

M.A.D. Camp attendance policy

Hello and I hope you are having a fruitful summer! There are so many opportunities this year for summer activities; it is a good problem to have! It does pose a problem with possible conflicts with M.A.D. Camp. We have found out in the past when participants come late, or come and go due to involvement in other activities, there is a change in dynamics and chemistry in the group that is not fair to the person missing out and to the group as a whole. There had been occurrences in the past where parents would take a child in and out for other activities and it did become an issue.

The activities at M.A.D. Camp build on themselves so if one misses the pertinent sessions, it is more difficult to be comfortable as we get deeper into the activities and especially in building our relationship with God and community. This is especially true for Sunday when we do most of the community building and introduction to the M.A.D. Camp theme.

I have taken advice from past adult leaders who have been doing this longer than I have, in that, it is best for participants and the group as a whole when participants are at camp from beginning to end. I feel it is best to adhere to the policy that M.A.D. Camp participants need to be present during all pertinent sessions and activities. This includes all of Sunday's activities, Monday morning prayer, Monday workday and late afternoon sessions. Tuesday morning prayer, Tuesday workday and Tuesday closing session and prayer.

If you think you have a conflict, please contact me and we can discuss the options. I look forward to this camp and getting to know your child. It truly is the best part of my summer!

Blessings,
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