PARENT PACKET

CHARACTER CHALLENGE
CHILDREN'S CAMP
2025

Dear Camper Parent,

We are so excited your child is coming with us to camp. Camp will be a forever memory for your child and we want to do everything possible to make sure it is one they will cherish and be grateful for because of the spiritual impact. It is common for every child to experience some mild homesickness and for this to be a concern for parents. We recommend you send letters or post cards each day to your camper. Mail call is an exciting time each day. You may want to begin sending cards on Thursday or Friday before your child actually leaves so he/she will have a card on Monday. Homesickness peaks on Monday or Tuesday so avoid comments that focus on your separation. Instead emphasize that you are praying for your child, that you can hardly wait to hear all the fun camp stories, and that you are so proud of his/her independence. If you send a package, remember food and candy is not permitted in the cabins. The camp address is:

Mountain Meadow Ranch Bible Camp

630 Mountain Meadow Dr.

Payson, AZ 85541

On Friday we provide a family time, from 10am-12pm, to watch the weekly video and have lunch together. If you cannot come, be reassured that our staff will help your child get adjusted in every way possible. Also ever year we get a couple cases of altitude sickness in the first twenty-four hours. Symptoms are headache and nausea. Caffeine really adds to this problem and water helps, so make sure your child drinks lots of water and no soda on Sunday before and during the trip to Christopher Creek. Make sure you pack a water bottle for them, so that they can drink throughout the week during activities. This will make their week much easier.

A common question we get is regarding communication with your child during the camp week. Unfortunately, phones are not available for camper/parent use during the weeks. I will be calling each participating church each morning to give messages. Any child experiencing homesickness or any health concern will be reported. Of course, any serious health concern or accident will be reported immediately and directly to the parent. We will have your emergency numbers on your child's medical form. Emergency messages can be relayed to your child through your church secretary.

Another common question is about food allergies/dietary issues. Our cook does not make any food that is not on our menu. If your child needs substitution meals, please plan on bringing those with them to camp. It will be stored in a separate fridge and the cabin counselor will be responsible for preparing it. Please talk to your church leader and make sure that they are okay with preparing these meals.

We count it an honor you have entrusted your child to us. Thank you for the privilege of making a lifelong memory.

Blessings,
The Camp Director

Dear Camper,

I am so excited that YOU are coming to camp…so start counting off the weeks and days until the Sunday you come.

Look over all the papers in your packet. Tell your mom/dad these extra secrets! As you are looking over the packing list tell mom to be sure to pack a whistle, Bible, flashlight, and sweatshirt in the top of your suitcase. Tell mom NOT to pack you snack food. You cannot keep it in your cabin because of all our wild critter friends. Sharing a pillow with a squirrel, mouse, or skunk is NOT a pleasant experience in the middle of the night-Trust me, I know! Our Snack Shack with your favorite goodies is open daily, so your sweet tooth will be tickled. You will check your money into our camp bank as soon as you get to camp, so have that on top too. You will be "on account" all week at the canteen and we will return any unspent money as you leave Friday. Please do not bring more than $20. That amount should be sufficient for camp and fast food stops on the way to camp.

Check out the camp map. You will find out your assigned cabin when you get up there on Sunday but don't worry-you'll be with kids from your church so you'll have your friends right with you!

Check out the medical form. Whatever you do, don't forget THAT! (It would be better to forget extra underwear! Yikes!) You cannot stay at camp without your medical form completed.

We have some special things planned for older and younger kids. Check this fun stuff out!

Older Kids	*Younger Kids*
Dodgeball	Kickball or Broomball
Minute to Win It	Special Craft Classes
Capture the Flag	Special Recreation during Freetime

EVERYBODY: Archery, Fishing, Creek Play, fantastic craft classes that you choose, plus a boat making class with an automatic entry into Friday's boat race, games, fantastic Bible Study with a all new and different format, a special camp bandana, one night of sleeping under the stars, nature hikes (Did you know that the Ponderosa Pine trees smell like strawberry, chocolate, or vanilla depending on how much rain there has been?) and MUCH, MUCH more!

