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2017 Hunter's Path Overnight Camp

We are looking forward to a week of adventure and learning with your teen at *Linne Doran* (Pond of the Otter), home of Wilderness Awareness School.

Schedule Sunday 1:00 PM – Friday 4:00 PM

Please join us at 3:00 on Friday for a closing circle – this is a valuable time for campers to share their experiences and start the transition from an intense and exciting week back into daily life with you, their family. A staff member will meet you in the **Parking area at Coho Ridge** at 2:45 am and direct you to the location of the closing circle. This circle will last until around 4pm, at which time the week will be officially completed. If you are unable to attend the closing circle, please plan to be at Linne Doran no later than 4pm on Friday to pick up your child.

Location

Our Land (Coho Ridge and Linne Doran) is located about fifteen minutes outside of Duvall in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Hunter's Path is based at **Coho Ridge**. It takes an hour to get to our land from Seattle without traffic.

You can find a map and driving directions on our website [HERE](#).

Our land address is: **20410 320th Ave NE, Duvall, WA 98019**

A WAS shuttle is available from the SEATAC airport for an additional fee each way. The Shuttle van departs the airport at 11:30 AM Sunday and returns by 5:30 PM Friday. You can sign up for the shuttle during online registration or by emailing or calling the office.

Please call our office at (425) 788-1301 with any questions.

To warm summer days,

Mike Prince
Summer Program Director
Wilderness Awareness School

Hunter's Path Overnight Camp

Important Information

Facilities:

Basecamp at our Land, Coho Ridge or Linne Doran: Campers will set up their tents in separate areas for boys and girls. Facilities include an indoor toilet and sink, several port-a-potties and two outdoor showers. Use of the showers is very limited due to the slow recharge of our well in the summer. It is possible that we will need to eliminate showers altogether in order to have sufficient water for cooking and drinking. Supervised wading is available in our wild pond. No soap of any kind is allowed in our pond.

Food:

We will provide all meals and snacks during camp, beginning with dinner on Sunday and ending with lunch on Friday. Campers will be expected to wash their own dishes and be a part of food preparation and kitchen cleanup groups. We see this as an important part of living and working together and an opportunity for developing group cohesion and cooperation.

We provide healthy food and serve organic fare as much as possible, particularly with regard to meat and dairy products. We plan our menu and make our food orders prior to our summer season and are unable to accommodate last-minute requests.

Because of our local squirrels and mice, ***keeping food in tents is not an option.*** In general, we ask that campers NOT bring their own snacks. If your child has a medical condition that necessitates that they do so, please contact us well in advance so that we can make food storage and access arrangements with our cook and instructors. We will gladly accommodate this for medical reasons only.

Wild Foods:

In our survival overnight camps we look for opportunities for our students to have the experience of sampling wild foods. This experience will include opportunities to correctly identify and gather edible plants and how to safely prepare them for eating. There may be opportunities for them to experience fishing and/or hunting bullfrogs and potentially gathering edible invertebrates. All experiences will include how to correctly identify species and how to comply with the rules and regulations governing the collection of these species. We will also include how to humanely and respectfully take the life of these animals and how to safely prepare and cook them. All of these activities will be optional and if you have any concerns or questions about these opportunities please talk to the camp director at check in. We will work with you to ensure that your child's experiences are within the boundaries of what you believe to be safe and appropriate for your family.

Fish and Frog Harvest Option: Participants may be presented with the opportunity to learn about and experience the respectful and responsible "harvest" of fish and Bullfrogs. We provide this opportunity because it is not only an important skill for survival in the wild, but it also provides an opportunity for deeper connection with a source of food. Teens 16 and over will need a WA fishing license to legally fish.

Mammal Harvest Option: Participants will be presented with the opportunity to learn about and experience the respectful and responsible "harvest" of a mammal. Typically we use a rabbit, and sometimes a goat, calf or sheep. We provide this opportunity because it is not only an important skill for survival in the wild, but it also provides an opportunity for deeper connection with the source of food many of us eat in our daily lives. It is humbling to experience first hand that other living things must die for us to live. This is an edge-pushing experience for many, and we strive to infuse it with the utmost respect for life, death and the wide range of emotions. By registering for this camp, Parents are giving their permission for this activity. At camp, teen participants will then be given the choice of how to participate and to what degree. Animal harvest is an integral part of Hunter's Path Camp. You can contact us with any questions at all about this sensitive topic.

Medical Information:

Because of our semi-remote location and the overnight nature of this camp, it is absolutely vital that we have *complete* medical information and history for all of our participants. Please let us know about any concerns you have or changes to your child's medical information or health.

Please bring any medications for your child in a ziplock bag with name and instructions. We will keep them secure and help remind participants to take their medications when needed.

