



Mississippi Burn Camp 2020 Summer Camp

Welcome to the 24th year of Mississippi Burn Camp! We are so excited that you are joining us for Camp this year!

Camp is at Camp Wesley Pines in Hazlehurst again this year. The camp dates are **May 23-27**.

If you are new with us this year, get ready to have the most rewarding time ever! You will meet a group of great kids and outstanding staff. You're sure to leave with new friendships from all over the state!

If you are a returning counselor, we can't wait to catch up on your goings on from the past year! It's been too long!!

Staff will check in **by 1pm on Friday, May 22**. You're welcome to come earlier, but we need everyone to report to the **Tabernacle by 1pm**. We have much to do to get ready for all of those sweet faces!

We will meet in the Tabernacle and have introductions, review staff expectations and Camp assignments. We will then split up and prep and decorate the cabins, set up for crafts and indoor activities, and decorate the Tabernacle.

After supper, we will go back to the Tabernacle and go through the crafts. Staff will complete each of the crafts so that they can spend some time on theirs, which will also give them an opportunity to work through any challenges to help keep things moving along and free them up to help the campers with each of their crafts.

The **Parent Program** will be **Wednesday at 1pm** and should **conclude by 3pm**. As soon as the last family is out the door, we will begin cleanup and packing the trailer. If we're diligent to keep things orderly and pack up things as we're done with them, take down/pack up will go smoothly and quickly. Staff will be dismissed once the trailer is packed. **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to stay the night and have supper**. We've worked all week together; now let's relax and share stories together!

What We Provide & What to Pack

- MS Burn Camp provides bed sheets, blankets, bath towels, bath cloths, and beach towels.
- Please bring your pillow, bathing suit, coverup and toiletries, in addition to your normal overnight packing.
- Be sure to bring a pair of athletic shoes/sneakers also.
- We swim, we paddleboat, we canoe... Bring plenty of clothes should you end up a soaked mess. 😊

Please remember modesty and good taste. Please keep shorts and shirts modest, with appropriate undergarments and do not bring anything with inappropriate graphics.

What to Leave at Home

- Campers are not allowed any electronics. Counselors/CITs will be allowed their phones at the end of the evening when campers are settling in. You may take turns making calls, etc so long as at least two Counselors/CITs remain in the cabin with campers. *MS Burn Camp Foundation and staff is not responsible for lost/damaged/stolen property.*
- We will provide plenty of snacks and drinks, so there is no need to bring any from home.

We look forward to a great week and hope everyone is as excited as we are!!

Tabatha Gainey, Camp Director
Carole Summerall, Secretary/Treasurer
Malena Alderman, Foundation Co-Chair

Directions to Camp Wesley Pines

1095 Camp Wesley Pine Rd, Hazlehurst, MS

From Jackson:

Take I-55 south approximately 35 miles to the Gallman Exit 65. Turn left back under the interstate and continue bearing left until you see the Gallman United Methodist Church on your right. Turn left on Cleveland Street and follow signs to the camp. We are approximately 2 miles off I-55.

From Hattiesburg:

Come North on Hwy 49 to Magee. Turn West on Hwy 28 to Hazlehurst. Go through the red light to I-55 about 5 miles to the Gallman Exit 65. Turn right and continue bearing left until you see the Gallman United Methodist Church on your right. Turn left on Cleveland Street and follow signs to the camp. We are approximately 2 miles off I-55.

Once in the camp, turn right at the Office, continue straight on the road, around by the lake and turn right into the parking lot at the Tabernacle.



