

MISHEWAH FAMILY CAMP GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT



We appreciate having campers on the grounds at Mishewah. Our desire is to see community and relationships built. We have created some Guidelines and a Code of Conduct for all guests to follow so the “Face of Mishewah” is consistent, honouring to Jesus, and welcoming to everyone. By reading this we trust that you agree to following these guidelines and code of conduct.

We are a Community of Jesus Followers!

We are all responsible to remember that there are young impressionable campers nearby and guests who need to know that Mishewah shines with the light of Jesus in all its corners. Modesty in attire is becoming an ever-fine line. Please dress in a way that is honouring to the Lord yet be patient and gracious with everyone. We kindly ask that all campers wear shirts and cover-ups as you walk around the camp and to or from the beach. Be sure your language and conversation is always appropriate and encouraging.

Substance Use

Camp is a healthy environment that promotes harmony with nature and with each other. In keeping with this, there is no smoking or vaping permitted, and alcohol, non-prescription drugs, cannabis, or any other harmful substances are not allowed on the property. Please be respectful of these rules.

Camp Staff

Please encourage staff members. They could definitely earn more money working elsewhere. Encouragement can come in many forms. They are energized when their efforts are recognized. Take time to chat with them, get to know them, and show your appreciation. They take directions from their supervisors, so please do not ask them to do jobs that they may not be permitted to perform.

Camp Family

We are a community. Get to know each other, visit, and share a meal. Camp wide events are planned during the family camp weeks, so take these as opportunities to interact with others, embrace friendship, show the love of our Lord, and be willing to help others when you see a need. Make sure you are a good neighbour and are kind and welcoming to everyone visiting the camp!

Pets

Please keep in mind that not all people are dog lovers and some guests at the camp may be fearful of them. You must keep your pet leashed at all times and remember that **we do not allow dogs at either of the beach areas, in or out of the water**. If you need to give your dog a run, the field at the front of the camp is a good place to do so. Excessive barking and other noise will not be tolerated. Pets must also be attended at all times and cannot be left alone at your site or in your trailer. If you cannot comply with these camp rules, we will have to ask you to remove your pet from the grounds. Please be sure that the office has a signed pet policy and current vaccination certificates for your pet. See the Mishewah Pet Policy for more information.



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Fires:

Please remember that individual campsites are not allowed to have wood burning fires. The local fire department has given us rules to follow, and we only have the two designated firepits for campfires. You may use propane fire bowls.

Water Usage

Camp Mishewah uses well water, but we still ask that you please use water conservatively. If you notice dripping taps, let us know at the office. We are continuing to replace taps throughout the grounds.

We have a septic system at the camp. In all washrooms, please be careful with what you flush. No baby wipes, diaper liners, feminine products, or anything else is to be flushed.

And absolutely no sewage waste should ever be flushed out into the grey water pits. Grey water pits are only for dishwater and washing water.

Supervision of Children

We highly value all the children at Camp Mishewah. That is why we require them to be closely supervised. Parents need to know where they are at all times, and they should not be left to roam freely. The water can be a dangerous place and it would be a terrible tragedy if anything ever happened to anyone in the water. Please teach your children to stay close to your trailer, to never enter someone else's site or trailer without an invitation, and to never touch anything that does not belong to them. The playground should be used only as intended and children and teens should never climb on the roof. The playground behind the Ark is only for preschoolers and they must be supervised at all times. Helmets must be worn when children and youth are riding their bicycles, and we ask that they never ride down the rock beside the dining hall. Let's work together to keep all the children safe. Parents are responsible for the cost of any damages incurred by their children.

Dining Hall

During Family Camp we offer meals for purchase from our kitchen. Please be respectful of our kitchen staff. They work hard to provide excellent food services and they can always use some encouragement. Please do not place demands or unreasonable expectations on them. They are not able to cater to everyone's individual dietary requests, so please do not ask for special favours. They are willing to work with you if you let them know ahead of your arrival, but they are unable to provide you with substitutions. We also ask that guests do not enter the kitchen and please be respectful of the dining hall and do your part to keep it clean and in good shape. We spent a significant amount of time and effort recently to make some much-needed improvements in the dining hall and kitchen and hope to keep it looking nice for many years. We require everyone to be in dry clothes and have footwear before entering the dining hall. Remember that the office needs to know a day in advance if you wish to purchase meals so the kitchen team is able to adequately prepare.

Office:

Our office staff work long hours. Please be respectful of their time off. They need a break too. If the office is closed when you come by, you can be sure that the staff will be back soon and willing to help you with your questions or concerns. We ask that you do not enter the office if there is no one there. Please be sure to respect the posted check-in times and visit the office upon arrival to sign in and also check out at the end of your stay. This helps the office team keep track of who is on the grounds for insurance purposes.

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