

### Summer Camp Packing Guide

Summer camp at Marmon Valley is an active, outdoor environment. The climbing wall, low ropes course and other program areas are very difficult to participate in when not dressed appropriately for the activity. Please pack for camp according to the following guidelines. Remember conditions at camp can be muddy, dirty and all around messy... but that's part of the fun! Please don't bring spaghetti strap tops or midriff tops or tight form-fitting tops. Shirts, if sleeveless, should fit snuggly around the arms. Swimsuits must be modest one- piece suits. Tankinis that are more modest than one-piece suits are also permitted. Please only pack longer length shorts (we suggest that shorts that come to just above the knee work best at camp for all activities). Short shorts are not permitted at camp. Campers will need comfortable jeans or riding pants every morning during riding class. Please note that low-rise or very tight jeans make riding difficult and uncomfortable. Marmon Valley Ministries reserves the right to have campers change their clothing if it is deemed to be immodest or offensive. Label EVERYTHING with your name. Check off this list as you pack.

#### **Important Items**

- Several jeans or riding pants
- \_\_\_ Riding boots
- \_\_\_ Riding Helmet (or use one of ours!)
- \_\_\_ Sleep wear
- \_\_\_ Under garments & socks
- \_\_\_\_ Modest shorts & shirts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket or sweatshirt
- \_\_\_ Shoes / Sandals / Flip Flops
- \_\_\_ Modest bathing suits one-piece
- Bible, paper, pencils
- \_\_\_ Rain gear

#### **Optional Items**

- \_\_\_ Disposable Camera Label it with your name!
- Addressed, stamped postcard or envelope to write home
- \_\_\_\_ Facial tissue, chap stick
- \_\_\_ Rest Hour Activities: book, drawing paper, crayons, etc. (No video games please)

#### Please DO NOT Bring

Items such as: Cell phones, radios, media players, laptops, tablets, video games, gum, candy, food, knives, matches, lighters, fireworks, firearms, pets and inappropriate material. And of course, tobacco products, alcohol and drugs are never permitted!

#### Medication

For everyone's safety, all medications must be turned in at the Nurse Station during registration. Medicine cannot be stored in the cabin. Please ensure that you have sufficient medication for your child's stay. Medications should be in the actual prescription container not a daily pill box. Most pharmacists will provide a smaller size bottle for camp if necessary. We reserve the right to turn away campers who arrive with communicable illnesses (lice, pink eye, strep throat, etc.) All campers will have a quick wellness screening during registration.

#### Lost and Found

Marmon Valley Ministries is not responsible for lost items. Please contact the office as soon as possible about lost items. Lost and found clothing and accessories will be given to charity following the summer.

#### **Driving Directions**

We're 45 minutes northwest of Columbus just off Route 33 at the State Route 292 exit. Please visit www.marmonvalley. com for detailed driving directions or call the office Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

- Sleeping bag or blankets, sheets and pillow
- \_\_\_ Comb, brush, shampoo
- \_\_\_\_ Toothbrush, toothpaste
- \_\_\_\_ Other toiletries
- Soap, washcloth & several towels
- \_\_\_ Plastic bag to take home wet clothes
- \_\_\_ Laundry bag
- \_\_\_ Insect repellent
- \_\_\_ Hat for sun protection
- \_\_\_ Sunscreen
- \_\_\_ Flashlight & fresh batteries

## MARMON VALLEY PHOTO SITE



#### **Dear Camper Parents,**

Marmon Valley Ministries is proud to offer an online photo site again this year! Be sure to follow the instructions below to access the pictures. Photos are available at marmonvalleyphotos.com. Pictures are added daily of camp activities!

Our aim is to provide a good variety of quality photos each day that represent a cross section of the excitement of camp. While about 100 to 300 photos are added daily, we do not guarantee all campers will be photographed every day. Please do not call to request specific campers be photographed if you don't see the children you are looking for. That is beyond the scope of our free service, but we will do our best! Hopefully, you will find a few keepers as you view the pictures.

The photo site is hosted by a third party provider. All photos are available for purchase if you wish to do so. When you order pictures you are supporting MVM! Basic usage questions or access issues with the site can be reported to us at info@marmonvalley.com. We will attempt to resolve any issues as soon as possible. We cannot provide support for unrelated computer problems.

#### **Getting Started:**

- 1. Go to www.marmonvalleyphotos.com on any browser or scan the code to the right to head directly there.
- 2. Click on the current season folder and select the session you are looking for.



#### EMAIL YOUR CAMPERS... one-way email service

One way email will also be offered directly from our web site at no cost. Only messages sent from this online form (available on the home page of marmonvalleyministries.org) will be delivered to campers. Campers will receive a printed copy of the message, but they will not be able to reply via email. Please include camper's cabin when completing the form.



# Horsemanship Classes

The horses are a big part of our summer program at the Farm! Every camper participates in horsemanship classes throughout the week. It is our intent to offer instruction at your camper's riding level to help them:

#### 1. Develop strong personal character

#### 2. Understand biblical truth through the teaching tool of the horse

#### 3. Improve at horsemanship skills

We understand that some campers want to improve their horsemanship skill and advance to the next level of horsemanship and others are content to simply spend a week at camp with the animals and just enjoy it. Either approach to horsemanship classes at the Farm is OK. Those who want to really stretch themselves and improve their horsemanship skills while at camp might want to order the CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association) manual that is appropriate for their riding level before camp begins (beginners start with Level 1). This is not required or expected, but is always an option for campers who want to "study" the material in their riding level before camp starts. At the end of each camp week, campers are evaluated in their horsemanship skill.

The evaluations are meant to affirm the rider's knowledge and skill in order to determine placement for future lessons. Many of the levels of horsemanship as defined by the Certified Horsemanship Association require the mastery of more skills and knowledge than a camper can learn in one week of camp. Please do not be concerned if your child does not advance in one week. The important issue is that your child is receiving lessons that are appropriate to where they are at, so that they will experience growth, enjoyment, and success. Horsemanship should be FUN first and foremost! We are committed to providing high quality horsemanship training with caring personal attention on good, sound, friendly horses. Please call if you have any questions about the horsemanship program at Marmon Valley Ministries or to order a manual!