CAMPING FAQ for MERLEFEST 2027

Wilkes YMCA and Rivers Edge Camping

Merlefest dates: Thursday, April 29 – May 2, 2027

- Online registration opens November 10th.
- CampLife Link for YMCA camping: YMCA Merlefest Camping
- CampLife Link for Rivers Edge camping: River Edge Camping
- YMCA Webpage for Merlefest: Merlefest Camping website link

River's Edge Camping - pricing is for Wednesday - Sunday

- SITES at Rivers Edge:
  - Tent sites $120
  - Pop up/Van camper $150
  - RVs – any size $180
  - YMCA Access band $ 75 per person; (gets full facility access)
- Rivers Edge camping check in will start at noon on Wednesday.
- Bath house onsite is available for all Rivers Edge campers.
- The address to use for mapping the campground is 1608 Industrial Drive Wilkesboro, NC 28697.
- There is bus transportation provided from the campground to the college on a regular schedule daily from opening to closing beginning 2 hours before gates open Thursday through the weekend.
- Campers must wear their RE wristband at all times and only cars with parking passes are allowed in the campground.
- One car per campsite. Extra parking along the runway.
- An RV site can include a canopy tent, but no additional tent camping at RV sites.
- It is primitive camping with no water or power, however, there is access to water hydrants throughout the campground, but not for hookups.
- There is no dumping tank at the campground but the port-a-jon vendor will pump tanks for $50 cash only.
- Campers staying over Sunday night must be gone from the campground by 9am, no exceptions.
- We reserve the right to charge a fee as well as refuse camping for the next
- Security guards onsite 24 hours per day.
- Fires available at RE campsites at all sites with the exception of the front facing large camper areas – no fire rings provided. Firewood for sale onsite.
- We do not offer refunds unless we have a waiting list, the festival is affected by something like COVID, or they can provide documentation to me for consideration.
- We are still working through the medical sites and will have that figured out by November 11th when camping goes on sale.

Wilkes YMCA Camping - pricing is for Thursday-Sunday *(Wed. & Sun. Night add-on available)*:

- YMCA Camping registration opens November 10th.
- Sites at Wilkes YMCA:
    - Tent site $135
    - Campfire site $155
    - Pop up camper $175 (NO MORE THAN 20ft)
    - Wednesday night $50 *add-on*
    - Sunday night $50 *add-on*
- Camping registration includes Thursday – Sunday. Can pay $50 to come in early (Wednesday) or $50 to stay over Sunday night.
- All Y campers should park in the back parking lot.
- Cars are able to drive on the track around the field to unpack, weather and safety permitting but have to be parked in our back lot.
- Shuttles available from Rivers Edge campground area for our Y campers.
- As a YMCA MerleFest Camper, they will be allowed to use the entire facility during regular operating hours. ***NOTE: Y hours are: Monday – Friday 5am – 8pm and Saturdays 8am – 6pm and Sundays 1pm – 6pm.***
- Merlefest campers will be allowed access Monday – Friday all operating hours, Saturdays 7am – 8am showers only, and Sunday 7am – 1pm, showers only.
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NOTE: Wilkes Community College Merlefest volunteers who camp at the Y or Rivers Edge get 10% off camping.