



Questions and Answers

Q: Who can attend Midwest Children's Burn Camp®?

A: Midwest Children's Burn Camp is for any child who lives in the Midwest, ages 6-17, who was treated for a burn injury or smoke inhalation injury.

Q: What is Midwest Children's Burn Camp?

A: It is an overnight summer camp and a chance for a child to meet other children who have also experienced burn or smoke inhalation injuries.

Q: Is in-person camp actually happening?

A: As of February 1st, 2021, we plan to hold in-person camp according to the schedule outlined in the paragraph below. Burns Recovered Staff and Board of Directors are monitoring the COVID-19 situation in the state and especially in Reynolds County, where Camp Taum Sauk is located, and are following the guidance of the state of Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services when deciding whether or not to hold in-person activities. If anything changes about the camp schedule or setting, we will notify you immediately. "Flexibility" is the name of the game in 2021!

Q: When is Midwest Children's Burn Camp?

A: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCBC will run two separate sessions this year in order to keep the number of participants on campus low while maintaining the integrity of our program. **MCBC 1 for campers ages 14-17 will be Sunday, August 1st to Thursday, August 5th and MCBC 2 for campers 6-13 will be Saturday, August 7th to Wednesday, August 11th.**

Q: Where is Midwest Children's Burn Camp?

A: Camp Taum Sauk, 499 Country Road, 368, Lesterville, Missouri 63654.

Q: What is MCBC doing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among the camp community while on campus?

A: MCBC is consulting with the American Camp Association, the Association of Camp Nursing, and other professional organizations to develop COVID-19 policies and procedures in an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of the novel Coronavirus and keep our camp community healthy. Many of these policies are still in development; however, anyone on campus should be prepared to wear a mask when indoors and when within six feet of anyone not in your cabin cohort, wash hands frequently, and track COVID-related symptoms for two weeks prior to arriving on campus for your camp session.

Camp leadership will maintain an open channel of communication about these practices and will share updates with caregivers as they become available prior to the start of each camp sessions.

Q: How much does this cost?

A: Nothing. Camp is made possible by generous donations. Campers are only required to bring their own clothing and supplies.



Q: What about transportation?

A: Charter buses will transport the campers to camp from St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia, Cape Girardeau, and Springfield. Angel Flight provides free air transportation for children who do not live near a bus departure location. While at camp, campers are transported to and from off-campus activities on vehicles provided and maintained by Camp Taum Sauk.

Q: Tell me more about the Activities at Midwest Children's Burn Camp!

A: All Camp Activities are facilitated by Camp Taum Sauk staff. Camp Taum Sauk (www.taumsauk.com) is currently accredited through the American Camping Association and requires activity facilitators to be appropriately trained and licensed in their respective activity areas. Activities offered at Camp Taum Sauk include:

- Riflery
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- High Ropes Challenge Course
- Canoeing
- Nature
- Hiking
- River activities (kayaking, tubing, floating, paddle boarding)
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Caving (off-campus for campers 14+)
- Horseback riding

Campers may go off-campus for activities throughout the week. For example, campers go to Elephant Rocks (<https://mostateparks.com/park/elephant-rocks-state-park>) as well as a local ice cream parlor. When activities take place off campus, both MCBC Volunteers and Camp Taum Sauk staff work together to provide appropriate supervision to promote safety and have fun.

Q: Who are the counselors?

A: Our counselors all have different backgrounds. We have adult burn survivors, firefighters, medical staff, teachers and more. All counselors and staff are thoroughly background checked and appropriately trained for camp.

Q: What about my child's special dietary or medical needs?

A: MCBC will have a medical infirmary open 24 hours a day staffed either by our Camp Nurse or a First Responder. This person will dispense medications, change dressings (if necessary), provide first aid and perform other routine medical duties. If your child is allergic to certain foods or his/her diet is restricted, please let us know before camp, and we can accommodate them. Please let us know if your child takes any medications, which make them more sensitive to sun exposure, or would alter their ability to participate in the activities at camp.

If you have any questions, please call us at 314-939-1550 or email Director of Youth Programs, Madeleine Carson, at madeleine@brsg.org.