



# **Parent & Camper Handbook**

**January 2023**

# WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization whose mission for the past 65 years has been to present the gospel of Jesus Christ. We aim to encourage Christian growth through Bible teaching, personal example and service within a Christ-centered, wholesome, safe, and fun-filled Christian camping environment. Since our humble beginnings in 1956, we have witnessed the faithfulness of God and the richness that living in Christian community brings.

Our vision is to be a premier resource for Christian leadership development in Western Canada. We are focused on equipping and training individuals for active and effective ministry and gospel opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you at camp this year!



# PREPARING FOR CAMP



## PACKING

Please label everything that comes to camp so the items have a better chance of returning home with your camper or so that we can get it back to you. Commonly left-behind items are towels, hats, shoes, flashlights, and Bibles.

If you need to send medication, it must be sent in pre-packaged blister packs or in the original container.



**For Bouleau Lake, please pack everything into ONE bag.** It is a little bit of a hike from the road to the campsite and campers must be able to carry all of their belongings in and out from the bus.



## WHAT TO PACK...

	Day Camp	Overnight Camp	Bouleau Camp
Sleeping bag + pillow		✓	✓
Clothes for the week		✓	✓
One extra pair of clothes	✓		
Modest swimsuit + towel	✓	✓	✓
Personal hygiene products		✓	✓
Running shoes	✓	✓	✓
Flip flops		✓	✓
Sunscreen + hat	✓	✓	✓
Water bottle	✓	✓	✓
Prescription medication needed while at camp	✓	✓	✓
Flashlight		✓	✓
Theme night items		✓	
Bible + notebook	✓	✓	✓

## PLEASE DO NOT PACK...

money	electronics (phone, iPod, MP3 players, etc)	gaming devices	laptops or tablets
alcohol, narcotics, non-prescription medication	pocket knives, blades, etc.	pets	items and materials that are inappropriate for a children's camp

# ARRIVAL DAY

## DROP OFF

### Day Camps

Please arrive at MSBC at your given drop-off time (eg. 9:00 or 9:15 am). Our camp Registrar and weekly Camp Director will be there to greet you. You will be directed to your child's team table where you will sign them in and meet their cabin leaders.



### Overnight Camps

Please arrive at MSBC by 3:00 pm on your camp start date. You will be asked to line up outside our chapel building while awaiting your turn at the registration table. Once it is your turn, you and your camper will move from the registration table to the nurse's station and finally to the weekly director. Once your camper has been settled into their cabin, it will be time for goodbyes and for their week to begin!

### Bouleau Lake Camps

For Outdoor Adventure Camp, please arrive at MSBC by 2:00 pm on your camp start date. For our Encounter Camp, please arrive at 9:00 am on your camp start date. Our camp Registrar and weekly Bouleau Lake Camp Director will meet you outside our chapel building for sign in.



## MEDICATIONS

All medications are required to be given to the designated First Aid Volunteer on the opening day of the camp you are attending. Medication must be in the original container or in pre-packaged blister packs. If your camper has multiple medications, we ask that a blister pack be used. Medication will be stored and dispensed under the supervision of the First Aid Volunteer.

# DURING THE WEEK



## CANTEEN

### Day Camp

All campers will receive one drink and one canteen item daily at no additional charge.

### Overnight Camps

All campers will receive two canteen items daily at no additional charge.

### Family Camps

Canteen items are available to purchase daily at a designated time. Prices range from \$0.75 to \$3.00

## MERCHANDISE

Merchandise will be available for purchase from our canteen on the first and last day of all camps (except for Family Camp as these items may be purchased throughout the week). Merchandise can also be purchased [online through our store!](#)

## ACTIVITIES WE OFFER:

Zipline	Rock Wall Climbing	Archery
Riflery (air rifle)	Hatchet Throwing	Swimming Pool
Crafts	Camp-Wide Games	Gaga Ball + Nine Square
Tubing at the Lake (only during Overnight Camps)		



# END OF THE WEEK

## PICK UP

Campers are released only to those who have authorization from a custodial parent/guardian or designate.

The First Aid Attendant will be present on the final day of camp to pass back any unused medications.

### Day Camps

Parents/Guardians are asked to pick up their camper daily at their designated pick-up time.

