



December 4, 2024

Dear Camper Families,

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year again! We're beyond excited to kick off another amazing season, and we can't wait to see applications rolling in, welcome returning campers, and gear up for Summer 2025! In this letter, you'll find everything you need to know about this summer's dates, rates, enrollment details, and more.

2025 Summer Camp Dates!

Week	Dates	Ages	Application Window
Week 1	June 23 - 28	18 – 45+	January 6 - 17, 2025
Week 2	June 30 - July 5		
Week 3	July 7 - 12		
Week 4	July 14 - 19		
Week 5	July 21 - 26		
Week 6	July 28 - August 2		
Week 7	August 4 - 9		
Week 8	August 11 - 16		
Family Camp	August 17-19	5 – 99	April 7 - 25, 2025

Summer Rates:

In 2025, MHKC will be releasing increased activity rates for our summer camp registration. Like many organizations, MHKC has experienced rising organizational costs across the board. It is important to us to be transparent with our families on the factors that led to this change:

- Over the last three years, MHKC's summer food costs have increased by over 60%. It is a priority that we can continue to offer fresh, home-cooked foods that cater to the variety of campers, staff, and volunteers' dietary needs so they can be well nourished and fueled during their time at Camp.
- Several of our vendors continue to raise their rates each year as they feel the increased costs as well. This increase helps support activities such as leasing and caring for our horses, heating and maintaining our pool, adjusting to rising insurance rates, and providing the supplies necessary to run the program.
- Since 2020 MHKC has seen a shift in our staffing and counselor pipeline, resulting in declining numbers of staffing support that was particularly felt last year. This increase will help support MHKC's programs in expanding our staff numbers through efforts to grow our international program, hire more experienced staff to fill volunteer counselor gaps, and through larger efforts to build new partnerships with local universities.



Raising rates is never a decision we make easily but it is needed to maintain a healthy, long-lasting organization that continues to provide outstanding, quality programming for your camper. We truly appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate these changes together and remind families of the option to apply for camperships and activity fee waivers. To learn more, go to www.mhkc.org.

2025 REGISTRATION RATES	
MAIN CAMP	TUITION: \$1,161.25 ACTIVITY FEE: \$450.75 TOTAL: \$1,612.00
FOREST TREKKERS	TUITION: \$1,161.25 ACTIVITY FEE: \$475.75 TOTAL: \$1,637.00
GROUND EXPLORERS	TUITION: \$1,161.25 ACTIVITY FEE: \$475.75 TOTAL: \$1,637.00

Contact Dave at dave@mhkc.org with any questions

How will campers be enrolled for Summer Camp?

To be eligible for enrollment and lottery, campers must meet all [MHKC Eligibility Standards](#), must complete the Summer Camp Application, and **must complete all required Summer Camp forms** except for the Physician Exam Form (due May 15th) by January 17, 2025. Campers who have been selected will receive their enrollment letter on February 7th and those not selected will receive a letter informing them they will remain on the Waitlist.

What if:

My camper was on the 2024 waitlist with **completed** paperwork?

Campers who completed their paperwork last year and were not selected during the lotteries will be eligible for the first lottery, this year, as long as all paperwork is submitted within the application window.

My camper was on the 2024 waitlist with **missing** paperwork?

If you remained on the waitlist last summer with incomplete paperwork, you will be eligible for the second lottery, alongside all other applicants, once all paperwork is submitted within the application window.



My camper is not selected for Summer Camp 2025?

Campers who are not selected during the lotteries will remain on the Waitlist. There's always a chance that another camper needs to cancel, or we obtain more volunteers. In either event, campers who have completed all required forms will be selected at random from the Waitlist to fill these open spaces. **If you are missing any paperwork, you will not be considered for any lottery.**

Last summer was unforgettable—a season filled with new friendships, big adventures, songs around the campfire, and countless moments of joy under the mountain skies. We're counting down the days to see what amazing memories await us this summer!

After checking out the [Camper and Parent Guide](#), if you have any questions please contact Kathy Werschkul (kathy@mhkc.org) or Kayla Plessinger (kayla@mhkc.org). As our holiday season approaches, please allow for wiggle room as our staff are spending time with family and will reply as soon as they are able.

We look forward to seeing your applications beginning January 6th, 2025!

With s'more smiles,

-Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp