buy awesome shirts, sweatshirts, etc.
- We are not offering a free theme shirt this year but will have a couple cool options for MBC shirts at \$10 each.

#### WILL THERE BE A MISSIONARY OFFERING THIS YEAR?

- YES! This has always been a great opportunity for campers to think about those in other countries or in our country that don't know about Christ. This year we will be raising funds for Rivers and Becky Camp (Pat's niece and family). They serve with TEAM in Chad, Africa and work at getting schools into villages, books into their language, and other means of communicating about Jesus.
- Offerings may be made through our on-line portal <https://www.miraclebible.com/make-payment> when you make your final payment on account or you can choose to leave the balance of the camper's store account; all funds left on account will go to this mission project.

#### WHAT IF I WANT TO PAY BY CHECK OR CASH?

- You can still write a check for your camper's balance on account, camp store and/or missionary offering. You will do this with Pat in the registration process.