

Priest Camp Overnighter

This letter contains information regarding the overnight activity for Priest age young men and their leaders. This activity will begin on Monday, June 21st right after check-in for most stakes. The activity will begin with a hike of approximately 8.5 miles to a location up in the mountains about 5500 ft altitude. This is about a 3000 ft elevation change over the 8.5 miles. The hike is a beautiful hike and is not a difficult hike, but could be challenging if those participating are not in decent shape. For this reason, we are encouraging all who are participating to use the next 21/2 weeks to get in better condition if needed.

You will need to bring a camp chair which will be dropped off at the trail head and hauled up for you.

You will also need to carry a backpack with the following items:

sleeping bag (it will get cold at night)

tent or other shelter

tarp (for use over or under tent)

warm clothes (it will get cold at night)

rain gear (there is a good chance it will be rainy)

canteen or water bottle filled up for the hike (there are a couple of streams on the way, if you use them, you will need some type of water purification)

snacks or trail mix for the hike

Leaders, if you have a GPS, that is a helpful thing to take with you.

Each group should carry a first aid kit.

You will note that you don't have to carry food or cooking supplies. The meals will be hauled up and served at the location of the activity. The packs, therefore, shouldn't be too heavy for boys or leaders.

Upon arrival, there will be some high adventure activities for the young men, including black powder rifle shooting, tomahawk throw, slacklining, and various C.O.P.E. activities. Following dinner in the evening, we will have a program featuring Brother Mike McPheters, author of "Agent Bishop."

In the morning, we will have breakfast, then a morningside program with President Belnap of the Washington Kennewick Mission. After that, those who didn't get enough participation in the activities will be able to do so, with the rest leaving back down the trail.

We will have a few more specific details to follow, but hopefully this is enough information to begin making preparations for this activity for the Priest age young men. We are looking forward to this event and are excited to have the young men and their leaders participate.

Priest Overnight Activity Planning Committee