

Summer 2019

Hi Fly Fishing RAD Camper,

My name is Liesl Schnibbe and I am Big Lake Youth Camp's RAD associate director. I'm so excited you have chosen to spend a week of your summer with the RAD team. You are registered for Fly Fishing RAD Camp, July 21-28, 2019. You will stay in the cabins at Big Lake Youth Camp (BLYC) during your week of camp and make day excursions out to fish. Please make sure to have your parents sign the RAD Consent form as you will need to be transported away from camp during the day.

In this camp you will begin your journey to fishing bliss by learning to cast in still lake waters then adventure to some secret and wild river areas to enhance your cast. After learning the bugs of the river, you will create your own flies to attract fish. The Deschutes River will be our destination, while being coached by some of the most inspiring, knowledgeable and fun fishermen in the field. You will need to come on Sunday with your fishing license for Monday-Friday of that week. You will mainly be fishing for Trout with maybe some Bass. If you have your own fishing waders and wading boots, please bring them. You do not need your own fishing rod, but you are welcome to bring one if you have it.

Summer in central Oregon is hot and the sun is intense. Your RAD Camp instructors and counselors will do their best to minimize the group's time in the sun, but hydration and sun protection are extremely important while being outdoors in these conditions. Please be sure to pack a hat and water bottle as included on the packing list plus a UV blocking long-sleeved hooded shirt. The Big Lake store does sell them if you cannot find one before coming up to camp. It is important you come to camp prepared with everything on the packing list. Also, please bring light warm layers of clothing. Even in the summers, it can get chilly and wet in central Oregon. Cotton is the worst type of clothing to bring because it holds water and will not insulate when wet. Please make sure that the clothes you plan to wear while on the trail are not cotton.

If your parents need to reach you while you are away from camp, your counselor will always have a cell phone and your parents can reach them by calling (503) 805-2267.

If you have any questions concerning your RAD Camp, curriculum, packing or gear, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely,

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