



Very soon we'll be settled into enjoying the beautiful woods and shore of Lake Tahoe. Are we excited? YES, YES, YES! It is our prayer that we will all find renewal and rejuvenation during this week of sun, fun, relaxation and spiritual refreshment. Scheduled and spontaneous activities will be offered for all ages, but let us issue the invitation up front: You can and ARE ENCOURAGED to 'do' MPC at Tahoe in whatever way works best for you and your family. There is no pressure to do everything or anything.

The following information is intended to help you familiarize yourself with various traditions and new opportunities that will be offered in order to allow you to prepare ahead of time, should you want to participate. Please contact Rob or any of the committee if you have any additional concerns. Happy Packing and Traveling Mercies to all!

*With Joy, from your 2024 MPC at Tahoe Planning Team: Debbie Fallehy, Steve McKiernan, Betsy King, Cindy Gullikson, Deborah Brooks, Suzanne Jones, and Rob Elia*

### IN AN EMERGENCY

To reach Camp Richardson Resort in an emergency, call 800-544-1801 to leave a message with the Lodge office. Please be sure to mention that you are with the Montclair Presbyterian Church group. Some cell phones do receive signal in the area, but coverage is spotty.

- Rob Elia: 925 482-7827
- Suzanne Jones: 925 878-9682
- Steve McKiernan: 510 326-6668

### ARRIVAL

ALL guests should check in at the Camp Richardson Resort Lodge front desk when you arrive.

**Campers** will pay any balance due, get a parking pass (second cars are \$5-10/day), and purchase shower tokens. (Showers are 7 minutes per token. Leftover tokens may be turned in for a refund at the end of camp.) Camp check-in time is after 2 pm and checkout is 12 noon.

**Cabin Dwellers:** Pick up your cabin key at the front desk of the Lodge between 3 pm and 10 pm (8 am to 6 pm on Sunday). Cabin check-in time is 3 pm and checkout is 10 am. The resort furnishes sheets, blankets, one small set of towels per person, pillows and pillowcases. There is no housekeeping service for cabins. You may want to bring an extra blanket/quilt and pillow. Basic kitchen utensils and dishes are provided, but you may want to bring a good knife, favorite pan, etc. You may also want to bring kitchen towels, and a tablecloth.

### NEARBY SHOPPING & SERVICES

There is a small general store at Camp Richardson for basic groceries and souvenirs. Raley's Supermarket, a laundromat, Starbucks and other stores and restaurants are less than 3 miles away at the "Y" (where Highway 89 and Highway 50 meet, south of Camp Richardson). Grocery Outlet is located on Rte. 50, a bit over a half mile from the Y.

## **FOOD**

We are all responsible for our own meals, with the exception of a couple of group events. This year Debbie Fallehy will also provide meals for up to 12 lucky attendees (campers/lodge-dwellers) at minimal cost! Some families and friends partner up to share cooking and enjoy one another's company. If you are in the sharing mood, it is thoughtful to extend a meal invitation to others. In addition to the general store, there's a café that serves coffee, breakfast & lunch and the ever-popular ice cream parlor!

## **KEEPING WARM**

Evenings can get chilly at camp. Rain is even possible. You may wish to pack a warm jacket, hat, and gloves as well as an extra blanket/quilt to toss over the sleeping bag.

## **WIFI**

Free Wifi is available for guests and campers in the general store, coffee shop, and lodge lobby. The Lodge front desk has the password for that network.

## **ADULT/YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Program times are Saturday 1:30 pm-4 pm and Sun/Tues/Weds 9:30 am-12 pm at our group campsite location. We will meet each day (Monday is a free day) for group singing and announcements before our program begins. Bring a camp chair to sit in, and your cup of coffee, tea, or water bottle if you'd like. There is no formal 'coffee service' but coffee can often be scavenged from neighboring campsites in a pinch. EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join for the gathering time, regardless of whether you're staying for the program or not. We encourage all children and youth who will be participating in the youth program to meet up at the group campsite and join in the gathering time.

This year our distinguished speaker for the adult program will be our own Rev. Ben Daniel on telling the stories of our faith.

Our staff and committee will organize groups for the children and youth, which will meet separately for age-appropriate challenge games, and will come back together for large-scale games like Capture the Flag. One day we will also spend some time building a labyrinth on the beach, so people can use it for a prayer walk. There is traditionally a youth field trip on one afternoon for an activity such as mini-golf, climbing, etc.

## **CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE**

Afternoon is a time to "do your own thing." There are many optional, planned events (see the Week-at-a-Glance page) but there's also plenty of time to do whatever you like. The beautiful Lake Tahoe beach is a short walk away. Excursions, boating, fishing, bicycling, hiking, horseback riding and games are among our many options.

**Thanks! Looking forward to seeing you at MPC at Tahoe 2024!**