### Overnight Camps

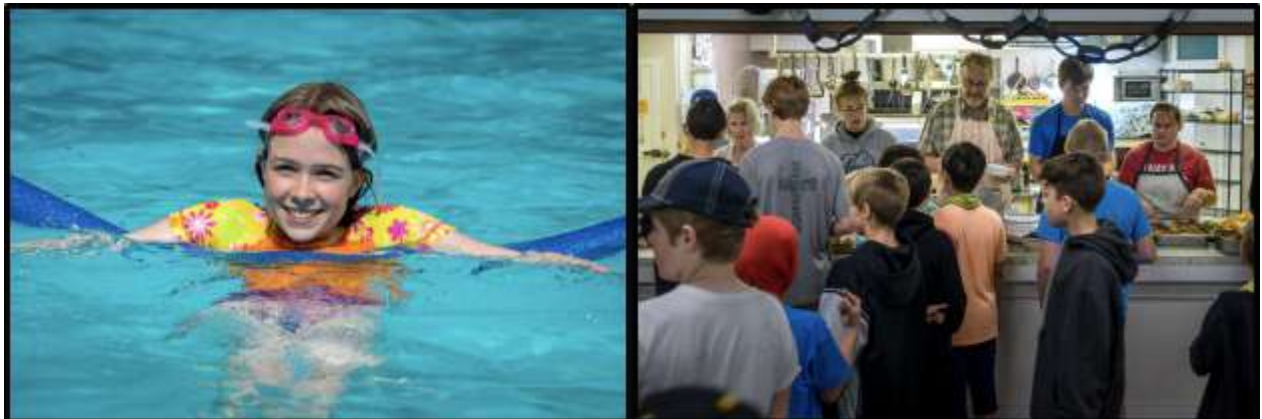
- Camps ending Friday: Please join us for a wrap-up celebration at 6:00 pm at the lower field/chapel area. We would appreciate it if you didn't leave with your camper until the event has concluded.
- Camps ending Saturday: Parents/Guardians are asked to pick up their camper at 10:00 am at the lower field.

### Family Camps

Families are encouraged to pack up and clean up by 10:00 am Saturday morning.

### Bouleau Lake Camps

Parents/Guardians are asked to pick up their camper by 5:00 pm at MSBC on the designated pick-up day.



# POLICIES



## ALLERGIES

MSBC strives to accommodate campers with dietary needs and food allergies although, at this time, we only offer special meal plans for gluten and dairy free diets. Known food allergies should be indicated on the registration form. The Camp Cook and/or Kitchen Manager will contact parents/guardians regarding serious allergies. While our cooks will do their best to provide meals that meet all dietary requirements, we cannot guarantee that there will be no cross

contamination. Should you wish to send food to camp for your child, please contact our Registrar.

## DRESS CODE

It is expected that all campers will dress in a manner and style that is appropriate for a Bible camp.

The following guidelines are to be followed:

- Swimwear must be modest. Female bathing suits should be one-piece and if an individual does not have the appropriate swimwear, a dark shirt must be worn over top of the bathing suit.
- Shorts should conceal underwear as well as the bum and are to be no shorter than where one's fingertips reach when the arm is extended.
- T-shirts should not reveal cleavage, bras or the abdomen.
- Clothing should not be a distraction to others, therefore, revealing or see-through clothing items are not appropriate.
- Clothing with logos and sayings that promote the use of products that are illegal, racially offensive, contain sexual innuendos or profanity, or promote any form of harassment or violence are not permitted.

## ABUSE

MSBC staff are trained to respond to signs of abuse and neglect. All signs of abuse will be reported to the Ministry of Child and Family Services.





## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

All campers and underage volunteer staff have been entrusted to Morning Star by their parents/guardians.

Parents will be contacted when:

- Questions arise regarding medicine dispensation, allergies and other medical concerns
- A Camper or Volunteer Staff member continues to participate in daily activities in an unsafe manner. This may include intentionally harming those around them or themselves.
- Head injury or suspected head injury occurs
- Medical Emergencies
  - Their child needs to be taken to a local doctor for further treatment
  - They child is being transported to the local hospital and they need to meet them there

## **CABINS**

Campers will be assigned to a cabin throughout their time at MSBC and are not permitted to enter any cabin other than their own. Campers are not allowed around or in the cabins of the opposite sex (teens camp). Cabins and lodges are to be cleaned at the end of the week using the designated cleaning supplies and cleaning lists.

