

MANITOULIN FAMILY BIBLE CAMP REQUIREMENTS

GOD INSTRUCTS US:

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“But thou, O man of God... follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit... meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them...”

1 Timothy 6:11; 4:12, 15

If these principles are believed and respected by all, then the following necessary requirements will receive your full support.

The following requirements apply to all organizations and individuals using the premises and facilities of the Christadelphian Bible Camp, Manitoulin Island all year round.

A. PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. ATTENDANCE - Attendance at all classes is required and punctuality is expected. Unbaptized teenagers must attend the classes designed for them. **Early arrivals and late departures must make their intentions known to a committee member before and upon arrival.**

2. SMOKING, VAPING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS - Our purpose is to shut out the world by providing a secluded environment amidst the handiwork of the Almighty. The possession of tobacco or vaping products, alcoholic beverages and non-medical drugs violates this purpose. **A zero tolerance rule is in effect. Violation of this rule will regrettably result in expulsion from the camp.**

3. CURFEW - All attendees must be on a site and quiet by 10:45 PM and on their own site and lights out at 11:45 PM.

4. PARENTS & GUARDIANS - A guardian is required for any young person (baptized or unbaptized) under the age of 18 at the time of the camp. A guardian must have a signed permission form from the legal guardian to qualify as a guardian at the camp. A guardian must be at least 30 years of age and have a registered site. There is a limit of 1 young person per guardian. Guardians must maintain control and are responsible for persons in their care at all times.

5. DRESS - **“Modest and seemly as befits those who profess Godliness.” (1 Timothy 2:9-11; 1 Peter 3:2-4).** Apparel that increases exposure of, or purposely emphasizes the body of men and women is not modest. Tops and dresses should not be strapless, have spaghetti straps, be open fronted, or have plunging necklines which allow for distracting exposure of the chest or back. For all, clothing should provide sufficient coverage for all undergarments. The midriff and lower back should not be visible when standing, sitting or bending. Skirt and dress hems should be knee length, and any slits should extend no higher than the knee. All clothing should be clean, neat, tidy, not excessively faded, not transparent, and free of tatters and tears. Slogans and graphics on clothing should reflect a godly character and should not be offensive.

Dress for all who are 13 and older at Bible readings, classes, memorial and evening program:

LADIES - Shoes, skirt, dress, blouse/top. For the evening program slacks are permissible. Sisters are to wear head coverings to all the above.

MEN - Shoes, pants, shirt/top (Shirts are to be worn at all times - optional when swimming)

NOTE - Modest shorts may be worn by all, at other times.

6. All subjects to be discussed or presented during classes or any program need to be approved by the respective camp committee. For the peace of the camps, controversial subjects are not to be discussed during the camps. This would include discussing with a brother or sister their decision whether or not to partake of the memorial emblems. This is to be left as a matter of conscience.

B. USE OF GROUNDS

1. Attendees may use the premises and the access road to and from the main highway; however, use of any adjoining property requires the owner's permission. **Any attendees who are found trespassing will be asked to leave the camp.**
2. NO live trees or branches may be cut down. Dead branches may be cut off and piled for future removal.
3. Firearms and fireworks are not allowed on the grounds.
4. Pets are not allowed.
5. Deposit rubbish in designated trailers and/or locations.
6. All gates are to be kept closed.
7. Licensed drivers and vehicles only may use the access road to and from the grounds. Speed limit on the access road is **30 km/h**. Speed limit within the grounds is **10 km/h**.
8. Any electronic equipment and toys are to be used for the sole purpose of Biblical instruction. While it is appreciated that many will want to keep in touch with work or family and use **cellular devices** as cameras, etc., our time at camp should be used to build friendships with fellow campers, focused on the things of God. Therefore, please refrain from using devices for other purposes which detract from this (ex: social media, worldly music, videos, games, web surfing...); adults please turn off/silence devices during all Bible related activities, and young people please leave devices at home or with parents/guardians.
9. Parents and guardians are encouraged to teach children to respect and preserve all wildlife.
10. No bicycles are to be ridden in the camp.

C. USE OF LAKE MARTIN

a) BOATING

Boats (including canoes and paddle boats) may only be used after obtaining permission from the Boating Supervisor. Attendees under the age of 18 are also required to submit a "Boating Permission Form" to the Boating Supervisor

All boats must be equipped with government approved life jackets or personal floatation devices that fit properly and are in sufficient quantities for all passengers and must be worn at all times. Adults must set the example.

Inappropriate or unsafe use of boats will not be tolerated and will result in loss of privileges. Boaters are not permitted to trespass on other properties and must only exit the boat on the camp beach. See Note under B.1 on trespassing.

Boats must remain in view of the beach at all times unless accompanied by a guardian.

Boats are not permitted on the lake after sunset or before sunrise.

All boat owners are responsible for the safe use of their craft. Boats may be stored at campsites, but if left at the lake they **MUST** be locked to prevent misuse.

When fishing, keep only the fish you will be using for the following 24 hours and only those larger than eight inches in length. Province of Ontario fishing laws apply to all attendees.

No outboard motors are to be used on Lake Martin.

b) SWIMMING

1. Parents or guardians are responsible for their children at the beach and in the water.
2. Practice the "buddy system" - swim with a buddy, never swim alone.
3. Only modest swimming apparel is acceptable (women's bikinis and strapless swimsuits are not considered modest).
4. Swimming allowed only in designated areas at posted times. Adults **must** set the example. Swimming, jumping or diving from boats is not allowed.

D. FIRE SAFETY

1. There are to be NO campfires on the sites.
2. All cooking is to be done on fuel burning stoves (i.e. naphtha, propane, natural gas.)
3. No cooking is to be done on an open fire.
4. Only appointed individuals with proper instruction may operate the camp Bar-B-Que.
5. Each site MUST have one 5 gallon bucket half filled with water and one 5 gallon bucket half filled with sand, which are to be used only in the case of an emergency.
6. No children are to operate a stove of any kind, without direct supervision.
7. "Coleman" type lamps are NOT to be hung from trees, ropes, poles, tents, etc.
8. The emergency horn is to be used only in case of emergency.
9. If and when the emergency horn is sounded, all camp attendees are to assemble in the field beside the washrooms and await further instructions.
10. Plugging trailers or anything electrical at your campsites into nearby outlets is prohibited. *Charging of large 12 volt / deep cycle batteries must be done at the covered charging station by the generator building (adults only).*

E. HEALTH REMINDERS

To avoid the spread of illness, anyone who becomes ill during the school with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough or vomiting) should be isolated from others until 24 hours after symptoms end. Please practise hand and respiratory hygiene.

All attendees will be considered to have agreed to uphold the letter and spirit of these rules. Violation of any of the camp rules may, regrettably, result in expulsion from the premises and the remaining activities. The camp committee appreciates your cooperation and Christ-like commitment to these requirements.

**“Look not on your own interests but those of others.”
Philippians 2:4**