Communication during Camp:

There is no reliable cell phone reception at Linne Doran, and we ask that participants **leave cell phones and all electronics at home**. Our phone line at Linne Doran is for use by staff only in case of emergency. Please do not expect to receive any calls from your child during the week. For many families, this week at camp is the first time campers have been away from home for so long. We are used to working with children during this exciting and sometimes challenging time and are honored to be a part of their lives during this experience.

If you need to contact us during camp, please call our office at 425-788-1301. Please realize that we cannot call or email individual parents to provide updates on how your child is faring.

Important Gear Tips:

Tent: Waterproof, with a ground tarp, *and your teen needs to know how to set it up before you arrive at the start of camp*. Please practice at home. Instructors will be available to help campers set up tents, but not to do it for them. If your teen is coming to camp with a friend or makes a new friend, they are encouraged to share a tent. Tents can be rented at the Seattle REI.

Sleeping Bag and Ground Pad: Nights can be chilly at Linne Doran, even during the summer. Please make sure your child has a warm bag. Keeping a bag dry can be a challenge for campers if the weather turns damp. Neither down or cotton provide adequate warmth if they get wet, and can be very unpleasant. ***Please make sure that your child's sleeping bag is made of entirely synthetic material.***

Clothing: Cotton is great for warm, dry days. We recommend clothes made of polypropylene, "fleece", other synthetics, or wool for wet, cool conditions. Cotton loses all of its ability to insulate when it is wet, and can lead to hypothermia. We require that all campers bring several

top and bottom layers, and socks, which are not made of cotton. Some cotton clothing as per the gear list is fine.

Hiking Shoes: Please make sure that the sturdy hiking shoes your camper brings are well “broken in” prior to camp. New boots can cause blisters, which range from merely very uncomfortable to having a serious impact on ability to participate. We will be covering a lot of ground both off and on trail, and potentially walking through swampy, marshy areas.

Knives: Please send your teen with a sharp, fixed-blade knife with sheath and with a blade 4” or shorter. NO SERRATION. Serrated blades are not good for carving projects and are difficult to sharpen. Knife safety will be taught, and campers will be supervised in their use. Folding “pocket” knives are not allowed at our camps.

- *Morakniv Companion in orange* is the knife we recommend and sell with registration and at camp.

Hunter’s Path Gear Notes:

1.) **Wool Blanket** - Teens will need a sturdy wool blanket that can get dirty. It doesn’t need to be 100% wool, but avoid cotton. 70 – 80% Wool blended with some nylon or polyester is fine. Military surplus stores are good places to shop if you don’t have one. Earth tones are needed so this blanket can be used as camouflage.

2.) **Archery Gear** – (optional) Campers will learn archery shooting safety and techniques using our bows. We will supply all equipment. Your teen may bring their own archery equipment if they already have a bow and arrows and want to be able to use them at camp. All equipment must be safety checked by our staff and used only under staff supervision.

3.) **Fishing Gear** – (optional) Fishing gear for lakes and ponds is welcome. We will go on a fishing trip at least once during the week. Teens can make primitive gear

4.) **Clothing for stalking and hiding** – Bring earth tone clothing and foot wear that is quiet and allows for free movement through the woods.

Gear List: Hunter's Path Overnight Camp

All gear should fit into a backpack or large duffle bag campers can carry a short distance.

Required Gear:

Small **waterproof** tent – *please make sure you and your child know how to set this up*

Sleeping bag – *synthetic*

Sleeping pad – insulation from the ground

Toiletries and personal medication

Towel

Sunscreen and/or Sun Protection

Insect repellent

Outdoor Clothing – consider earth tones and quiet clothing for stealthy movement in woods

- sturdy pants
- shorts
- wool and/or polar fleece layer (top and bottom)
- warm jacket
- rain jacket and pants, or poncho
- warm hat
- swimming suit
- water shoes – shoes or sandals that can get wet and muddy
- socks (including some non-cotton)
- underwear

Hiking boots or shoes – *see description above*

Basecamp Shoes – *extra shoes for lounging around camp. Close-toed sneakers are best.*

Cup or mug

Spoon and fork

Bowl and Plate

2 sturdy Tupperware containers - *labeled with name and big enough to carry a hearty lunch and snacks into the field.*

2 sturdy 1-liter water bottles – *stainless steel or “nalgene” style is best. Please, no bottled-water.*

Day Pack – *should be large enough to carry lunch, water, and some extra clothing.*

Journal (paper notebook)

Pens and Pencils

Plastic garbage bag or pack cover - large enough to cover your bag. For rain protection.

Flashlight

Knife (**must** be 4” or less **fixed blade w/sheath**). **No serration, No Folding blades KNIVES.**

Wool Blanket

Optional gear:

Pillow

“Crazy Creek” type camp chair

Long underwear

Binoculars

Musical instruments

Biodegradable Soap

Hydration pack (i.e. Camelbak) – Still need to bring water bottles

Fishing Gear

Archery Gear

*Please leave behind electronic games, cell phones, and other unnecessary items!