## **VISITORS**

When MSBC has a camp in session, the property is considered a closed campus and thus visitors are prohibited on account of safety. Should you wish to schedule a camp tour, please contact our Camp Manager to set up an appointment.



# CAMP RULES

## **PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

Campers are asked to respect each other's belongings and are not permitted to go into another camper's bag. Campers are encouraged to turn in items to the Director that are found but do not belong to them.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We ask that all campers communicate in a kind and respectful manner. Taking the Lord's name in vain and/or swearing is not acceptable.

Please do not expect to contact your camper while they are at camp. If emergency contact is necessary, please contact the camp via the camp phone line (250-768-5326) and timely communication with your camper will be arranged.

## **CURFEW**

Each overnight camp will have a designated curfew. It is expected that all campers and volunteers have retired to their lodging quarters for the night by the assigned time.

## **BOUNDARIES**

Campers are expected to stay within the designated camp area. A camp map with boundary markings will be reviewed at the beginning of each camp period.

## **TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, DRUGS**

Tobacco, alcohol and drugs are not permitted on camp property. Should a camper be found with any of these items, they will be sent home.



## ELECTRONICS

Cell phones, gameboys, tablets, iPods, and other electronic devices are not allowed at camp. If an electronic device is found during the week, it will be confiscated for the duration of camp and returned to the owner upon the week's completion.

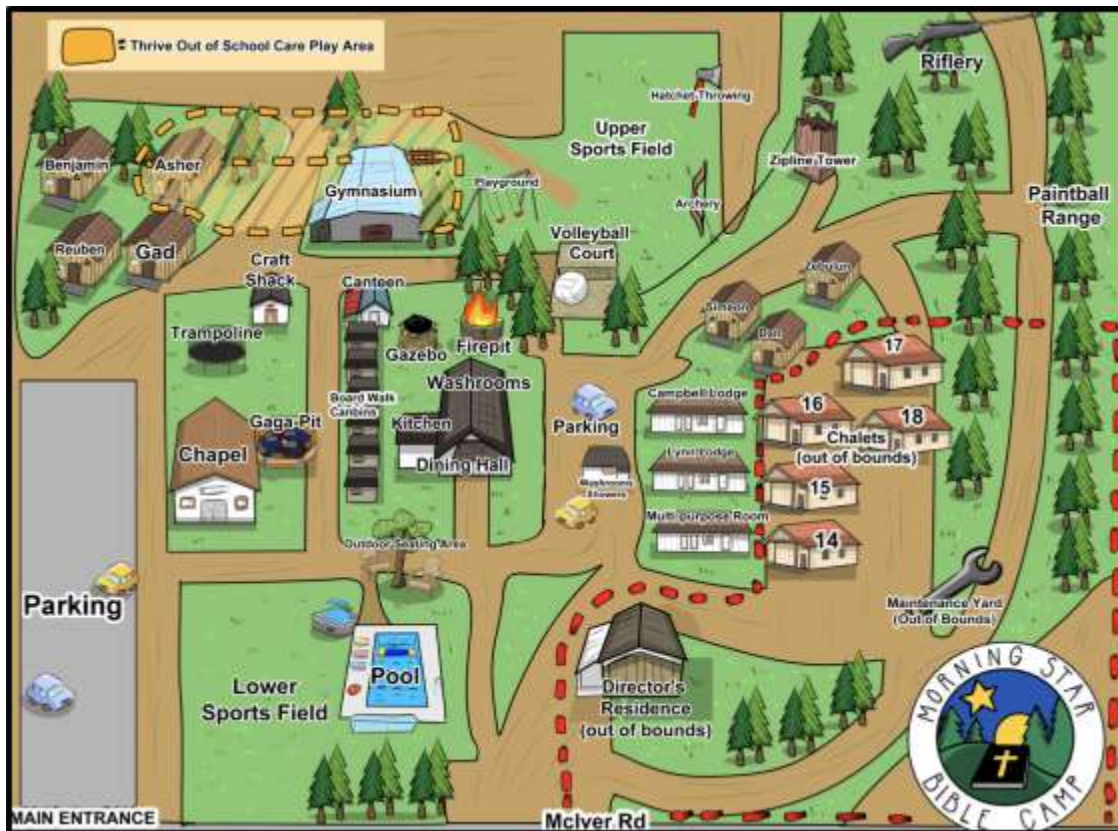
## BULLYING

MSBC staff will take all reasonable steps to identify any risk of, and eliminate, retaliatory action against those who report bullying. The director, manager or an appropriate staff member assigned by the director and manager may individually interview the campers involved. The manager will inform the parents of the campers and of the incident.

