

**Welcome to Maple Valley Girl Scout Daycamp**  
**August 5th to August 9th, 2019**

**Unit**

**Your Daughter's Leaders are:**

**Flag Ceremony:** is on ... Please bring your Girl Scout vest or sash for the ceremony if you have one!

**Your Daughter's Photo Day will be: Monday**

**Please read entire email. It contains important camp information**

**Check-In Registration Sunday time 5 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Come and meet you unit leaders, get your camp shirt and please bring or be prepared to complete any missing forms. We have a lice check requirement that will be done during Sunday night check-in or at camp on Monday morning. We would like to recommend that if your last name starts with A-M that you come in the first 45 minutes and N-Z can come the last 45 minutes. Many people come right at 5 pm and this creates longer lines.**

**The following information will help make Day Camp successful for your daughter.**

**LOCATION:**

Camp is located at the Royal Arch Park, 20821 Maple Valley Highway, Maple Valley WA 98308. The park is located on Maple Valley Hwy/ Highway 169. It is about 1 ½ miles West past M.V. Market & the Shell station. Coming from Maple Valley it will be on the left hand side. When leaving the park, you will only be permitted to turn right. This is for your safety.

**DROP OFF & PICK UP:**

**We are trying something new for pick up this year.** We are asking people with last names that start with A-M to come at 4 pm and people with last names that start with N-Z to come at 4:15 pm. This is not a requirement; it is just a request. For those of you new to camp, it is a challenge to go through this process with 200 campers and we are trying to make it so parents aren't sitting in their cars so long. Cars will be placed in lines as they arrive and will be sent through the pick-up circle in that order. Please do not leave without signing your child out. There will be volunteers out there directing traffic. Please be patient with this process. Safety is one of our most important concerns. On Sunday you will be given a colored paper that has your daughter's unit number on it. If you can place this on your dash or window where it is easily visible that will help to speed up the process. The drop off process will remain the same.

As always, **CARPPOOLING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**

**For the safety of the campers, please no cell phone usage while in the waiting area and the pick-up circle!!!**

Campers will only be released to adults listed on the “Parent Safety Agreement” release form. The adult listed on this form must show **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION** and will be required to sign for the camper they are picking up. For your camper’s safety **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you want to make changes to your Parent Safety Agreement you can do that on Sunday during our check-in registration. Also **please print legibly** so that we can read them if there is any question as to who picked up your child that day.

### **DROP OFF TIMES:**

Monday, Aug. 5: Drop off starts at 8:20 am, flag will begin at 8:30 am  
Tuesday, Aug. 6: Drop off starts at 8:20 am, WIDE GAMES see below  
Wednesday, Aug. 7: Drop off starts at 8:20 am  
Thursday, Aug. 8: Drop off starts at 12:50 pm, flag will begin at 1:00 pm  
Friday, Aug. 9: Drop off time starts at 8:20 am for the Units 1, 2, and 3 and also for any Unit 4, 5, and 6 campers who did not spend the night on Thursday at camp

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Wednesday, Aug. 7: Pick up starts at 4:00pm  
Thursday, Aug. 8: Pick up for units 1, 2 and 3 will start at 7:00 pm  
Friday, Aug. 9: Pick up starts at 3:00pm

### **SPECIAL THURSDAY PROGRAM:**

Thursday, August 10th – camp will run from 1:00pm until 7:00pm. **Please have your child eat lunch prior to coming to camp on Thursday.**

Your daughter will either be cooking dinner with her unit or you will be asked to send her with a sack dinner for Thursday night. Your daughter’s unit leader will let you know which dinner option your daughter will be doing. Campers from units 1, 2 and 3 will go home at 7:00 pm and will come back to camp on Friday morning at 8:30 am.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT CAMPOUT (Units 4, 5 and 6):**

All campers from units 4, 5, and 6 have the opportunity to camp out overnight with their leaders, parent volunteers and Aides. All campers are responsible for supplying, setting up, and taking down their own tents. Parents will need to coordinate the supply of tents with the other campers in your daughters unit. For Friday morning, breakfast will either be cooked in their unit or you will be asked to provide a sack breakfast. Your daughters’ unit leader will let you know which breakfast option your daughter will be doing.

## **GIRLS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES:**

As many of you know, there are more and more kids with severe food allergies. We have some campers with life threatening allergies to nuts. While we don't feel like we can eliminate nuts at camp all together there are some things that we can all do to make it a safer environment for these campers. Campers with food allergies have been placed into "A" units, ex. 1A, 2A, etc. If your daughter is in one of these units, we ask that you do not send any nut products to camp. If this is not possible, your daughter will be asked to choose a friend to go with her and they will eat at the tables with the "B" units. Please let the unit leader know if your daughter has any food with nuts in her lunch so that we can keep the lunches separate.

One of the most common problems with the nut allergies are when someone with a trace of peanut butter touches a table or a chair. If someone with a nut allergy were to use that table or chair and touch the trace amount it could cause a severe reaction. The campers, adults and program aides will be instructed to wash their hands and their lips before and after eating lunch. Please discuss the importance of this with your camper.

Here is the list of snacks that the camp will be providing. Research has been done to ensure that these food items are safe for our campers with allergies. If your daughter does not like any of these snacks, or you are worried about their safety, please feel free to send a different snack option from home. This list is subject to change based on availability. All snacks will be purchased at Costco.