I wish we were going tomorrow! I can hardly wait. But we have to…Will you do one thing with me while we are waiting? Start praying now! Ask God to get you ready to learn things that will change your life. Pray for it to rain like crazy at Christopher Creek so the creek level will be up for great fishing, Of course we would like it to stop raining the week we are there if that's not asking too much! And whatever happens…no wildfires this year, not only for us but for all the good people around Payson!

Yours in Christ's Love,
The Camp Director

CAMP PACKING LIST

CLOTHES

- Shorts/Long Pants
- Shirts
- Jacket and/or sweatshirt
- Extra pair of shoes (closed toed only, no open toed shoes allowed at camp)
- Creek Shoes (Water Shoes)
- Flip Flops (For showers. They are not allowed anywhere else.)
- Bathing suit for creek play (Girls - One Piece)
- Socks
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Hat (as needed)
- Rain Poncho (Rain is a probability. These ponchos can be purchased inexpensively.)

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Bath towel
- Body wash or soap
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size conditioner (if needed)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Lotion (optional)
- Travel size sunscreen
- Hairbrush or Comb
- Lip balm

MISC. ITEMS

- Whistle ***(MOST IMPORTANT ITEM!!! MUST HAVE THIS TO STAY AT CAMP!!!)***
- Heavy sleeping bag (NOT slumber party type, it gets cold at night)
- 2 Plastic garbage bags (1 for taking home wet clothes and 1 for keeping dirty clothes)
- Pillow
- Bible
- Journal or Notebook
- Pen or Pencil (send a few, they like to get lost)
- Stationary (Envelopes should be pre-stamped and addressed)
- Book for rest time
- Flashlight with new batteries (extras batteries never hurt)
- Camera
- Money for Snack Shack (Store open everyday during free time) **$20.00 Max.**
- Water bottle!!! (Helps prevent dehydration)

TIPS FOR PACKING

Mark items with camper's name like flashlights, water bottles, cameras, sleeping bags, underwear, etc. Remember we are at camp, do not send their best clothes. Pack clothes in outfits for younger children.

DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS!!!

