



Camp Able, Marco Island Camper & Family Welcome Guide

Camp Able All Year Long
July 12-19, 2026

Camp Able is a celebration of all abilities, dedicated to enhancing the summers of campers and families through dignity-driven love.

Here, you are invited to be yourself, set your soul free, and change the world.

Quick Camp Information

Camp week	July 12-19, 2026
Your first camper day	Tuesday, July 14 at 9:00 AM
Camp location	Wesley UMC, 350 South Barfield Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145
Church office	239-394-3734
Urgent camp needs	815-701-2995

Welcome to Camp Able!

Dear camper,

We are so glad you are coming to the 20th summer of Camp Able. This year we are celebrating Camp Able All Year Long. That means we will celebrate holidays, favorite memories, past themes, friendship, music, laughter, and all the joy that makes Camp Able feel like Camp Able.

This guide is here to help you and your family know what to expect. Please read it together before camp begins. Bring your questions with you on registration day. We want you to feel safe, prepared, welcomed, and excited.

At Camp Able, you are invited to be yourself. You will meet your counselor, make friends, try fun activities, cheer for others, and be part of a community where everybody belongs.

Before Camp Begins

Please read this guide with your guardian before camp. Talk about what you are excited about, what might make you nervous, and what support helps you have a great day.

Then review and sign the Camper & Guardian Agreement at the end of this guide. Please bring the signed page with you on registration day.

Who to Contact During Camp

Please ask your guardian to use the official camp contacts during the day:

- Wesley United Methodist Church Office: 239-394-3734
- Urgent Camp Needs: 815-701-2995

Getting Started- Registration Day: Tuesday, July 14

Registration begins at 9:00 AM. You may arrive a little early if you want to join the countdown as we celebrate the start of Camp Able 2026.

When you arrive, you will meet your counselor who will walk you and your guardian through registration. The first morning can be busy, so thank you for being patient and flexible while everyone gets checked in.

During registration, you will:

- Greet your counselor and members of our leadership team
- Update medical information and drop needed medicines
- Share dietary needs with our foods team
- Meet our community support staff to share how we can best support you socially and emotionally
- Visit the talent show team to answer questions and discuss your talent
- If needed, enquire about our limited, need-based, morning and evening Naples shuttle

After you are registered and connected with your counselor, your guardian may leave. You will stay with your counselor and begin your first day of camp by saying hello to old friends and meeting new people.

What to Bring Each Day

Please pack:

- A full change of clothes
- Bathing suit
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Plastic bag for wet or dirty clothes
- Any toiletry items you may need
- Any activity-specific items listed in your daily schedule

Please leave valuables at home

You will have a bin at camp for your belongings. **Please label your belongings.**

Your storage space is helpful, but it is not locked. Please leave money, jewelry, electronics, special keepsakes, and anything valuable at home. Camp Able cannot be responsible for items that are lost, broken, or left behind.

If you lose something at camp, please check the lost and found table or ask your counselor for help.

What to Wear

Please wear clothes and shoes that help you participate safely. Some days include water, walking, buses, bowling, movies, dancing, or outdoor activities.

- Wear comfortable clothing that is appropriate for camp activities.
- Wear closed-toe shoes when your activity requires them.
- Wear sunscreen before you arrive when your morning activity is outside or in the water.
- Bring dry clothes so you can change after water activities.
- Please do not wear wet clothes inside. Change as soon as you are able.

Swimsuit Guidelines

- Please wear a shirt or swimsuit that covers your top half.
- Please wear shorts or full-coverage bottoms.
- Please bring a dry outfit to change into after water activities.

Daily Drop-Off

Please arrive at the front of Wesley's Sanctuary by 9:00 AM each morning. You are invited to join us just before 9:00 AM for the daily Countdown to Camp.

Guardians should stay with you until you are connected with your counselor after the countdown. Once you are with your counselor, your camp day begins.

Each morning, you and your counselor will head out for an activity around the area by bus, van, or trolley. We hope to leave by 9:10 AM, so it is important to arrive on time and ready for your activity.

Some activities may require a bathing suit, sunscreen, closed-toe shoes, or other specific clothing. Please check your daily activity information and ask your counselor if you are not sure what you need.

Daily Pickup

Tuesday through Friday, we end the day with a nighttime reflection, skit, and slideshow around 6:15 PM in the sanctuary. Guardians are encouraged to attend. A daily dessert party and dismissal will happen around 6:45 PM. Before you leave each day, you and your guardian must check out with your counselor. This helps us make sure everyone gets home safely.

Camp Schedule

The schedule may change a little because of weather, transportation, or activity needs. We will keep you and your family updated if anything changes.

Tuesday, July 14

Time	Activity
9:00 AM	Arrive, register, and get to know your counselor
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Afternoon program
2:15 PM	Bowling
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:15 PM	Nighttime skit and slideshow
6:45 PM	Dessert bar and dismissal

Wednesday, July 15; Thursday, July 16; Friday, July 17

Time	Activity
9:00 AM	Arrive
9:15 AM	Daily excursion
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Afternoon campus activities (wet & dry)
3:30 PM Wednesday	Carnival
3:30 PM Thursday	Awards Ceremony
3:30 PM Friday	Dance
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:15 PM	Nighttime skit and slideshow
6:45 PM	Dessert bar and dismissal

Saturday, July 18

Time	Activity
9:00 AM	Arrive
9:15 AM	Trip to the movie
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Doors open for the Talent Show
1:30 PM	Talent Show
About 3:30 PM	Dessert reception and dismissal

Sunday, July 19

Time	Activity
10:00 AM	Closing Celebration Service and Brunch

Schedule Highlights

Parent and Guardian Gathering RSVP Required

- Thursday, July 16 at 3:00 PM

Your parents and guardians are invited to our 2nd annual Parent and Guardian Gathering at the Snook Inn. They will enjoy drinks and lite bites as they relax and enjoy each other's company in beautiful Marco Island.

