



## YOUTH CONTRACT

*(must be read, signed and returned)*

One of the goals of Messiah West Coast is to provide a fun and safe environment for Torah-observant youth to congregate and leave the secular world behind. For this reason, we have some rules that must be followed to ensure that everyone at Messiah West Coast will have a fun and blessed time. These rules will be discussed in detail on the first day of camp.

**Prohibited Possessions:** Tobacco in any form, alcohol, drugs, weapons of any kind, any explosive device (fireworks), lighters, matches, any items associated with the occult, unsuitable novels, paintball equipment, video games, electronic devices (including phones – except with express permission from MWC staff), TVs, CDs, MP3 players, comic books, handheld gaming devices, etc.

**Prohibited Actions:** Blatant disregard for rules and authority, physical altercations (fighting), stealing, trespassing another's property, sexual innuendos and/or sexual contact with another camper.

- The possession or action of any of the above items will result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate dismissal from Messiah West Coast without refund, removal from the premises of Camp Oakhurst, and/or a ban from subsequent Messiah West Coast events at the discretion of the Camp Director.
- The use of foul language and questionable actions will not be tolerated in any form or fashion. It will be the judgment of any adult staff member to determine what is inappropriate. Fighting or activity that has the intention of causing harm to another person will not be tolerated.
- Modesty will prevail in all clothing matters. Likewise, any questionable slogans or graphics on clothing will not be allowed. It will be the judgment of any staff member to determine what is inappropriate. During swim activities, girls are to wear a dark t-shirt over their one-piece bathing suit with board shorts, and boys are to wear a dark t-shirt with swim trunks. You will not be allowed to leave the camp facilities for any reason without the approval of the camp director. You must also comply with further guidelines that will be announced on the first day of camp. See specific dress code requirements in the General Rules and Additional Information document.

### **PURITY AGREEMENT**

*I commit to keeping myself in check emotionally by not allowing my actions or thoughts to encourage any intimate (both emotional and physical) relationship with anyone while at MWC. I understand that the standard of MWC is to keep oneself pure before marriage; thus no dating, flirting, or excessive physical contact allowed. Any appearance or report of "crossing the line" by any member of the MWC team will be dealt with immediately. "The line" will be completely discerned and determined by the leadership of the MWC team. This is not to say that you will not develop an interest with others while at MWC, but that if you do, you will pursue your interest through your parents and leadership of MWC and not directly with the person of interest. I will not engage in any lengthy private conversations with those to whom I may be attracted. All actions must be totally above board so as to refrain from the appearance of evil. This applies to all staff members, campers, adults, counselors, etc. The spiritual climate we are creating is quite intense, so what you would normally give little thought to can be an intense battle. This may be unnecessary, but please be advised and guarded.*

**Your Statement:** I \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree to obey the rules of camp and conduct myself in a manner that is moral and upright before Yahweh. I will follow the camp schedule and participate in all camp activities to the best of my ability. I will respect all "off-limit" areas and each nightly curfew. I will not be alone with any member of the opposite sex at any time during Messiah West Coast. I understand that the six days of Messiah West Coast are to be a departure from the secular world where I live. I will do my best to meet new friends and be a blessing to everyone at camp. Most of all, I will strive to honor Yahweh in all I do at Messiah West Coast! In order to complete registration, your parent/guardian must return this form.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this signed form to your online application, email to [MessiahWestCoast@gmail.com](mailto:MessiahWestCoast@gmail.com), or snail-mail to MWC, Attn: Doug Shirk, 41781 Rd. 142, Orosi, CA 93647.**

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

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### Here's a list for you to get your bags ready!

- Bible/pen/notebook
- Bedding: sleeping bag, pillow, and extra blanket (optional)
- Clothing: t-shirts, light jacket, jeans or sturdy pants, long shorts, tennis shoes, hiking shoes, socks, underwear, swimsuit (Make sure you review the dress code!), pajamas, flip-flops for shower (optional)
- Toiletries: toothbrush/paste, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, and any other items needed
- Other: towels (1 for shower, 1 for swimming), snack bar money for snacks (soda, candy, nachos, popcorn), \$10-\$25 for free-time activities (paintball, rock wall, etc.), insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, flashlight
- Camera: besides a phone, as phones will not be permitted at camp\*\*
- Cabin decorations/skit props (some will be provided, of course)

### What NOT to bring:

Knives/guns, matches, lighters, electronic games, TV's, CD/cassette players, sunflower seeds, comic books, radios, alcohol, tobacco/cigarettes, unsuitable novels, paintball equipment, fireworks, drugs, gum, food, cell phones.

