



Dear Solar Eclipse Camp Campers,

I am so excited to spend next week with your campers as we see a once in a lifetime event. The last total solar eclipse to take place over the U.S. was in 1918, this will be a trip to remember. Thousands (230,000 estimated) of people are expected to be making their way to Madras, Oregon to watch the eclipse, we have been planning this trip to be ready for as many possible things that could happen along the way. The toughest of things will be the long hours we may spend in the vans, although we have planned games and activities kids are always excited when we are on a road trip. During the trip we will have access to my cell phone (541-210-6147) although there has been some concern about cell service going down with that many people around so we are asking that you let us reach out to you instead of you reaching out to us. We also have a radio to be used to talk with local law enforcement if needed. We do ask that you **leave all electronics at home** but you are welcome to bring reading material for time we may spend on the road. Please make sure you pack a lunch on the first day, all other meals will be provided.

On Sunday, we will be leaving for Madras, Oregon to view the eclipse from the zone of totality. The entire trip will be over seen by YMCA staff. We will be camping and cooking each night and staying on a piece of private property and using the restroom at a local church. If your camper has any special medical conditions or food issues please contact Gary Taylor so that we can plan all meals and activities appropriately.

Please be at the YMCA Main Facility (522 West Sixth Street, Medford, OR 97501) on Sunday August 20 at or before 10:00am, we will begin check-in that morning at 9:30am so we can hit the road as soon as possible as we are expecting a lot of traffic along the way. We will be back to the YMCA on Wednesday at 5:00pm. Please make sure you pack all the items listed below, eat a complete breakfast before dropping off and **pack a sack lunch** for the first day. The YMCA will be providing all food (**except lunch the first day**), camping, and group equipment needed for this adventure. You will also need to bring a completed overnight camp health form which can be found on the website (www.rvymca.org).

Any questions or concerns contact to Gary Taylor, 541-210-6147 or gtaylor@rvymca.org.

Sincerely,

Flame "Gary Taylor"
Camp & Sports Director

Packing List

This list is only a suggested list of the items that you will need, if you do not see something on this list and you think you need it make sure to pack it as well. Leave electronics at home!

DON'T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!

Bedding:

sleeping bag and pillow

2 pairs of shoes –

Flip Flops or sandals and a closed toed **sturdy** pair please

Clothing:

2 pair of pants

3 pairs of shorts

Swimsuit (2 might be nice)

4 t-shirts

1 sweatshirt

5 pairs underpants and socks

1 pair of PJ's or something to sleep in

bag for dirty clothes

Personal Items:

deodorant

lip balm

SUNSCREEN

bug repellent

toothbrush and toothpaste

1 towel

Other Items:

flashlight (fresh batteries)

water bottle

sunglasses (Optional)

small backpack for day use

reading material for time spent in the cars

disposable camera (Optional)

Please pack in soft bags, no hard shell suitcases or bags, it makes it easier to pack everyone's stuff together.