



Camp Mishewah Seasonal Camper Guidelines & Code of Conduct



Experience Jesus • Experience Community • Experience Renewal • Experience Creation



We deeply appreciate our Seasonal Campers at Mishewah. Your presence helps build community and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere for the weekly campers who join us throughout the summer. As the “Face of Mishewah,” you help set the tone — and that tone should reflect the love and light of Jesus. By reading and abiding by these guidelines, you agree to help us foster a Christ-honouring environment that is respectful, safe, and uplifting to all.



We Are a Community

Camp Mishewah isn't just a campground — it's a community rooted in love, fellowship, and faith.

- Get to know your neighbours, visit one another, share meals, and embrace the friendships God is forming here
- Let's all strive to be good neighbours: kind, respectful, welcoming, and Christ-like in every interaction
- Every smile, every act of service, every warm welcome — these reflect the love of Jesus to all who enter



Creating a Healthy & Respectful Camp Environment

As summer approaches, we want to thank you for your commitment to the Mishewah community. As trailer owners, you are leaders at camp — for your families and for any guests you host.

Please gently remind your family and guests that young, impressionable campers are all around. Let's keep Camp Mishewah a place where Jesus' love is felt in every interaction.

A Few Important Reminders:

- **Modesty in attire matters.** While styles vary, we ask that everyone dress in a way that honours the Lord. As a helpful guide, shirts or cover-ups should be worn when walking around camp or to and from the beach
- Language and conversations should be Christ-like — respectful, encouraging, gracious, and kind.
- Keep in mind that Mishewah is not responsible for damage to any personal items you leave anywhere on the grounds unattended
- Substance Use:

To support a healthy, Christ-centred camp atmosphere:

-  No smoking or vaping anywhere on camp property
-  No alcohol, cannabis, non-prescription drugs, or harmful substances
(This applies to trailer owners, guests, and campers alike)



Encouraging Our Amazing Staff

Our staff are the heart of Camp Mishewah. Many choose to serve here out of passion and faith rather than for pay — let's recognize and appreciate them!

- A kind word, a simple "thank you," or taking time to learn a staff member's name can go a long way
- Please remember: Staff follow direction from their supervisors. Do not assign tasks or make requests outside of their role — thank you for respecting their boundaries

Bringing Pets to Camp

We're happy to welcome your pets to Camp Mishewah — they're family too! But to keep camp enjoyable and safe for everyone, please follow these Pet Guidelines:

- Pets must be leashed when they are outside your trailer
- Dogs are NOT permitted at either beach area — in or out of the water
- The field at the front of camp is great for a run — but pets must remain under control
- No excessive barking or disruptive behavior — it affects others' enjoyment of camp
- Pets must be attended at all times - do not leave them alone at your site without supervision

 Upon arrival, stop by the office to:

- Sign the Pet Policy
- Provide up-to-date vaccination certificates

Failure to follow the pet guidelines may result in being asked to remove your pet from the camp.

Camp Mishewah Water, Waste & Fire Safety Guidelines

To help us care for our environment and follow safety regulations, please take a moment to review the following important guidelines:

Water Conservation

We use well water at Camp Mishewah. We ask that you use water conservatively during your stay.

If you notice dripping taps or leaks, please report them to the office. We're currently working on replacing taps across the campground.

Septic System Care

Our camp uses a septic system, which requires some special care:

- Only flush toilet paper
Do not flush baby wipes, diaper liners, feminine products, or any other items
- Grey Water Pits:
These are for dishwater and washing water only
Do not allow any sewage waste into grey water pits — this includes blackwater from trailers or RVs
- Blackwater valves must remain locked to prevent contamination

Fire Safety

Please remember:

Wood-burning fires are not allowed at individual campsites.

- The local fire department has set strict rules we must follow, including campfires are only permitted at the two designated firepits located on the grounds
- Propane fire bowls are permissible at campsites but no wood burning fires are allowed





Garbage & Recycling Collection

Our dedicated staff collects garbage daily between **6:30–7:30 PM**. To help keep our camp clean and safe from wildlife, please ensure all garbage and recycling are properly sorted and placed in the correct bins **before this time**.

- ◆ Garbage:
 - Only regular waste goes in the garbage can
- ◆ Recycling:
 - Must be sorted and cleaned of all food or debris
 - Paper products and cardboard go in one blue bin
 - Glass, metal, and plastic go in another
- ⊘ Do not leave any garbage or recycling in the bins after pickup
- ⊘ Do not place large items out for pickup — you are responsible for taking them to the local waste station yourself
- ⊘ Do not use the large bins at the front of the camp

Please take a moment to review the posted garbage collection guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation!



Supervision of Children

We care deeply about the safety of every child at Camp Mishewah. That's why:

- Children must be closely supervised at all times. Parents should always know where their children are and ensure they are not roaming freely
- The lake and waterfront areas can be dangerous — please teach your children to stay away unless supervised
- Children should:
 - Stay near their own campsite
 - Never enter another site or trailer without an invitation
 - Never touch property that doesn't belong to them
- Playground Rules:
 - Use equipment as intended — no climbing on the roof
 - Children must be supervised while using the playground
 - The playground behind the Ark is for preschoolers only, and they must be supervised at all times
- Bike Safety:
 - Helmets are required for all children and youth on bikes
 - No riding down the rock beside the dining hall

⚠ Parents are responsible for any damages caused by their children.

Let's work together to ensure a safe, respectful, and joyful experience for all campers!



Trailers

The ECM Board of Directors and Camp Mishewah reserve the right to determine the size and type of trailers allowed on the campground for the season.

Important Guidelines:

- If you are replacing an existing unit, you must obtain approval first
 - Please email the new trailer specifications to jeanette@ecmcamps.ca to request approval
- Any building or construction (e.g., new decks, gazebos, tents, or dining tents) also requires prior approval

This helps ensure a consistent and safe environment for all campers.

Seasonal Site Rentals

Some seasonal campers choose to rent or lend their trailers to others during the summer. While this is permitted, it comes with some important responsibilities to ensure everyone enjoys a safe, respectful, and well-organized experience at Camp Mishewah. Our insurance provider requires us to have a record of all guests on the grounds.

If you rent or lend your trailer:

- You must inform the camp office in advance, providing:
 - The names of the guests
 - The dates they will be staying on your site
- You are responsible for making sure your guests are aware of — and agree to follow — the Camp Mishewah Guidelines & Code of Conduct.

During Family Camp:

- All renters/borrowers must register and pay the Program Fee
- WiFi fees will also apply for guest usage

 Please note:

Any unpaid charges incurred by your guests (including site fees, WiFi, or any damage) will be **added to your account**. You are fully responsible for the behaviour and financial obligations of anyone staying on your site.

Use of Mishewah Tools & Equipment

At times, you may find that you need tools or equipment during your stay at Camp Mishewah. To ensure the safety of everyone and protect our camp's resources, please **do not** take tools or equipment from the camp shop or grounds for personal use.

Important Reminders:

- Tools and equipment are for staff use only
Our staff have been trained to properly use and maintain these items
- Campers are not permitted to use tools or equipment

If you have a need, please reach out to a staff member. They will be happy to assist you.

Our insurance provider requires this policy, and we work hard to maintain our tools and equipment in good condition. Thank you for respecting this important safety rule!

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming, Christ-centered atmosphere for all who come to Mishewah. We truly appreciate your cooperation and care.

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