**\*\*Cell phones** – To encourage campers to actually be present, cell phones are not to be used during camp.\*\*

Camp Oakhurst/Messiah West Coast cannot be responsible for lost or stolen belongings. It is important that you mark your name on all personal items.

## GENERAL RULES & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

#### Camp Dress Code for Girls:

**Shirts:** Loose-fitting t-shirts/blouses with high collar that cover midriff. No v-necks, strapless, spaghetti straps, tank tops, backless shirts/blouses allowed. Bra straps, cleavage, midriff should be completely covered. No questionable/controversial slogans or graphics allowed.

**Shorts:** Length should be mid-thigh or longer. Not too tight nor too baggy. For activities, you may be sitting “Indian style,” so make sure you are appropriately covered. No biking shorts (spandex/yoga) allowed.

**Skirts/Dresses:** Loose-fitting skirts/dresses only. Should be knee-length or longer, even when wearing leggings. For dresses: no v-necks, strapless, spaghetti straps, or backless. Bra straps and cleavage should be completely covered.

**Pants:** Loose-fitting jeans/pants. No yoga-style pants. Undergarments should be completely covered.

**Swimsuits:** One-piece swimsuits only, with mid-thigh length (or longer) board shorts and **dark** t-shirt. Cleavage, midriff, upper thigh should be completely covered.

#### Camp Dress Code for Guys:

**Shirts:** Loose-fitting t-shirts, or button-down shirts that completely cover midriff. No tank tops. No questionable/controversial slogans or graphics allowed.

**Shorts:** Length should be mid-thigh or longer. Not too tight nor too baggy. For activities, you may be sitting “Indian style,” so make sure you are appropriately covered. No biking shorts (spandex/yoga) allowed.

**Pants:** Loose-fitting jeans/pants. No yoga-style pants. Undergarments should be completely covered.

**Swimsuits:** Mid-thigh length (or longer) swim trunks only, and **dark** t-shirt.

**\*\*\*Counselors will check each morning, before you leave the cabin, to make sure everyone is dressed appropriately. As we may all have differing opinions about what is modest, please don't be offended if you are asked to change or cover up more.**

## ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

### Arriving at Camp

Most of you will be driving up to camp. Please plan to arrive at Camp Oakhurst, 36611 Mudge Ranch Rd., Coarsegold, CA 93614, between 4-5 p.m. on **Sunday, July 19.**

If you are flying in, you **MUST** email your child's travel itinerary to [messiahwestcoast@gmail.com](mailto:messiahwestcoast@gmail.com) as soon as possible, so that transportation can be arranged. It is best if flights can be arranged to arrive in Fresno (FAT/FYI) as close to 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 19 as possible.

Once we receive your itinerary, there will be **AT LEAST** one more conversation (either by email or phone) with MWC staff to firm up details with the parents.

### Leaving Camp

Most of you will be picking up your camper at Camp Oakhurst. Plan to arrive by 9 a.m. at the latest to pick up your child from camp on Friday, July 24th. We will only have breakfast (at 8 a.m.) on Friday morning, and then it's clean-up and SCOOT, so Camp Oakhurst can get ready for the next camp.

If your child will be flying out of FAT/FYI, please schedule a flight in the early afternoon (3-4 p.m.-ish). Again, this itinerary **MUST** be emailed to [messiahwestcoast@gmail.com](mailto:messiahwestcoast@gmail.com) ASAP and before camp begins. If there are any changes to your child's itinerary during the week of camp, you will need to call Camp Oakhurst directly (559) 683-6563, as there may be no cell service. Leave a message for Doug Shirk in the office, and Camp Oakhurst will let us know to give you a call back.

### In Case of an Emergency

If you need to get a hold of your camper and/or staff member during camp, you will need to call Camp Oakhurst directly (559) 683-6563 or (559) 760-1817 (after hours) as there is limited cell service. Leave a message for Jon Leppke in the office, and Camp Oakhurst will let us know as soon as possible to give you a call back. You can also try to TEXT Jon Leppke at (559) 273-8695 or Doug Shirk at (831) 261-3653.

I have read and agree to abide by these rules.

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Signature

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Date