2020 MS Burn Camp Counselor Application

Counselor Name _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Gender Female Male Race _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____
(work) _____

Email _____ Please send me my confirmation via email Yes No

Employer _____ Position _____

Are you available to be at Camp all week? Yes No

If no, please provide the days/hours that you are available _____

Counselor Shirt Size: Small Medium Large Extra Large 2XLarge 3XLarge 4XLarge

EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS

Have you been a camp staff member before? Yes No

If yes, list organization(s) and position(s) held _____

Describe experience working with children (other than camps listed above) _____

Describe experience working with persons with disabilities or medical problems _____

What contributions do you think you can make to camp _____

List skills, talents and/or hobbies that you would be willing to share with campers as an activity _____

Is there a something specific that people would say you have a knack for – crafts, games, decorating, etc – that you would like to be involved in while at camp? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Current Certifications Lifeguard; Exp Date _____ Lifesaving; Exp Date _____

CPR; Exp Date _____ First Aid; Exp Date _____

EMT; Exp Date _____ Other _____; Exp Date _____

REFERENCES & BACKGROUND

Give names & complete contact information of three people who know your character, experience & ability to relate to children (no relatives).

Name	Address (City, State, Zip & Telephone#)
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe the circumstances including date of conviction, nature and place of offense and disposition of case. Do not include arrests without convictions. This information is viewed only as one factor in your consideration for a staff position at this camp and is evaluated in terms of nature, severity and date of offense.

COUNSELOR COMMITMENT

I have willingly chosen to attend and participate in activities at MS Burn Camp. As a staff member, I understand that staff responsibilities are my first priority, unless a personal emergency arises. I also understand that I will work toward the goals of the camp by...

- Participating whole-heartedly in all the activities planned for our group.
- Encouraging campers and other counselors.
- Speaking up when I have a problem, need, or concern.
- Listening & Responding to the needs of others.
- Following the guidance of the adult leadership.
- Respecting other’s property or rights and abiding by camp rules.
- Not using controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, cigarettes or flammables) or promoting these activities.
- Not leaving the event grounds at any time without planning with camp director.

I understand that success in abiding by this commitment will contribute to a positive group experience. I also understand that failure to abide by these guidelines may result in my being sent home and possibly losing the privilege of being invited to camp in the future.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

POLICIES

Property Search - I agree that any camp participant’s belongings may be searched by the camp director, in the presence of the camper and another adult, for drugs, alcohol, weapons, or other forbidden objects.

Lost or Stolen Items - The MS Burn Camp Foundation and its staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Photographs - MS Burn Camp Foundation has my permission for the taking of pictures and/or video and the release of general information. Any photo/video taken may be used as needed in the administration of the MS Burn Camp Foundation. They may be published in, or used by, any media or hospital publication (including newspapers, magazines, television, radio, pamphlets, brochures, reports, camper booklets of albums, etc.) without any liability to MS Burn Camp Foundation or its agents or staff. Yes No

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

I testify that all information contained MS Burn Camp Foundation will verify all information contained within this application and perform reference checks and criminal background check.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail to: **Mississippi Burn Camp**
P.O. Box 9397
Columbus, MS 39705
staff@msburncamp.org

Contacts
Tabatha Gainey – Camp Director (601) 527-5213
Carole Summerall – Secretary/Treasurer (662) 251-7255
Malena Alderman – Foundation Co-Chair (662) 404-1146



2020 MS Burn Camp Staff Emergency Medical Information

Counselor Name _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Gender Female Male Race _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____
(work) _____
Email _____ Please send me my confirmation via email Yes No

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medicine currently taking and for what condition _____

Allergies of any type _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship _____
Emergency Contact #(s) _____ or _____
Emergency Contact Name and Relationship _____
Emergency Contact #(s) _____ or _____
Insurance Co Name _____ Policy# (or copy of card): _____

In the event of an emergency, I, the undersigned, grant permission to the Mississippi Burn Camp Staff or Foundation Representative to take the above listed person to the nearest medical facility or physician. I also relieve the Mississippi Burn Camp Foundation and Staff of any responsibilities or liabilities for any loss or injury incurred during this current camp year. I understand that the Mississippi Burn Camp Foundation is not responsible for costs incurred for medical care.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____