

Spring 2019



Dear Camp Fire Volunteer,

You are receiving this letter because you have been a Camp Fire Day Camp volunteer in past summers, or have already registered to be a volunteer this year. If you have registered, thank you! If you haven't registered yet, please do so today so you can be part of the wonderful experience we will create together for our campers (see instructions on registering below). Day Camp depends on volunteers to help campers develop lifelong friendship skills, learn teamwork, have fun, experience the natural world, and stay safe! It is also an opportunity for the volunteers to develop additional skills that help them continue their education, become better parents, increase job skills, and have fun alongside the campers!

Please mark your calendar! Blyth Day Camp, July 22nd – 26th, 2019

Times: Day camp starts for volunteer staff at 8:50 a.m. every day and runs until the last camper is picked up, the site is clean and the gear is packed and stored (usually around 3:45 p.m.). If you are responsible for a family member or neighbor who is a camper, they may come at the same time with you. We will have a plan for their care while we are getting ready for the day, and after camp.

Camp Theme: This year our theme is *Rhodie Coyote's Search for the Secret Ingredient*. Here are the exciting activities our planning committee has planned for camp this year:

🗨️ **Monday: Mix Trail Day (color day):** Today, our campers will be creating their own special trail mix. Campers and counselors/LEADs should dress in their group color.

🗨️ **Tuesday: Pie Iron Chef Day:** We will begin our Pie Iron Pizza Contest today to determine which group can make the tastiest pie iron pizza. Both a savory and sweet pizza will be selected. We will begin canoeing for campers 4th grade and up.

🗨️ **Wednesday: Tools of the Trail Day (Sleep Over and Extended Day):** Each station will highlight a cooking tool and incorporate it into the station's activities. There will also be a cooking tool identification and naming contest at HQ. We will be having the extended day, ending at 8:00 pm, for campers going into 4th grade and the overnight for campers going into the 5th grade and above. We will have a second day of canoeing.

🗨️ **Thursday: Power Up and Power Through (Pajama and Crazy Hair Day):** We might be exhausted from the over-night, but we still have lots of fun planned! If it's the day after the over-night, it must be CRAZY HAIR DAY! For our overnights there is no need to change out of PJs. Our other campers can show their spirit by also wearing PJs this day. The Bothell Fire Department will swing by camp to spray our willing campers. We will have a third day of canoeing for campers 4th grade and above.

🗨️ **Friday: Game of Scones:** In order to celebrate the week, our Counselors in Training (CITs) will plan and run our Game of Scones. Of course, we will have the always-popular dunk tank for counselors. We will also have counselor roast in the morning and a special roast of Quinoa during our Council Fire/Closing Ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend the Council Fire beginning at 2:20 pm.

Training: Training is required for all staff, both new and returning in order to conduct safe, high quality programs, in compliance with American Camp Association (ACA) standards of accreditation. Training time is also included in the total service hours you receive as a volunteer.

You are required to attend 2 training sessions:

1. One off-site training (an indoor training that covers child development, safety, policies and procedures). You are expected to read and learn the contents of the Staff Manual you receive there; AND
2. Our camp's on-site training at Blyth Park (an outdoor training held rain or shine that covers specific information for our camp, with practice of safety drills, and time to plan with your work team).

Off-Site (Indoor) Training Options: Select the training you will attend during volunteer registration.

Attend only ONE of these trainings (your choice).

Training Date	Time	Location
Saturday, May 11 th	1:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Broadview Library
*Saturday, May 18 th	1:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Bothell First Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 25 th	1:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Ballard First Lutheran Church
Saturday, June 1 st	12:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Shoreline Library
Sunday, June 2 nd	1:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Issaquah Library
Saturday, June 8 th	1:15 pm -5:00 pm	Broadview Library
Sunday, June 9 th	1:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Ballard First Lutheran Church
Monday, June 24 th	4:45 pm – 8:30 pm	Bellevue Library
Thursday, June 27 th	3:45 – 7:30 pm	Ballard Library

* This is the training I will attend. If you are a new Blyth Day Camp volunteer please plan to attend the Bothell training if you are able, so that I can meet you in person.

IMPORTANT: Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Bring a pencil or pen to write with.

On-Site Training: Saturday July 20th, 9:30am – 4:00pm at Blyth Park. The park is located at 16950 Riverside Drive, Bothell, 98011. Please bring a sack lunch, your staff manual, a pen or pencil and your phone if you have one.

Registration Link: Here is the registration link for those who have not already registered: <https://campfireseattle.org/camp-fire-day-camps/our-day-camps/blyth-park/>

- Adult Volunteer Staff are those 18 and over. Full-time adult volunteers are *guaranteed* a place for all their children at camp, even if it has a waitlist. Adults also receive a significant discount for their camper's registration fees.
- Teen Volunteer Staff
 - L.E.A.D. – teens entering 9th – 10th grade in Fall 2019
 - Teen Counselor – teens entering 11th – 12th grade in Fall 2019

Your registration is important to our planning. Once we have your commitment, we'll know how many campers we can accept, as each Teen Counselor or Adult volunteer makes it possible to enroll 6-8 kids. So, please register! If you need registration assistance, please contact Michael McGrath, *Member Services Manager*, at 206 826 8937.

I look forward to working with you this summer at camp!

Sincerely,

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