



IMPORTANT INFORMATION MERIDIAN DAY CAMP



PRIOR TO CAMP: You will receive a Parent Packet via snail mail the week prior to the session you have registered for. This packet will include a letter informing you about the camp themes and specific activities.

Your camper's counselor will give you a call the weekend before camp to introduce themselves, give you the group number and to answer any questions you may have.

ARRIVAL: Day Camp is located at Lake Meridian Park, 14800 SE 272nd St, Kent, WA 98042. Use the park entrances on 272nd St, after entering take the first left, camper check in will be located at the roundabout near the swimming area. You (or another adult) must sign-in your camper each day. Campers should be brought to camp as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. Please do not bring your camper any earlier than 8:45 a.m., as there will be no supervision before that time.

Please make sure your **Alternate Pickup** (this can be found in your Ultracamp account) lists all authorized drivers who may pick your child up. To add to your list throughout the week, please send a permission note. If there is anyone who IS NOT allowed to pick up your child, please be sure to provide the names at drop off on Monday. **Please be aware that you cannot leave your child on the first morning of camp without first signing them in.** This is for your child's safety and this policy will be strictly enforced.

DEPARTURE: Please pick up your camper promptly at 4:00 p.m. When picking up your camper, please park your vehicle and come to the check-out area, near where drop off was. Sign your child out. **You will be required to show a Photo ID every day at pick-up.**

EARLY DEPARTURE or LATE ARRIVAL: In the event that your camper must leave before the end of the camp day, please write out a permission note, stating the time your camper is to leave and the name of the person who will be picking up your camper. Please make sure to sign the permission note. If you know your child is going to miss a day of camp due to illness or other obligation or must check in late, please send a note the day before or call your child's counselor. You will receive a call from Headquarters' staff if your child is not at camp and we have not been notified of the absence. If your camper arrives late to camp, please sign him/her in at Headquarters.

LUNCH and WATER: Bring a healthy sack lunch and beverage every day. Every camper will have the opportunity to do some outdoor cooking but not every day. We recommend a sack lunch be brought even if your child's counselor has let you know the group will be cooking that day. A water bottle marked with your child's name is also a necessity. We strongly suggest that no soft drinks be packed in lunches.

NO NUTS: and peanut/nut products should be left at home. Several campers/staff attending this camp have severe allergies. Even the smell or a trace of peanut/nuts on something that has been touched by peanut/nut products may send them to the hospital. Please do not send peanut butter sandwiches, Snickers, snack bars, etc. Please remind your camper not to share food. **Nut butter sandwiches and other nut products that show up at camp will be thrown away and you will be called and asked to bring your child a different lunch.** Soy and seed (sesame, sunflower) butters are alright to send to camp.

MEDICATIONS: When possible, give medicines at home before leaving for camp. If medicine needs to come to camp this week, it MUST be in its ORIGINAL CONTAINER, and checked in immediately with our Site Director. Also, if your child takes any medication for A.D.D. or hyperactivity, please don't make this your camper's "week off" medication. Your child, and his/her volunteer counselor, will both have a better time if stability is maintained.

CLOTHING: Mornings are usually cool, so be sure your child wears/brings a sweatshirt or jacket. Dressing in layers so your camper can peel down as the temperature warms up is best. Remember the hat and apply sunscreen at home. Send sunscreen with your camper so they can reapply it if necessary. All campers must wear socks and **sturdy shoes with CLOSED heels and toes**. Sandals may be brought, but can only be worn while at the beach. Swimming will be an option, but not necessarily every day, campers who wish to swim should bring a swimsuit and towel. Please do not send your camper to camp in their swimsuit.

SWIMMING @ LAKE MERIDIAN: At least one day each session we will go swimming and play on the beach. Campers who cannot swim well can take the swim test with a life jacket. They will be required to always wear life jackets when swimming. Life jackets in children's and adult's sizes are provided by the camp. **The permission form for this event was included in registration.** Paper permission forms will be available at camp for any last minute permissions. Lake Meridian swim area is staffed by certified Lifeguards, in addition we will bring our own Lifeguard dedicated to the supervision of our campers.

LABEL ALL BELONGINGS: Please label your camper's belongings with his/her name. Need Labels? We have partnered with Mabel's labels, when you purchase labels from camps.mabelslabels.com and select **Camp Fire Day Camp (Central Puget Sound)** from the Select Your Camp list, a portion of the proceeds will be funding campers in need of financial aid.

WEATHER: We intend to hold camp every day, even if it is raining. In the event that the weather turns bad after the start of camp (a severe storm with lightening, high winds, a steady downpour of rain at the park), we will cancel camp and keep all campers inside the shelter while waiting to be picked up. In the event that camp will be cancelled for the day, you will be notified by phone. We are unable to provide make-up days in the event that camp is cancelled.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WEAPONS, and PERSONAL POSSESSIONS: Your child is prohibited from using alcohol or drugs and/or being under the influence while participating in Camp Fire activities. Current state law prohibits those under age 18 from possessing tobacco products. Remember: leave cell phones, video games, pocket knives, personal sporting equipment, and valuables at home: don't bring anything to camp that you would really miss if lost or damaged.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Campers are not allowed to carry cell phones at camp. If you would like your camper to have a phone at camp it must be checked in and left at Head Table (headquarters). Cell phones distract from the experience of camp, so please, leave them at home. Our counselors are allowed to carry phones for emergency purposes only.

PETS: For everyone's sake, including your dogs, we ask you to leave your dog and other pets at home or in the car when you come to camp to pick up or drop off your camper.

COUNCIL FIRE: A Camp Fire tradition is the ceremonial Council Fire, which will be held Friday afternoon at 3:20 p.m. All parents are encouraged to join us for our Council Fire and recognition ceremony.

PRE-CAMP PHONE CALL: Your child's counselor will call you Saturday or Sunday before the start of camp to speak with you and your child. This is your child's opportunity to get acquainted, get excited about camp, and learn how to find his/her counselor Monday morning. This will be YOUR chance to **get the know your campers counselor**, ask about arrival and departure sign out, and share details about your camper that will help the counselor work most effectively with your child. Please share any recently developed medical conditions that weren't on the registration form.