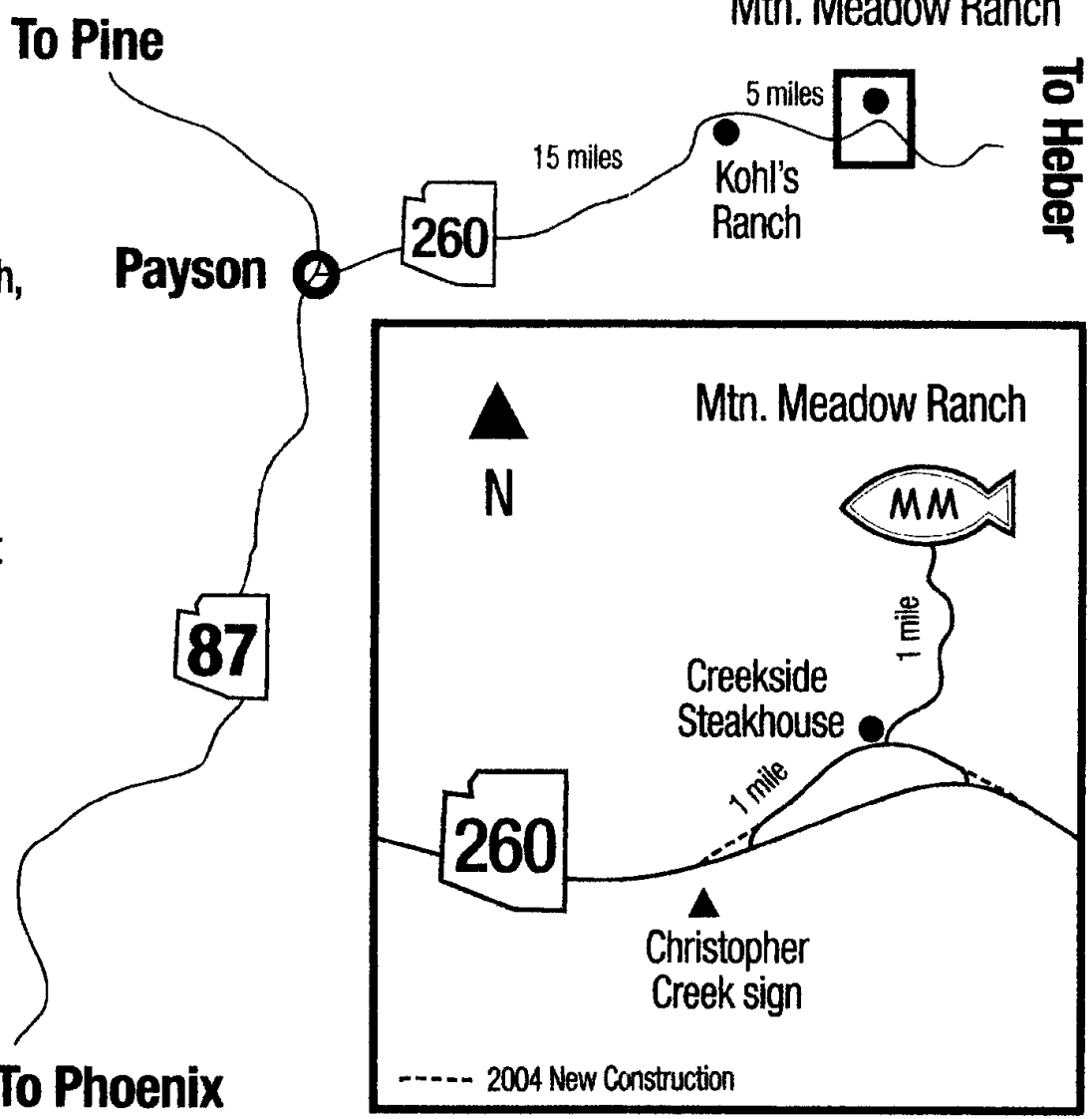
- **Cell Phones**
- Portable Video Games
- Electronics
- Open toed shoes
- Candles
- Knifes
- Weapons
- Snacks

Electrical appliances (i.e. Hair dryers, curling irons, etc.) **CANNOT** be used in the cabins. They may only be used in the restrooms but not while standing on a wet floor. Please evaluate whether your child **REALLY** needs them.

