

Camp Montgomery



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Parent Handbook

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Packing for Camp

Clothing:

Casual Camp Clothing (shorts, t-shirts, long pants, etc. Enough for 1 or 2 extra days) Swimsuit, Bandanna/Hat, Socks, Underwear, Light Jacket/Sweater, Rain Gear/Umbrella, Closed-toed Shoes, Sandals

Personal Items

Bath Towel & Washcloth, Beach Towel, Soap, Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Toiletries, Sunscreen, Bug Repellent, Required Medications in a Ziploc Bag

Bedding

Pillow, Sleeping Bag and/or Sheets & Blankets for twin bed

Other Items

Water Bottle, Flashlight, Bible, Notebook, Addressed Postcards/Envelopes, Stamps, Pen/Pencil, Camera, Musical Instrument (if you have one)

Do Not Bring

Alcohol, Drugs, Weapons, Knives, MP3 player, Personal gaming system, Portable electronic devices, Food/Gum/Snack/Drinks, Money, Cell phones, Smart Watches, Pets, Jewelry & other valuables.

Arriving at Camp

Check In: 3:30-4:00pm on the first day of camp.

Upon arrival at Montgomery, leave your luggage in the car, and bring any last-minute paperwork, canteen money, and medications to our office by following the white “Registration” signs. You will be greeted by our friendly staff and they will get you started on the path to dropping your camper off for the best week of his/her summer!

Step 1: Paperwork

Your first stop is in the office. Our Director of Operations will finalize any paperwork including COVID-19 health questionnaire, canteen (up to \$30.00 per camper), and any outstanding payments.

Step 2: Health Care

Your second stop will be in the lobby. Our health care provider will check if your camper is feeling well, following health guidelines (See attached COVID-19 protocol). Our health care provider will store all medications and administer them throughout the week as needed. All prescribed medications must be presented in their original bottle.

Step 3: Check In

Your third stop will be in the dining hall. Our hostess will make sure that your camper has brought all they need to camp and make sure they are ready for the week. You and your camper will receive information on his/her cabin number and his/her counselor(s).

Step 4: Getting Settled

Once you have received your camper’s check-in information, you can head to the cabin together. The camper’s counselor(s) will be at the cabin to meet you and to answer any questions you might have about the group. Our counselors are trained to quickly integrate campers of all backgrounds into the group and to make the transition from their parents as comfortable as possible.

A Day at Camp

MORNING

7:15am Rise and Shine
7:40 Morning Watch
8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Cabin Clean Up
9:15 Energizers
9:30 Morning Celebration
10:15 Activity Block #1*

AFTERNOON

12:15 Lunch
1:00 F.O.B. (Flat On Bed)
2:00 Canteen
2:45 Activity Block #2*
4:00 Activity Block #3*
5:15 Bible Study
5:45 Court Sports

EVENING

6:00 Dinner
7:00 Evening Program
8:30 Vespers (Evening Worship)/Day is Done
9:00 Back to Cabins, Evening Prayer
10:30 Lights Out! Good Night!

Activities Include: Bible Study, Behind the Boat, Canoeing, Swimming, Archery, Rockwall, Low Ropes Course, Hiking, Arts and Crafts, Trust Initiatives, Field Games, Challenge Course Highs, Workshops, Stargazing, and Capture the Flag, Blobbing, Campfire, Flying Squirrel, Eating S'mores, Sports, Climbing Playpen, Labyrinth, Prayer/Meditation Trail, Zip Line, Frisbee Golf, Kayaking, Fishing, Bouldering, Energizers, and Stargazing.

Pick up from Camp

Closing Celebration

Parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and guardians are all welcome to join us in our Dining Hall. The closing celebration begins at 3:00pm on the last day of your camper's week and will last until about 3:45pm. During that time, you will get a glimpse of what camp was like during the week. You will hear some of the songs that we sing, the energizers that we dance to, and the curriculum of MPCC.

