



## Missions On The Mountain at Camp Mundo Vista

### Letter for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents,

Thank You for allowing your children to come to Missions on The Mountain at Camp Mundo Vista! We have an awesome weekend planned for your children on April 1-2, 2023. Please take time to thoroughly read the below information so that you and your child will have the best experience possible.

**Program:** We are intentional to use fun in growing faith, developing relationships, building skills, and serving others. The chaperones from your church will be in charge of your children. The camp counselors that will be leading the program are carefully screened and trained. We as a staff will do everything that we can to help make this weekend the best experience possible.

During the program campers will be encouraged to participate and do their best in each activity. We will have interactive activities to engage with missionaries and camp recreations that may include archery, zip lines, free time games, etc. The level of participation is always the choice of the camper. We want you to be as well informed as possible. Please contact us with questions.

**Medical & Waiver Forms: Campers will not be allowed to come to camp without properly completed forms online, filled out by the legal guardian.** Please make sure to list any over the counter, prescription medications, vitamins or supplements your child will need to be administered at camp in the medication section of the online forms. Please place all medications in a zip bag in the original packaging/prescription bottle with your child's full name, age, and church written on the bag. **If the medication/vitamin/supplement is not listed on the forms online, we will not be able to administer it while they are at camp.** Your group leader is responsible to give you the link to register. Each link is a specific spot for your group.

**Pictures:** We will post occasional pictures daily on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/campcaraway](http://www.facebook.com/campcaraway), and Instagram: carawayandcamps.

**Emergency Contact:** Campers **MAY NOT** have cell phones or any device, to call/text home on their own. Their church group leader or camp administrator can help them call home if needed. We will keep you well informed if needed and can deliver any important messages to your camper if necessary. We will call you using the numbers you provided any time we have concerns about your child's health or behavior. Chaperones are allowed to have cell phones and can deliver messages if needed. Thank you for not sending cell phones or electronics with your camper.



**Money:** As you will see in the packing list, we hope you will consider using the camper store credit online to add money for your child. ***\* If you choose not to use the store card,*** your child, with the close assistance of their chaperone, will be responsible for his or her money. This money needs to be in a zip bag labeled with his or her full name and church name. They will have the opportunity to visit The Canteen Camp Store daily to purchase optional gifts and snacks. We will also receive a missions offering to teach the importance of giving.

**Special Concerns:** The church leaders and adult chaperones that brought your child are responsible for them. Our staff are trained to approach special concerns with campers such as medical conditions, bed-wetting, or home sickness with the utmost respect and confidentiality and will gladly assist the church leaders as requested. We will also seek the advice and assistance of the adult chaperones from your church that will attend with your child. You can help us prepare your child for success with these needs.

*Medical Conditions:* Please document all medical conditions, needed medications, and other pertinent information on the forms online. If needed, please have a church leader share any clarifications or special concerns with us at the medication check in table on Saturday. If your child has food allergies, please list them when prompted when completing forms online.

*Bedwetting:* document this online so the camp chaperone will be prepared for the possibility to assist your child. We suggest you consider pull up absorbent overnight undergarments or disposable bed linen covers. Both of these can be discreetly used. If a child does soil his or her bed our staff will discreetly assist the chaperone and camper by washing the linens and in giving the child reassurance and support when needed.

*Homesickness:* Homesickness is normal and many campers may experience a little homesickness at some point during their camp session. Parents can help with homesickness with patience and preparation. Please consider some of these tips to help your camper deal with homesickness in a healthy way at camp: Encourage your child's independence throughout the year, such as sleepovers at a friend's house; Discuss what camp will be like before you leave and call us with questions; Please honor our no cell phone policy, we will call you if needed; Send your camper a letter; Please do not bribe, linking a successful stay at camp to a material object may send the wrong message. Your child's confidence and independence will be a great reward for completing a weekend at camp; During the weekend, if you are worried about how your child is adjusting please call us and speak to us about your child. We will gladly check on your child for you; don't feel guilty about encouraging your child to stay at camp. Camp can be a great first step towards independence and can play an important role in the growth and development of your child.

**Behavior & Bullying:** Campers and adults are given clear expectations and rules for the weekend when they arrive. We expect campers to follow these expectations and to treat each other as they want to be treated. Our staff is trained well in motivating and disciplining



campers appropriately and will assist the church chaperones when needed. Bullying or picking of any kind is inexcusable and not tolerated here. If your child does not follow our expectations and rules after disciplinary action, we will call you to make a plan of action.

**Sunday:** Camp will be complete around 2:00-ish p.m. The church group leader should give you an estimated time of arrival. Please contact your church group leader with questions about transportation.

I am looking forward to your child's arrival at camp. I, as well as our entire staff, am praying that your child will have many enjoyable, growing and rewarding experiences here at Camp Mundo Vista.

See the packing list on the next page.

Sincerely,

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## **Missions On The Mountain Packing List**

Please *label all* items with camper's name

### **Needed:**

- Bible with pen or pencil
- Small lightweight school type back pack to carry water bottle, money, flashlight etc.
- Clothes (comfortable clothes that can get dirty; appropriate for possible weather)
- Underclothes & socks
- Twin sheets & blanket or a sleeping bag
- Pillow with pillow case
- Bath towel and a washcloth
- Toiletry articles (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, comb, etc.)
- Tennis shoes (should be CLOSED TOE shoes that can get dirty)
- 1 Light weight jacket or sweatshirt
- 1 Pair of pajamas or sleep wear
- 1 Light weight rain coat or poncho
- Flashlight with batteries
- Water bottles (we do not provide cups at some water coolers)
- Dirty laundry bag
- \*Cash money for store (**ONLY if you choose not to use our online store card**)\*

### **Optional:**

- Sandals – open toe shoes may be worn when not participating in recreation

### **What NOT to Bring:**

- Any electronics, mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.
- Any animals or pets
- Fireworks or weapons
- Any type of illegal drugs, tobacco, vapes or alcohol
- Thank you for not sending food to camp with your camper, unless special arrangements are made with the camp registrar prior to camp.

### **Notes:**

\*We encourage parents to apply money for trips to the camp store on the camper's 'store credit' in the camper's online account instead of bringing cash. At the store checkout, we will verify the camper's identity by the photo parents will upload to camper's profile. We will deduct money from the camper's 'store card' as they use it. After camp is over, any un-used money \$10.00 and over will be returned to the credit card unless you have chosen to donate remaining store money to the Caraway Conference Center and Camps Scholarship Fund. (You would have checked a box if you want to donate, when applying money to store credit.)