



Dear Parents:

Thanks for your interest in Smith Rock Climbing Camp 2008! We know that if your son or daughter comes to our camp, they will improve their climbing skills and have a great time, too! Camp dates for the summer of 2008 are July 12th thru July 26th. The cost of the camp is \$2,200.

Please be advised that Smith Rock Climbing Camp is a camp for experienced climbers. Unfortunately, we can't allow beginners in the camp just because it is a camp for kids who have been climbing and are climbing addicts!

The philosophy of our camp is as follows: This camp is very laid back, relaxed and not overly structured. It is designed like a two week "road trip", climbing all the time and going to the local river on rest days to swim and ride the zip line. The kids' climbing will improve because they'll be doing so much of it. We will, of course, help them out with whatever they want to improve in their personal climbing. Also, we will introduce them to things they might not have done like trad climbing or aid climbing. Just don't be expecting your camper to attend regularly scheduled clinics and workshops because that's not our style. It's not about teaching, it's about learning by doing, and "doing" with experienced adult climbers who are highly trained and skilled. That's the way we believe they learn the most.

The following is a list of the forms to be filled out and returned to us. Please mail the forms instead of faxing. We need original signatures. Mailing address is: **1136 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond, OR 97756**. This is the address for you to use for mail and packages that you may want to send during camp. **Please keep a copy of the Transportation Information and the original of the Things to Bring List. You will need to refer to these after paperwork has been submitted.**

A map showing the **Smith Rock picnic area, where we meet at the beginning of camp and Redpoint Climbers Supply, where campers are to be picked up after camp.**

A list of "Things to Bring"

Application form

Transportation information

Dietary information

Release of Liability

Helmet Waiver

Lead Climbing Waiver (sign and return only if camper is advanced enough to lead climb)

Letter of Agreement

Please note: If your son or daughter is flying in, please try to make airline reservations at least three months in advance of the camp. Your flight must go into Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle or San Francisco in order to catch the Alaska/Horizon or United shuttle into Redmond. The shuttles into Redmond are very small planes with limited seating. Delta has a flight from Salt Lake City directly into Redmond. **It is mandatory that a printed version of the flight itinerary is received in our office. This should be stapled to the Transportation Information page. If there are changes in the itinerary other than what we have in the office, you must be sure to let us know, in writing, what the change is, and we must also approve the change.**

The Helmet Waiver always turns out to be an issue in the camp. When top roping at Smith Rock, where there is no danger of rock fall above, helmets are not necessary. They are also unnecessary when bouldering, since we don't let the kids get very high off the ground and they always have a spotter. If you want your son or daughter to wear a helmet at all times, you must be sure that they are responsible for being sure that they wear it. It's unfair to ask the guides to keep track of who has a waiver signed and who doesn't with 14 kids involved. They try their best, but they are busy trying to manage a climbing area safely. We do require that all kids wear helmets when lead climbing. If you would like to discuss this further, or need more information, please call me at 1-800-325-5462.

We are again inviting you and the rest of the family to join us for pizza in the park on the first day of camp. Thanks again for contacting us and we hope to see you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,
Carol Simpson
Camp Director