

CAMP MISHEWAH GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SEASONAL CAMPERS



We appreciate having seasonal campers on the grounds at Mishewah. Your presence helps build community and you are a welcoming face to campers that arrive weekly. We have created Guidelines and a Code of Conduct for all seasonal trailer owners to follow so the "Face of Mishewah" is consistent, honouring to Jesus, and welcoming to everyone. By reading this you agree to following these guidelines and code of conduct.

We are a Community of Jesus Followers!

You as trailer owners are responsible for the activity of family members or guests that may use your trailer over the summer season. Remind them that while they are at camp, 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. T 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. While we plan some all-camp events from time to time, we count on you to interact with others, embracing friendship and showing the love of our Lord. Make sure you are a good neighbour and are kind and welcoming to everyone visiting the camp!

Pets

Some seasonal site renters bring pets with them to camp. 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 or other noise will not be tolerated. Pets also must 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 come to the office to sign a pet policy and submit current vaccination certificates. Please see the Mishewah Pet Policy for more information.



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 are only allowed to 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. Blackwater valves must be locked so it never flows into the greywater pits. Grey water pits are only for dishwasher 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. Children should be supervised while using the playground. 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.

Trailers

The ECM Board of Directors and Camp Mishewah reserve the right to state the size of trailers that park at the campgrounds for the season. If you are replacing an existing unit, approval must be granted first. Please email the new specifications to jeanette@ecmcamps.ca with your request. The building of new decks, gazebos, tents, and dining tents must also have approval.

Seasonal Site Rentals

Some of you rent your units out to others throughout the summer. If you do, you must inform the camp office when your trailer is being rented or lent to another party and give the office the names of guests and the dates they will be at the camp. You also need to ensure that the party occupying your site is aware of all the camp rules and code of conduct. Renters/borrowers during family camp are required to register and pay the Family Camping Fee. Wifi Fees will also apply. Any unpaid charges incurred by the guest occupying the site will be your responsibility and outstanding balances will be applied to your account.

Use of Mishewah Tools & Equipment

You may find you have a need for tools or equipment at times. We kindly ask that you never take items from the camp shop/grounds to use yourself. This applies to everyone. We work hard to take care of the tools and equipment we have, and our insurance provider does not want campers using them. Always find someone and ask if you have a need. Tools and equipment are only to be used by staff. They have been trained and will help you as needed. Thank you so much for being respectful of this rule.

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