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MARINES isn't just another event—it's a commitment. Come ready to fully participate, encourage your platoon, and give God your best for four days.

GET READY, MARINE!

MARINES 2027 is almost here!

It's finally time!

We are beyond excited for MARINES 2027, and I am so glad you've chosen to be part of this incredible week. Every year God does things we could never have planned, and I truly believe He's going to do something powerful in each of our lives this year.

MARINES isn't for spectators. It's for students who are willing to be challenged, stretched, and transformed. If you're willing to give God your full attention for four days, I believe He'll do more than you can imagine.

HOO-AH! (Yes... that's a military thing.)

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

You're invited to our Opening Worship Service!
Crystal Springs Methodist Church Sanctuary

Sunday, April 4 • 11:00 a.m.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Camp Wesley Pines: Sunday, April 4

- Check-in: **2:00–2:45 p.m.**
- Opening Session: **3:00 p.m.**

Platoon Leaders and Squad Leaders will receive separate arrival instructions.

Please bring:

- Completed Health/Permission Form (found on the Forms page of our website)
- Any remaining balance due (checks payable to **CSMC**)

Registration for everyone will be at **Durr Wise**. (At the stop sign by the camp office, continue straight.)

Room assignments are limited. Cabins sleep **four people**, so you'll only be able to sign up in groups of **two or four**. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate groups of three.

BEFORE SUNDAY...

Do yourself a huge favor:

Finish as much homework and as many projects as possible before MARINES begins.

You'll be incredibly thankful you did.

WHAT TO PACK

Essentials

- Your Bible (an actual Bible—you won't have your phone!)
- Completed Health/Permission Form
- Payment if needed

Clothing

- MARINES uniforms for all three days
- If you purchased new MARINES merch at CA, you may wear your MARINES hoodie or sweatshirt over your IN-TRAINING shirts during the week.
- Workout clothes (it will probably be cold in the mornings!)
- Tennis shoes (yes... there will be running.)

Bedding

- Twin sheets or sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow

Personal Items

- Towels (enough for the week)
- Toiletries
- Personal water bottle
- Backpack and school books
- Items needed for after-school activities
- Any required medications
- Camera (optional)

And don't forget...

Bring a heart and mind that's ready for God to do something amazing.

ENOs/Hammocks: You're welcome to bring them, but please do so at your own risk. We can't guarantee they won't be damaged.

WHAT STAYS HOME

This list is simple...

Leave these at home:

- Cell phone
- Smart devices (Fitbits and basic activity trackers are fine as long as they only track activity.)
- iPods, gaming systems, tablets, DVD players, or other electronics
- Junk food, snacks, soft drinks, energy drinks, etc.
- Anything that could be considered a weapon (including knives, airsoft guns, Orbeez guns, etc.)
- Alcohol, tobacco, nicotine products, vapes, Juuls, or illegal drugs
- Anything intended for pranks or to embarrass or single out another student (including foul-smelling sprays)

When in doubt... leave it out.

If you absolutely need a laptop or tablet for schoolwork, you may bring it—but it is **only** to be used for homework.

WHAT MARINES IS REALLY ABOUT

Let's be honest...

Giving up your phone.
Giving up junk food.
Giving up caffeine.
Giving up social media.
Wearing the same shirts.
Getting up early.

None of that is easy.

But that's also the point.

MARINES is built around **discipline, sacrifice, commitment, and drawing closer to Christ.**

For four days we intentionally remove many of the distractions that normally compete for our attention so we can focus on the One who gave everything for us.

That means this only works if everyone chooses to go all in.

If you're already planning to sneak your phone, hide junk food, buy food at school, vape, or find ways around the expectations, then you're missing the entire purpose of MARINES.

I'll be honest...

Please don't cheat.

If you're not willing to embrace what MARINES is asking of you, it may not be the right year for you—and that's okay. I'd rather you wait until you're ready than spend the week looking for ways around the experience.

The students who get the most out of MARINES are always the ones who fully commit.

You will get out of this week exactly what you're willing to put into it.

SCHOOL STILL MATTERS

MARINES is **not** an excuse to ignore school.

You are expected to complete your academic responsibilities, stay awake in class, and continue giving your best effort.

Please finish as many assignments and projects as possible before MARINES begins.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

I know this week sounds challenging.

It asks a lot of you.

But here's what I've watched happen year after year...

Students never leave MARINES wishing they had kept their phones.

No one finishes the week saying, "I wish I'd spent more time on social media."

Instead, they leave with stronger friendships, unforgettable memories, a deeper faith, and a clearer picture of who Christ is calling them to become.

When you willingly sacrifice something for Jesus, you'll always discover that ****He gives you far more than you ever gave up. ****And He is absolutely worth it.

We're not asking you to survive four days. We're inviting you to become the person God is calling you to be.

See you at MARINES!

I'm praying for you already, and I can't wait to experience MARINES 2027 with you.

HOO-AH!

For His Glory, Jana



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP WESLEY PINES

On Gallman Road, across from the Gallman Baptist and Gallman UMC churches, you will turn onto Cleveland Street. Stay on Cleveland and you will go under the interstate. Go right at the fork. You will come to the entrance to Camp Wesley Pines on your left ... as you turn into camp, you will come to a stop sign – go STRAIGHT to get to Durr Wise or turn right and you'll go to the cabins.