MOUNTAIN MEADOW RANCH DIRECTIONS

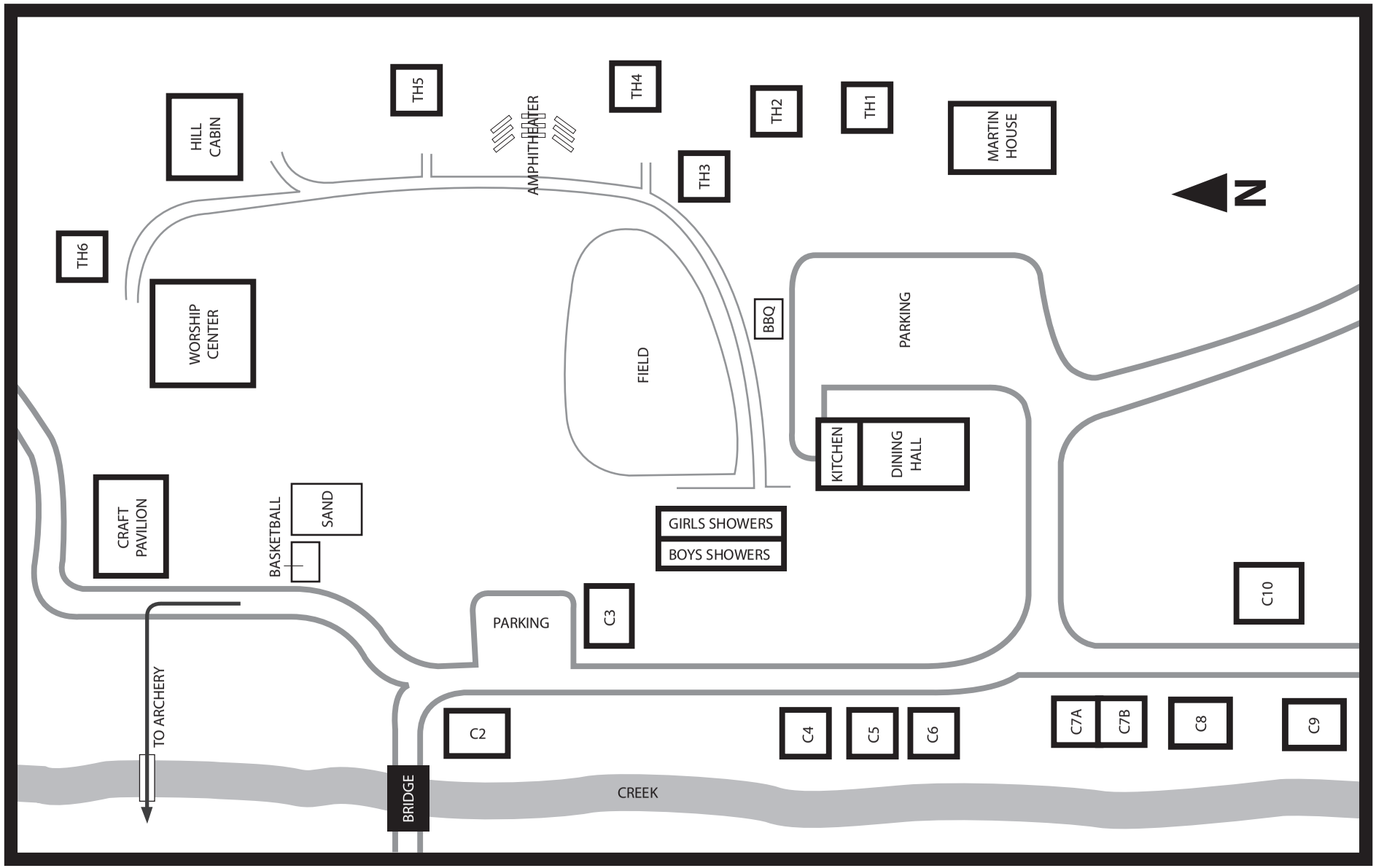
Telephone (928) 478-4546

1. Take Highway 87, Beeline Hwy., to Payson.
2. Take Route 260 East to the Christopher Creek sign, approx. 20 miles from turn off in Payson and just under 5 miles from Kohl's Ranch, and turn left.
3. Watch for turn sign carefully. It can be easily missed.
4. Drive about 1 mile and turn left, just past the Creekside Steakhouse.
5. Bear to the left at all Y-intersections on the main road.
6. Be sure to follow the MM fish signs and drive approx. 1 mile to camp entrance.



Mountain Meadows Ranch

Christopher Creek, AZ



MEDICAL CONSENT & RELEASE FORM

In order to comply with Arizona state laws we ask for the following Health History/Medical Consent Form to be completed and signed by a legal guardian or for yourself if you over the age of 18 attending Character Challenge at Mountain Meadows Ranch. Please be aware that Character Challenge Kids Camp does NOT provide medical or hospital Insurance coverage.

Name_____ Age _____ D.O.B. _____ Gender_____ Ht _____ Wt _____
Address_____ City _____ State _____ Zip_____
Email_____ Name of Church Group_____
Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Camper_____ Phone (___)_____

I understand that my/my campers photo may be taken at camp and I authorize Character Challenge to post these photos on the Character Challenge web site or use them in other materials to promote Character Challenge Kid Camps.