Checking Out your Camper

After our closing celebration, you and your camper will pick up his/her belongings and sign out. We take the safety of your camper very seriously. We require that an authorized person (designated and authorized on the medical form) sign out the camper they are picking up with their counselor. If the person that is here to pick up your camper is not on the authorized list, we will ask that they return to the office so we can contact the camper's parent/guardian to verify the individual picking up the camper.

Early Pick-Up

We do not encourage any camper to leave camp before the closing celebration. The last few hours in their small groups are spent doing closing activities that will end their experience as well as it started. However, if you feel that your camper needs to leave early from camp, please contact the office as soon as you know the date and time of the pick-up. We will plan to have your camper and their belongings at the office.

Important Information

Roommate Request

It is our philosophy that camp provides a unique opportunity for your camper to be in a fresh environment and to make new friends. Campers will be accommodated by age, allowing them to interact with peers of the same age group. Special accommodation requests must be made on the registration form. We will always try our best to match up your camper with friends.

Sending Mail/Email

It is great for campers to receive letters from home. We highly recommend that parents write and send mail early in the week or even the previous week. You can bring mail at check in and leave it with a staff member to give out on days you designate. If mail arrives before a camper, we will hold it for the week your camper will be here. If a letter arrives after the closing day of camp, we will forward it to your home address. Please do not send any food for your camper unless it has been discussed with the administrative staff.

Address mail to Montgomery's address with:
Montgomery Center C/O Camper Name
88 SE 75th St.
Starke, FL 32091

You can email your camper through Office@MontgomeryCenter.org. Emails will be printed at 11:45 am daily. Campers will not be able to view HTML greeting cards or to email responses to you. All emails will be printed in black and white. Mail and e-mail are delivered every day after each meal.

Summer Canteen Program

Each day of camp your child will be able to buy \$5 worth of drinks and snacks from our canteen. This will be monitored by our staff and their counselor so that they do not overindulge on candy or sweets. Parents can bring a maximum of \$30 per week with them at registration to put in their canteen. All leftover money at the end of the week will be donated to our camp scholarship fund!

Health Information

The camp staff is very interested in your camper's welfare. Your completion of the Medical Form will help ensure that your camper has a happy and safe

experience. It is imperative that your camper have a completed medical form on file to be admitted to camp. If your child brings medication to camp, please clearly mark the camper's name and instructions on the medication and complete the medication part of the Medical Form. All medications will be turned into the camp health care staff on arrival. Please do not send prescription medication unless it has been prescribed for the camper attending camp. All medication must be brought to camp in the original container. All completed forms (signed and witnessed) must be sent to Montgomery at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp (along with your final payment).

We have a health care provider on staff 24/7 for all summer programs. If your child becomes ill or is injured while at camp, you will be notified by phone. Arrangements will be made on a case-by-case basis if your camper's illness or injury requires them to leave campus for any amount of time.

Phone Calls

Please do not tell your camper to call you during camp. **Cell phones and smartphones are on our "Do Not Pack List"** and will be confiscated and stored in the office until you pick up your camper on the last day of camp. We will contact you if there is a problem or concern with your child. If there is an emergency, please call our office. If you are calling after office hours, there will be a secondary number you can call at the beginning of our voicemail message. For non-emergent all-hours communication, feel free to send an email to the email address below.

Montgomery's Phone number: (352) 473-4516

Email addresses for summer camp communications:

Office@MontgomeryCenter.org

Tier Pricing

Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, Camp Montgomery offers a voluntary three-tier fee program. You know your family's financial situation better than we do. Simply choose the option that is most suitable or comfortable for your family. All campers receive the same Camp Montgomery experience, no matter which amount you choose to pay.

About Montgomery

Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center is a place where God is evident in the breathtaking nature and loving people who work here. We seek to share the Gospel with all who walk our campus. We strive to put Jesus on display in all we do whether it be through playing in the water, rope climbing, worship, or bible study. Montgomery is on mission to love people in and through God's beautiful creation.

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