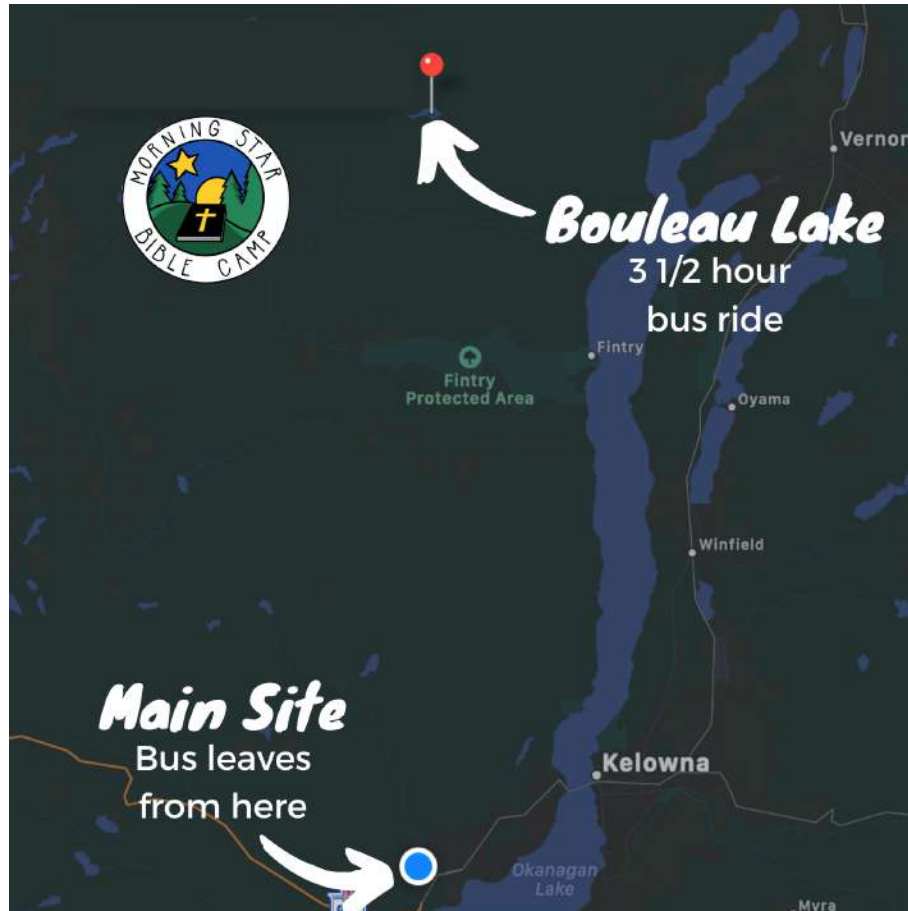
Depending on the outcome of the investigation, the camp director and/or manager may:

- Determine if further action is required;
- Determine consequences for bullying behavior, taking into account the campers age, maturity, and special needs, if any;
- Meet individually with parents of victim and bully; or
- Involve outside agencies on behalf of the victims and/or bully
- The report of the bullying investigation must be documented, and records of the incident retained in accordance with The Personal Information and Privacy Act.

