

September 17 - 19, 2026

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Gander Brook Christian Camp
27 Ganderbrook Lane Raymond, ME 04071
Tel: (207) 998-4369 (kitchen)

- From I95 N, take Exit 63 (Gray, ME)
- Turn left - West 202 W toward Windham
- Turn right onto Rt. 26A N.
- Continue straight onto Rt. 26 N/Shaker Rd
- Turn left onto N Raymond Rd
- Turn left onto Ledge Hill Rd
- Turn right onto Ganderbrook Ln.

OFF-CAMPUS LODGING

Poland Springs Resort (207) 998-4351 (@20 mi away)
Wolf Cove Inn (207) 998-4976 (@ 20 miles away)
Alyssa's Motel (207) 665-2223 (@ 12 miles away)
Dormir Hotel (207) 893-8870 (@ 15 miles away)
Fireside Inn & Suites (207) 774-5601 (@22 mi away)

*Additional options can be found on-line in
Auburn, Oxford, Lewiston, Poland, and Sebago
Lake, and through Air BnB and VRBO.*

FYI

Medical Notice: Please Note: No staffed medical personnel during retreats. For emergencies, call 911.

Christian Bookstore: The bookstore will be open during the day. Cash, Check, Credit Card accepted.

Canteen: Canteen will be open during breaks. Cash, Check or Venmo accepted. Venmo: Gander Brook Christian Camp @ GanderbrookCC

Drawing: Win a desirable item! \$5 donation per entry, proceeds support Ganderbrook.

Craft Sale Table: Craft & Other Items to donate, priced to sell. Cash, Check, or Venmo accepted: Venmo: Gander Brook Christian Camp @ GanderbrookCC . **Proceeds will benefit camp!**

MEAL MENU

Thursday Supper:

Soup (chicken veggie/ veggie with rice) and Salad bar, Linda's homemade rolls, Deanna's Sourdough, brownies and cookies for dessert.

Friday Breakfast:

Pancake Bar (topping options- fruit syrups, peanut butter, bananas, powdered sugar, etc) hardboiled eggs, bacon/sausage/ham, fruit.

Friday Lunch:

Taco Bar- salad fixings, beans, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, olives, salsa, guac, sour cream, corn chips, Mexican rice.

Friday Supper:

Baked Potato Bar (Idaho and sweet potato) scallions, broccoli, cheese, sauce, ham, bacon, butter, cheese, sour cream, possibly a meat like chili or pulled pork. Ice cream social for dessert.

Saturday Continental Breakfast:

Fruit, hard boiled eggs, breakfast breads/coffee cakes.

Saturday Brunch

French Toast Casserole, Egg Casserole, bacon/ham/sausage, muffins/coffee cakes, fruit.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING

Bible	Pillow/bedding
Notebook/Pen	Toiletries
Coffee mug	Rain gear
Water bottle	Layers of clothing
Phone charger	Flashlight
Portable charging block	Folding chair
Lap blanket	Hat/gloves



"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Meet Our Speaker



Melissa McFerrin

Sister McFerrin grew up in Missouri but now calls Tennessee home where she lives with her husband, Clay, and their son, Levi. They worship with the Chisholm Hills Church of Christ in Florence AL, where they are involved with the Hispanic ministry. She is a Freed Hardeman University graduate and currently works as the Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Women's Continuing Education at Heritage Christian University in Florence, AL. Melissa is an author and has contributed to publications of ladies' study materials such as *Portraits of God's People* as well as the book *In Christ Alone: A Look at Blessings in Ephesians 1*. Melissa loves reading, all things outdoors, crafts, and travel, especially mission trips.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 17

3:00-6:00 -Registration
6:00-7:00 -Supper, soup and salad bar
7:30- 9:00 Welcome Announcements/
Singing/Devo/Prayer

Friday September 18

8:00-8:45 -Breakfast, pancake bar
9:00-9:30-Singing/Announcements/Prayer
9:45-10:30 -Speaker
10:45-11:45-Breakout Sessions*
Noon-1:15 -Lunch, taco bar
1:30-2:00 -Singing/Announcements/Prayer
2:00-2:45 -Speaker
3:00-4:00 -Breakout Sessions*
3:45-5:00 -Break / Personal Time
5:15-6:15 -Supper, baked potato bar
6:30-7: -Singing/Announcements/Prayer
7:00- 7:45 -Speaker
8:00 - 8:30 - Skits
8:45 - 9:30 - Ice cream bar, bring your favorite
topping!

Saturday, September 19

7:00-8:30 - Pack, tidy cabin, light breakfast snacks
and coffee available in the lodge
8:45 - 9:15 -Announcements/Song/Prayer
9:30 - 10:30 - Brunch
10:45-11:30 - Speaker
11:45 -Noon - Acknowledgements/Prayer/Dismissal

Breakout Sessions: Choose from:

Discover Bible Study

- Learn a Bible Study method
- We will focus on study of scripture portions about light

American Sign Language workshop

- Presentation about the world of the deaf community/church.

