MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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Where Faith and Fun Come Together!

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CENTER

OUR CAMP

WELCOME

Each summer, Camp Mary Help introduces children and teens to the timeless traditions of faith and fun! Kids enjoy days filled with various water activities, exploring nature, playing sports, cooking, and much more! The backdrop for Camp Mary Help is the 140-acre campus of Mary Help of Christians Center, which is also home to a retreat center, Parish, Mary Has a Little Farm, and Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School, all of which serve the Tampa Bay community. The foundation of Camp Mary Help is Faith Formation, which comes alive through daily Mass and faith activities.

Camp Mary Help is open for seven weeks and is designed for children ages 5 to 15. Younger campers, ages 5 to 7 can enjoy Camp Grigio, which includes a different schedule and activities tailored for their age group.

Camp Mary Help is an exciting mix of cultures and backgrounds that set the stage for a summer filled with programs that build teamwork, trust, and understanding. In consultation with Camp Counselors, campers have the flexibility to choose activities to participate in during the week.

We invite you to learn more about Camp Mary Help, where Faith and Fun come together, in this Camp booklet or at an Open House. Visit our website for the Camp season dates as well as Open House dates and times. If you have any questions, please contact us at campmaryhelp@mhctampa.org or 813-626-6191.

Happy Summer!









...IN THE WATER

IN THE LAKE AND AT THE POOL









- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Tubing
- Water Trampoline
- Paddle Boarding

... EXPLORING NATURE

ANIMAL CARE

Besides learning fun facts, our program introduces children and teens to basic animal care and educates them about animal welfare. Campers enjoy feeding, petting and holding our farm animals including rabbits, chickens, goats, and donkeys to name a few.

HORSE BACK RIDING

Teaching riding skills - "time in the saddle" is what we do best. Barn staff knows firsthand how much fun it is to ride and they are eager to share their passion. Campers learn equine safety, grooming, and basic horsemanship skills.

ARCHERY

Archery teaches self-discipline, problem-solving, sportsmanship, teamwork, balance, stability, and coordination plus, it's a lot of fun!

FISHING

Give a kid a fish and you've fed them for one meal...But teach a kid how to fish, and you've helped foster a lifetime of learning, amazing experiences, and lasting memories.



"I COULD NEVER DO STUFF LIKE THIS AT HOME."

-CAMPER BRIAN

...ENJOYING SPORTS & MORE



- Baseball
- Kickball
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Ultimate Frisbee





- Soccer
- Dance
- Cooking
- Arts & Crafts

... ALL ROOTED IN FAITH



The Salesian Way

Salesians are a Catholic religious congregation founded by Saint John Bosco in 1859.

Don Bosco's mission was to lead souls to heaven through reason, religion, and loving kindness.

The Salesians seek to give every young person a home, school, church, and playground.

Even today, the priests and brothers who follow in Don Bosco's footsteps firmly believe that faith and fun go together.

RUN, JUMP, SHOUT BUT DO NOT SIN
SAINT JOHN BOSCO



Faith Time

All camp activities are made more joyful by the deeply rooted culture of Faith.

Camp starts with Mass by the lake, ends with a traditional Salesian 'goodnight' message, and includes a Faith Time period during the day.

We create a habit of prayer by opening and closing activities with gratitude and petitions to God.

Faith and fun are not separate! At Camp Mary Help, campers experience the two becoming one.





CAMP MARY HELP

AT A GLANCE...

- Camp Mary Help is for campers ages 5-15 from all denominations. Camp Grigio is for campers 5-7 with activities tailored for the age level.
- Camp hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Drop-off opens at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up is open until 4:30 p.m.
- Two Camp shirts are provided for students to wear as their camp attire.
- Breakfast, lunch, snack, and water are provided.

- **Cost**:
  - Special rates are given to families enrolling siblings and families who are first responders and healthcare workers.
  - Weekly cost $175/per camper; Register for 5 or more weeks $150/per camper.
  - Scholarships are available.

- **Safety**:
  - Our facility, program, equipment, and staff credentials and training are assessed annually and meet the highest standards.
  - Camp Mary Help is licensed by the Florida Department of Health and Safety

- **Staff**:
  - Full-time staff are experienced Program Directors.
  - Camp Counselors, local college and high school students, support Camp Mary Help staff.
  - All staff participate in annual safe environment training and Salesian formation.
  - All staff participate in an interview process and background check.





"I WANT TO SEE YOU HAPPY"

-SAINT JOHN BOSCO

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