

Camp Mishewah Campers Guidelines & Code of Conduct



Welcome to Camp Mishewah!

We are thankful to have campers like you on the grounds. Our desire is to see meaningful community and lasting relationships built here. To help ensure that the “Face of Mishewah” remains consistent, welcoming to everyone, and honouring to Jesus, we’ve created a set of **Guidelines and a Code of Conduct** for all guests to follow. By reading this, we trust that you understand and agree to uphold these standards during your stay.

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 everyone

Creating a Healthy & Respectful Camp Environment

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 any personal items you leave anywhere on the grounds unattended
- Substance Use:
To support a healthy camp atmosphere for all:
 -  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 at all times when outside your trailer
- Dogs are NOT permitted in the water at either beach area (local health regulations). Ask at the office where your dog can enter the water. If they are at the beach with you, they must be kept on a short leash.
- 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 unsupervised at your site

 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 that 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 (no plastic bags or wrappers)
- ⊘ 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 – these are for staff only

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 or after dark

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

Thank you for choosing Mishewah for your family vacation! We hope you enjoy your time here and leave refreshed and renewed. Let's work together to ensure a safe, respectful, and joyful experience for all campers!