- Learn common signs.
- Be a part of the talent show with an ASL presentation you have learned!
- Attendance at both breakout sessions is suggested.

Points of Light.

Share how God is working in your life. Use one of the suggestions

- Share a scripture that has helped you in a very practical way... maybe one that spoke to you in a specific situation.
- How did you get to know and choose Jesus?
- Share a magnificently answered prayer... for you or someone else.
- What has deepened your relationship with God/Jesus significantly?
- What qualities and deeds do you praise in our awesome, loving God?
- The New Testament says to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Share a song that has special meaning to you. Why?

Skit preparation.

- Have you prepared a skit to perform for the group on Friday night? Or, have you always wanted to but could never come up with an idea? Join this fun breakout session to either rehearse a skit you have prepared, or join a skit that the breakout session coordinator has prepared. You will perform the skit at the talent show Friday night!
- Attendance at both breakout sessions is expected.

Self Guided Breakout Session Activities (also available during free time)

- **Prayer walk** - at the ropes course behind the bookstore. Meditate on light scriptures.
- **Keepsake Craft session** - Create a memory of GBLR 2026. Cost \$5 for supplies, payable upon attendance at the session.
- **Coloring and Conversation** - adult coloring pages and pencils provided.

Frequently Asked Questions-

What is the physical space at Ganderbrook Christian Camp like?

Lodging – Cabins are cozy but rustic and without electricity. Girls' cabins closer to lodge, boys' cabins closer to Pavilion. Each cabin sleeps 11, 5 bunkbeds and 1 single bed. Dorm bedrooms contain 2 – 4 bunkbeds, 40 total beds. Dorm rooms are quite small but common space is roomy. All beds (cabin and dorm) have mattresses on raised wooden platforms. Mattresses accommodate twin bedding, or a sleeping bag is fine if this is your preference.

Bathrooms – There is a centrally located bathhouse in cabin areas, 6 toilet stalls and 4 shower stalls. Electricity is available, limited number of outlets. In the dorm there are 2 group and 2 private bathrooms. Toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap is provided

Pavilion – Large wood-structure where events take place. Cozy and rustic with paved floors, uninsulated. This is where your folding chair and lap blanket will be stationed. Don't forget to bring your flashlight with you, you will want to have it available when walking back to your lodging after Friday evening's activities.

What can be expected in terms of

weather? September is usually a beautiful weather month in Maine. It can be expected to be cold at night and in the morning. It can be in the 70s as well as in the 40s! Check the weather in Raymond, ME before you travel. If rain or cold are expected, plan outer- and footwear accordingly!

How are meals handled? Meals are served in the Lodge, cafeteria style, meal times as per the schedule. There is a snack table in the Lodge where you can take or leave a shared snack. Coffee and tea with milk, cream, nondairy creamer and a variety of sweeteners is always available in the lodge.

Arrival and registration. Upon arrival to the camp, check in at the registration desk in the Lodge to confirm your registration and to receive information about your lodging assignment. Since the Lodge is close to the Pavilion, it makes sense to drop off your folding chair and any other items you have brought for use during the main program (i.e., lap blanket, flashlight, hats/gloves/coat, Bible and notebook/pen, etc.) there before heading to your lodging assignment to set up your personal space and bedding.

Check out and departure. There is no need to formally check out from the retreat, once we are dismissed on Saturday at noon you are free to leave, although quite often there is quite a period of fellowship prior to departure. We would ask that you take the time to tidy up your surroundings in the Lodge, Pavilion, cabins or dorms, and bathrooms. Rooms/cabins should be swept and trash placed in large bins in the bathhouse. The mattresses on beds are to be left standing on their side on the bed platform, please and thank you!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee:

Postmarked by August 1 \$50.00

August 2-September 17 \$55.00

To Register:

go to **Ganderbrook.org** to complete
online registration and payment

or

mail check payable to GBLR along
with this registration form (please
complete both columns) to:

Gander Brook Ladies Retreat
c/o Linda Saffle, 11 Windsor Road,
Sandwich, MA 02563

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State,

Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Is this a New Email? Yes _____ No _____

Home Church: _____

INDICATE #1 and #2 Lodging Choice below:

Can you climb up straight ladder? Y / N _____

Do you need the dorm due to medical or
physical reason? Y / N _____

_____ Dorm _____ Girls Cabin _____ Boys Cabin

_____ I am bringing my own RV or Tent

_____ Off-site lodging (self-booking and pay)

REGISTRATION FORM

I Will Be at Camp for the Following Meals:

_____ Thursday supper

_____ Friday breakfast

_____ Friday lunch

_____ Friday supper

_____ Saturday brunch

I need the following option/s:

_____ Gluten-free

_____ Vegetarian

_____ Dairy-free

_____ Nut-free

Please note: We cannot honor every dietary
restriction. Feel free to bring supplemental food
(fridge is available in both the kitchen & dorm)

**If you have questions regarding food
allergies, contact Linda Sterner at:**
Thefudgelady56@protonmail.com

**__ Please check if you would like to participate
in a keepsake craft session, \$5 cost payable
upon attendance.**