

Dear Rafting Camp 2018 Participants,

I am so excited for our adventure on the Rogue River. It is going to be a very exciting trip as long as the smoke clears up enough, although smoke levels have been getting better all this week.

**Smoke Disclaimer:** The YMCA intends to run all of the camps we have offered this summer but in order to keep campers safe it may be required to cancel the camp as a result of the smoke levels. I am watching these levels closely every day and we will make the final decision at noon on the day before we leave. A decision will not be made any earlier as the smoke conditions change quickly. If the YMCA cancels the camp a full refund will be issued (even though the YMCA has already incurred expenses for the camp). Notice of cancellation will be made by email, on the day before the camp begins.

We will be meeting on Monday at 8:00am at the YMCA Main Facility to go over trip details and get packed for our adventure. We will then head to Shady Cove to pack the rafts and meet with the rafting company to be shuttled to Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery. We will float on Monday to Rogue Elk Park and enjoy dinner and fun before we head off Tuesday Morning to Dodge Bridge Area and conclude on Wednesday as we raft to Tou Velle State park. The entire trip will be over seen by YMCA lifeguards trained in waterfront rescue and with guides experienced in floating the Rogue River. This is sure to be a few days, worth remembering.

If your child has any special dietary needs please contact Gary Taylor as soon as possible.

Please be at the YMCA Main Facility (522 West Sixth Street, Medford, OR 97501) on Monday August 6 at 8:00am, we will be returning to the YMCA on Wednesday August 8 at 5:00pm. Please make sure you pack all the items listed below and don't forget **a lunch on Monday morning** (all other meals are provided). Do not pack lunches in reusable lunchboxes as things too easily get lost rafting. We will provide a dry bag for your child's lunch and require that it comes packed in a Ziploc or plastic grocery store bag.

Any questions or concerns to Gary Taylor, 541-210-6147 or [gtaylor@rvymca.org](mailto:gtaylor@rvymca.org).

Sincerely,

"Flame" Gary Taylor

## 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. **DON'T FORGET TO LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!**

### Bedding:

- sleeping bag and pillow

### Clothing:

- 1 pair of pants
- 2 pairs of shorts (Swimsuit style fine, as we will be wet)

- 1 pair of sandals (Flip Flops Not Allowed) or closed toed watershoes
- 2 t-shirts
- 1 sweatshirt
- Few pairs underpants and socks
- 1 pair of PJ's or something to sleep in
- Hat to be worn on river
- 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
- disposable camera (optional)

**LUNCH** – you need to pack a sack lunch on the first day

Please pack in soft bags, no hard shell suitcases or bags.