CONFIDENTIAL Medical Information:

Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance? Y / N
Insurance Carrier_____Policy #_____
Name of responsible party_____Relationship to Camper_____
Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
Name of Family Physician_____ Phone (____)_____
Date of last Tetanus Shot_____ Are all immunizations up to date? Y / N — If no, please attach explanation.
Has Camper been recently exposed (within last 3 weeks) to any kind of Communicable Disease?_____

If you have ANY chronic condition, including any of the following: Bleeding/Clotting Disorders, Cardiac Problems, Diabetes, Emotional Handicap, Epilepsy, Nervous Disorder, Physical Handicaps, Seizure Disorder, or Requires Injections of any kind. **Please contact your group leaders to make sure accommodations can be made for any of these medical conditions!** If a camper with special needs comes to camp without authorization from the camp director, the group or party may be asked to return the guest to his/her home.

List all medical conditions: physical, emotional, behavioral disorders and learning disabilities.

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Please List ALL Allergies: Drug_____ Insect/Plant_____
Food*_____ Diet Restrictions*_____

*If your camper needs special food for dietary restrictions or food allergies, please plan on bringing alternatives for these meals. Character Challenge Kids Camp is not responsible for multiple dietary options at each meal.

List Medications Camper will require while at camp and reason for taking the medicine.

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By signing this form I give my informed consent to the First Aid personnel assigned by Character Challenge who are certified in a minimum of CPR and First Aid by a nationally recognized provider in accordance with ACA standard HW-1 to provide basic First Aid and comfort measures through standardized camp treatment procedures which includes the use of over-the-counter medications. I understand that it is my responsibility to make arrangements for a camper with greater healthcare needs than the First Aid personnel can provide within their individual certifications, licenses and scopes of practice. I authorize Character Challenge to arrange for or provide any necessary related transportation to the nearest medical facility for urgent or emergency medical treatment if indicated, and I do assume all responsibility for payment for such treatment. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by Character Challenge to secure and administer any and all medical treatment deemed necessary for me, including hospitalization.

I authorize the use of the following generic, over-the-counter medications as directed by the labels provided by the manufacturer: analgesics, decongestants, antihistamines, cough suppressant and/or expectorants, throat lozenges or spray, anti-nausea/diarrhea, antacid, antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, burn cream, petroleum jelly, chapped skin/lip treatment, antiseptic skin and wound cleansers, ipecac, glucose, laxatives, electrolyte replacement fluids, analgesic balms and gels. I understand that these are stocked and dispensed by the First Aid personnel free of charge as needed for the comfort of my child. I authorize Character Challenge to allow my child to participate in any and all activities that may include but are not limited to those outlined in the camp brochure. As a condition of receiving this benefit, I do hereby agree to the following: I understand that participation in these activities can expose my child to dangers both from known and unanticipated risks. Acknowledging that such risks exist, I on behalf of my child and any other party who may have the right to assert any rights for or on my behalf, do hereby forever release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Character Challenge, its affiliates, officers, directors, agents, employees, insurers, successors in interest, attorneys, or any other person or persons associated with any or all of them who might be liable (the “Released Parties”) from and against any and all claims, causes of action, actions, suits, demands, losses, damages, expenses, costs or liability (collectively, “Losses”) arising from or in connection with my child’s participation in Character Challenge Kids Camp and its activities, including Losses arising from the negligence of any of the Released Parties, whether such Losses arise in connection with bodily injury (including death), property damage or otherwise (collectively, the “Released Claims”). The Released Claims include Losses arising out of any condition of the premises at which the camp activities are held or the conduct of any person in connection with the preparation for, supervision of, or conduct of any activity, whether planned or unplanned. I further understand and acknowledge that I make this release in full accord and satisfaction of and in compromise of any and all Released Claims. I represent and acknowledge that I have read and understand this form and the release granted above and warrant that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand this entire form and by signing below agree to the terms herein.

Signature _____ Date_____

Printed Name _____ Date_____