Talent Show

- Saturday, July 18 at 1:30 PM

Saturday's Talent Show is your moment to shine! Everybody is a star on Talent Show day. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, play music, perform a skit, share art, cheer for friends, or celebrate in your own way.

Before camp begins, it may help to think about what you might like to do. Your talent does not need to be perfect. If your idea is still a work in progress, your counselor can help you brainstorm, practice, or make simple props during Arts and Crafts.

Tell your friends and family to save the Talent Show Date (Saturday at 1:30). They will not want to miss the show!

Family Mini Golf and Cookout RSVP Required

- Saturday, July 18 at 5:00 PM

You and your family are invited to a night of fun at Marco Island's Golf and Gardens. Challenge your family to a round of miniature golf, enjoy a cookout, and make lasting memories. Camp staff will not be present at this event and your family must plan on staying with you.

Closing Celebration

- Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 AM

On Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 AM, you and your family are invited to the Closing Celebration Service and Brunch at Wesley. This is a special time to celebrate the week, give thanks, and remember that the love of Camp Able continues all year long.

Key Details For Your Week of Camp

Meals

Meals are part of the fun at Camp Able. You will usually sit with your counselor in a large group. Meals are served family-style, and campers are served first.

- Take your time while eating. Camp is not a race.
- Ask for help if you need it. Offer help when you are able.
- Eat a reasonable amount at a reasonable pace so you feel good for the rest of the day.
- Please thank the kitchen team and volunteer servers. Their kindness helps make camp possible.

Finding the Quiet

Camp can get loud at times. You are encouraged to bring your noise reducers (ear plugs, headphones), but please make sure they are labeled with your name.

A quiet room will be available when you need a break, a calm space, or time to reset. You can ask your counselor or a staff member if you need to use the quiet room. The quiet room should stay calm for everyone. After you feel ready, a counselor or staff member will help you return to the group.

Medicines, Nurses, and Medical Care

Your health and safety matter to us. If you take medicine during the camp day, your guardian will bring it to the medical team on registration day. Please do not keep medicine in your backpack, bin, pocket, or lunch bag.

The Camp Able medical team will keep medicines in the infirmary and give them at the correct times. Your counselor will know about the medical needs that help them support you safely.

If you need medical attention during camp, the medical team will help you. Your guardian will be contacted right away when needed.

How Do We Treat Each Other

Camp Able is a place where everyone should feel safe, respected, and included. We will help each other follow three simple words: Space, Sanctuary, and Support.

Space	We respect personal space and boundaries. Please ask before hugging, touching, sharing items, or helping with someone's body or belongings.
Sanctuary	We use kind words and treat each person with dignity. We honor the ways people communicate, including words, signs, gestures, devices, and quiet.
Support	We look out for each other. We stay with our group, include others, and help camp be safe, accessible, and fun for everyone.

Boundaries and Friendships

Camp Able is a place for friendship, encouragement, and community. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe.

- Please ask before giving a hug. Side hugs, high fives, fist bumps, waves, and kind words are great ways to greet people.
- Romantic relationships, flirting, exclusive pairings, and public displays of affection are not part of camp. This includes camper/camper and camper/counselor relationships.
- Counselors and staff are not required to share personal phone numbers, social media accounts, or private contact information with campers or families.
- If you feel uncomfortable, confused, upset, or unsafe, tell your counselor, group leader, or adult staff member. We will help you.
- If you need help using the restroom, an adult staff member will support you safely and respectfully according to camp procedures.

Photos and Daily Updates

We love celebrating camp memories. Each night, we will share a slideshow. Families will also receive a secure link or QR code to a shared photo folder so they can see photos from camp.

Counselors and camp photographers may upload photos during the week. Official communication and updates will come through Camp Able, not through individual counselor phones or social media accounts.



Camp Agreement Camp Able, Marco 2026

Hello! We are so happy your family will join us for Camp Able, Marco 2026! Together, we will create a safe and fully inclusive space where every camper can thrive, make friends, and build lasting memories.

To help us create this environment, **we ask that you and your parent or guardian review this document together before camp begins.** Please print and sign the last page of this agreement and bring it to registration.

I agree to practice:

Space: I will respect personal space and boundaries. I will ask before hugging, touching, sharing items, or helping someone.

Sanctuary: I will treat people with kindness and dignity. I will honor how each person communicates.

Support: I will look out for others, stay with my group, and help camp be safe, accessible, and fun.

I understand:

- Counselors and staff do not share personal phone numbers, social media accounts, or private contact information with campers or families.
- Official communication goes through Camp Able staff and the official camp contacts.
- Camp is a place for friendship and community. Romantic relationships, flirting, exclusive pairings, and public displays of affection are not part of camp.
- If I need help, feel uncomfortable, or have a concern, I can tell my counselor, group leader, medical team, or adult staff member.

Camper and Parent/Guardian Confirmation

We understand the expectations, guidelines, and community agreement We agree to follow them to create a space where everyone can thrive.

Camper's Signature or acknowledgement: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature or acknowledgement: _____

Date: _____