



NEWSLETTER

Pre-Camp 2022

Opening
Curious
Young
Minds



Testimonial

Thank you so much for all that you have done the last 3 years for my daughter! She cried when we picked her up as **she didn't want to leave** her new friends!

She talked our ear off the whole 4.5 hour trip home about her **amazing classes**, all that she learned, and extra activities. She then spent the remainder of Saturday FaceTiming her new friends and talking about their fun together. She has made arrangements to meet up with some next week and is already saying **she is staying 2 weeks** next year and hopes to attend school there some day.

I do hope you and your staff understand what a difference you make in the lives of these young minds;

I cannot thank you enough.

-M.C.



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Super Hero Day



Camp Pride



Monster Night

Camp Activities & Theme Days



Mega Slide



Family Olympics



Tie Dye



Wacky Wednesday



GaGa Pit

Things to Bring and to NOT Bring to Camp

X Peanut Products

We always have a few campers with severe peanut allergies and this is the hardest thing to restrict. It's best not to send many snacks with the campers since we provide them daily. We will be walking down to Mike's Family Market this year. If you do send snacks, please check and double check the label carefully for peanut products. Any snacks containing peanut products will need to be confiscated at check in and returned at the end of camp.

X Sugary Food & Excess Money

Sugary and caffeinated food and drinks: Kids need a good night's sleep and some will have roommates. It is recommended that campers not bring these items.

Money: There's almost no reason for campers to have money other than when we go to Mike's Market or when the bus stops for lunch. Every year wallets get misplaced, dropped, or lost.

X Electronics

We are trying to get campers to meet new people, not stay in their rooms fixated on their gaming devices. There's also a chance expensive laptops or tablets could break or get misplaced.

Cell phones are prohibited, but we will not confiscate them. We will tell campers to put them back in their room and will not give out the wifi password. We have heard all the excuses such as "electronic device addiction", but we do not give it out. We will also not drop everything to help find lost phones. We have phones to call in and for campers to call out. We have the camp to encourage learning and interaction. We understand some campers are quiet introverts and they are free to read books in their rooms, but a preference for reading a kindle or iPad does not mean will accommodate that. We will not be held liable for missing/lost/stolen/damaged electronics.

We do prohibit any large game system.

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O Postcard Addresses

We will have some stamped postcards for campers to use, but please send along some addresses that they might want to use. There has been a delay in the past when a camper addressed a postcard to "Mom" and had the address as "Portland".

O Clothing for Theme Days

It's not mandatory, but many campers dress up on theme days. There are prizes for camp families with the most participants. The days may change, but the themes are: **Camp Pride** (wear the provided camp shirt), **Sports Day**, **Wacky Wednesday**, **Super Hero Day** (to counteract Monster Night).

O Things for the Room

For those riding the bus, please pack light this year. We will be back to having 2 campers per seat, but it gets tight when campers bring enough stuff to live away from home for a solid week. Campers will need to bring it from the bus to the dorm and vice versa and too much extra stuff will cause the bus seating to be more cramped.

O Business Cards ?

Obviously, the kids don't have real ones, but any way to easily pass out contact info to other campers. In the past, we included a full camper directory at the end of camp, but we don't do that anymore. Perhaps we are old and don't realize they would just touch phones and transfer their life history through Snap Chat.

O Game Parts

If campers play games like DnD, MTG, or have small card games they enjoy, they can and should bring the associated parts such as specialty dice and cards. We don't have that stuff, but do have some other board games. There is quiet time after dinner every night for games, reading, or just hanging out with new friends.

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Packing List

Twin sized sheets
Blankets OR sleeping bag
Pillow
Toiletries for shower
Towel
Sneakers
Shoes that can get wet
Sweatshirt/sweat pants
Light jacket / sun block / bug spray
Jeans / shorts
Socks / Underwear
T-Shirts
Addresses for letter / postcards

Bathing suit
(if interested in pool or waterslide)

Books / Stuffed Animal
Small fan / Alarm Clock

We Provide:

Camp T-shirt
Pen
Postcards with stamps

There is a laundry facility on site, but it uses a card with a \$5 minimum.

Optional:

Talent show equipment
Theme Day attire
Night light
Dungeons & Dragons /
MTG accessories

Social Media

We have several options for you to see photos of your camper. We use Facebook, Instagram, and FLICKR.

www.facebook.com/MSSM.org

www.instagram.com/mssmpenguins/

www.flickr.com/photos/maineschoolofscienceandmathematics/