## CAMP MAP



# BOULEAU LAKE

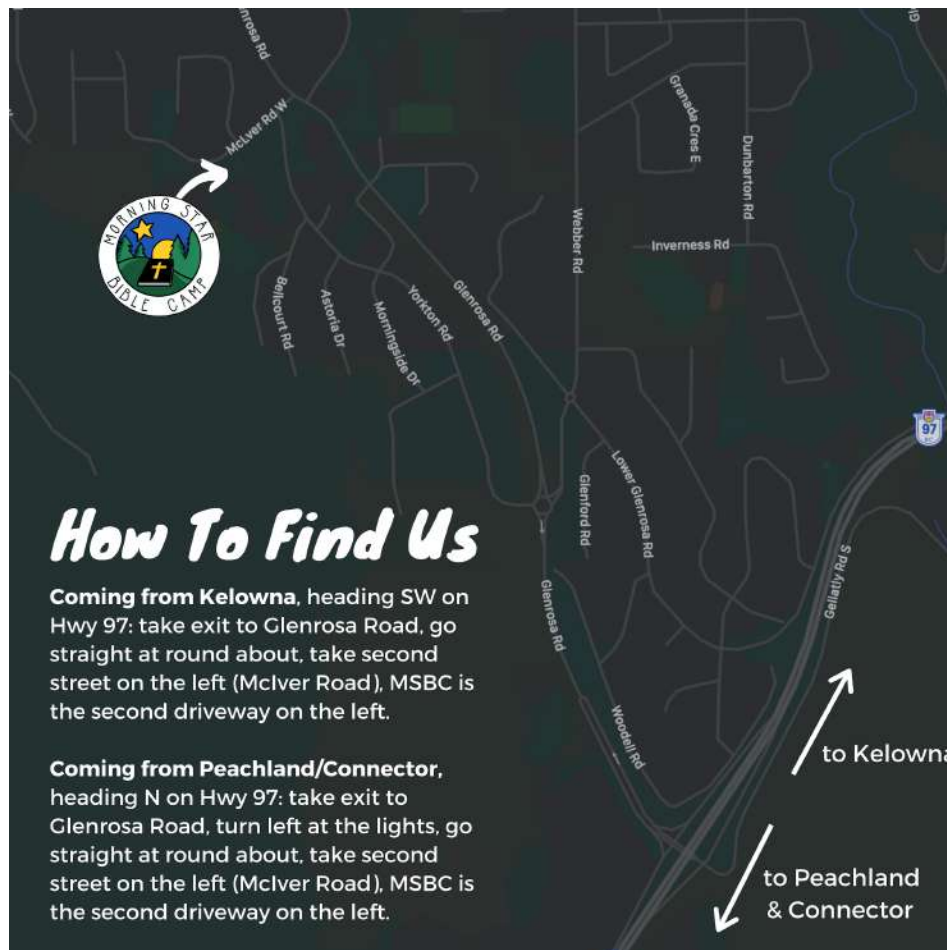


Join us at our Bouleau Lake location for one of our two unplugged camps!

At **Encounter (for Boys)**, far from the distractions of life, young men can experience nature, learn survival skills, slow down and Encounter God.

At **Outdoor Adventure Camp (for Girls)**, teen girls are encouraged to just be themselves. Activities include quality time around the campfire, high quality hands-on projects, canoeing, fishing (and eating what you catch!), paintball, swimming, and learning about the Lord Jesus.

# HOW TO FIND US



## FROM KELOWNA

Follow Okanagan Hwy/BC-97 S to Glenrosa Rd in West Kelowna. Take the Glenrosa Road exit (slight right). Continue through the roundabout. Turn left on McIver Road West. Turn left at the crest of the hill into MSBC.

## FROM PENTICTON

Follow Hwy 97C N to Glenrosa Road in West Kelowna. Take the Glenrosa Road exit (slight right). Turn left onto Glenrosa Road. Continue through the roundabout. Turn left on McIver Road West. Turn left at the crest of the hill into MSBC.

## FROM MERRITT

Follow BC-97C to BC-97 N in Central Okanagan H. Take the BC-97 N exit to BC-97C. Take the Glenrosa Road exit (slight right). Continue through the roundabout. Turn left on McIver Road West. Turn left at the crest of the hill into MSBC.

# THANK YOU

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this summer! We are committed to providing a safe and accessible Christian camping experience for all who attend and we count it a privilege to be allowed to serve you and your family! We consider your child to be a treasure from God and understand the seriousness of our responsibility in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. We would ask that you pray for us and with us as we seek to serve the Lord through the ministry at Morning Star Bible Camp.

## CONTACT US

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***HOLDING FORTH  
THE WORD OF LIFE***

Philippians 2:16