Monday – Girl Scout cookies and popcorn  
Tuesday- Ice Cream bars and Popsicles and veggie straws  
Wednesday – Grapes and Goldfish or Cheez its  
Thursday – Utz Pub Mix  
Friday – Fruit snacks

As you can imagine, the amount of garbage that is created in a week of camp from 400 people is tremendous to say the least. Anything you can do to send less waste in the camper's lunches is greatly appreciated. We will be recycling and composting at camp.

**Medication at camp** – If you need us to give over the counter medication to your child at camp, we need to have a signed **Parental Permission Form**. If you need us to give prescription medication to your child at camp, we need a **Medical Provider Permission Form**. The forms are available on our website. Any medication brought to camp needs to be in its original container. This policy also pertains to inhalers and epi pens. If you have a permission slip signed by the doctor for the school, that will work also.

Our nurse will also be doing a lice check at camp this year. With the increasing problems that all Girl Scout camps are having, we have decided that we must begin administering a lice check at the beginning of camp. Any camper that is found to have lice will be sent home and rechecked by the nurse before they are allowed back to camp. This will be done discreetly and confidentially.

**Volunteer led camp** – Please keep in mind that this camp is run completely by volunteers.

Some of our volunteers take time off of work to be here to provide excellent program for the girls. Many of our volunteers have been working at our camp for years. Our volunteers attend many hours of trainings prior to camp, starting in February, and they spend a lot more time shopping for supplies, searching the internet and trying out different crafts to find just the right projects for their campers. If you get a chance, please thank them for all of their hard work.

**S.W.A.P.S.** - are Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere.

The tradition of Girl Scouts exchanging keepsakes started long ago and has been great fun for us at Maple Valley Day Camp. The girls will be given a lanyard to pin their SWAPS to and they will be given time during the week to exchange their swaps. There are some great resources on-line for SWAPS ideas but keep in mind, they should not be expensive to make and using recycled material is always encouraged.

**Dress Code** – We have two important dress codes rules that need to be followed at camp.

They are **No open-toed shoes**, please make sure they wear closed toed shoes every day. Also shorts need to be fingertip in length.

**Cell phones** – We realize that more and more of our campers bring cell phones with them every year. While it can be comforting to the girls and the parents, they can also be a huge distraction at camp. Additionally, we don't want pictures of girls placed on the internet without consent from the girl and/or the parent. For these reasons, girls will be asked to leave their cell phones in their bag and, if they become a problem, they will be confiscated by the adult leaders. If at all possible, cell phones should be left at home. Adult leaders will allow girls to use their cell phones, if needed.

**Community Service** – is an important part of Day Camp. This year's community service project is building picnic tables for the park. Units 3-6 will be working on this project throughout the week.

**Themed days** – Just to add some additional fun to the week, we have a different theme every day. Participation is optional.

Monday - Wacky hair and sock day

Tuesday – Wacky costume day

Wednesday - Wacky hat

Thursday - Favorite character day

Friday - PJ day

## WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS EVERY DAY

- 1. Please** have your child eat a good breakfast before they come to camp. It will prepare them for everything they will do that day. Please send a good lunch, **send more than you think she might normally need.** She will be outside all-day and very active. Kids behave better and have more fun when they have eaten properly. We will provide a snack each afternoon for every camper. Dress according to the weather. Even if you think it is going to be warm, it is suggested that you pack layers every day in case of cold, damp days. Also, raincoats and ponchos work better at camp and umbrellas are not allowed as they are a safety hazard. It is also suggested that your daughter wear comfortable clothing, that you won't mind ending up dirty or dusty at the end of the day. **No open-toed shoes,** please make sure they wear closed toed shoes every day.
- 2.** Bring a backpack with a full **water bottle,** sunscreen, and hat. Below is a list of items your daughter's unit leaders will need her to bring for unit activities. **PLEASE SEND THOSE ITEMS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. THE LEADER WILL COLLECT THEM AND KEEP THEM UNTIL THEY ARE NEEDED.** Please ensure that **the camp nurse is aware of any special needs and that they collect medications each morning or on Sunday at the CHECK-IN REGISTRATION time 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the park. If needed these medications will be returned each afternoon. Please have them in well-marked containers.**

**THE RIVER AREA NEAR CAMP IS OFF LIMITS. ANYONE FOUND ANYWHERE NEAR THE RIVER IS AUTOMATICALLY SENT HOME. PLEASE REVIEW THIS RULE WITH YOUR CHILD.**

We are looking forward to meeting each child at camp and hope they are looking forward to a fun and exciting week! Please feel free to call us with any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

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### **Here are some additional items to know:**

**Tuesday** – If you are in units 1, 2 or 3 you will have Wide Games. Please send a bathing suit, towel, and a pair of water shoes/socks or an extra pair of shoes that can get wet. *Remember open toed shoes are not allowed at camp.*

**Wednesday-** Get plenty of sleep!

**Thursday-** Units 4-6 stay for camp out! Parents, if you have a tent that you are willing to let your daughter's unit use for the night, please inform your unit leader Sunday at Check-in. They

may need you to help your camper set up the tent on Thursday afternoon and take it down on Friday.

**Items to bring for the campout for units 4-6 (please label everything)!**

1. Sleeping bag [NO INDOOR SLEEPING BAGS]
2. Pillow
3. Sleeping Mat or Pad
4. Warm clothing (Coat/jacket) – it gets cold when the sun goes down.
5. Flash light
6. Change of clothing for camp the next day
7. Pajamas- no night gowns please
8. Tooth brush and toothpaste
9. Other personal hygiene products, such as deodorant.
10. Overnight bag/backpack with your daughter's name in it.