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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want this to be the best day camp ever for your child! What are you looking for in a day camp? A place for your child to feel special, succeed and flourish, have fun, make friends, develop memories, and look forward to coming back. A place designed for every child to fit in and be accepted.

In our day camps, your child will experience all this and more! Children will participate in a wide range of activities including: crafts, active games, team building, and outdoor exploration.

In order to ensure the best outcomes, we carefully select our staff - young people who are committed to creating an unforgettable experience for your child. Our staff team is selected for their warmth, maturity, ability, experience, and enthusiasm. All of our day camps aim to provide a safe and positive environment for children. Our wish is that at the end of the summer your child will have truly enjoyed their experience with us.

We look forward to meeting both you and your child! We are excited about the opportunities we have planned for the summer and are confident that our day camp will be both a fun and memorable experience for all our participants.

Yours sincerely,

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DAY CAMP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

**Important! Our camps are a totally nut-free zone.
Please do not send your child with anything
containing nuts.**

**If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do
not hesitate to contact us on our office phone number: (604)
467 6401 or arms@alouetteriver.org**

What should my child bring?

Nut-free litter-less lunch and snack

- Water bottle
- Swimsuit (water play, not swimming) and towel (summer only)
- Change of clothes if water play is planned (summer only)
- Sunscreen (summer only - applied before arrival, please take home as reapplication is unnecessary)
- Bug spray (as above)

What should my child wear?

- Appropriate clothing for the weather and for active play
- Running shoes or **sandals** with Velcro ankle straps - **NO FLIP FLOPS PLEASE!**
- Hat
- Sunglasses (summer only)

All participants are responsible for any personal items brought to camp. We will keep a lost and found of items left at camp for one week only, however; anything remaining after that time will be donated to charity.

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q: Where does this camp take place?

The Rivers Heritage Center, managed by the Alouette River Management Society (ARMS), is located on the grounds of British Columbia Corrections facility, specifically the Allco Fish Hatchery site and is accessed through Allco Park. ARMS is an environmental-based non-profit, charitable organization committed to the protection and enhancement of the Alouette River Watershed through advocacy, education and habitat enhancement. Allco Park features picnic facilities, washrooms, equestrian and walking trails, and scenic natural areas. The South Alouette River runs past Allco Park.

Location: River Heritage Centre, 24959 Alouette Road, Maple Ridge, BC, V4R 1R8

Office phone: 604-467-6401, please leave a voicemail outside of office hours if you cannot reach us or call the Executive Director's cell phone: 604- 328-9326.

Q: What is the staff to child ratio?

6-12 year olds - 1:6, 5-8 year olds – 1:6 respectively

Q: Are there forms that I need to fill out for the program?

Yes, you will need to fill out a medical waiver form for each child registered in ARMS' camps. These forms are located at the front desk of the Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture Centre prior to the start of camp or will be emailed to you a few days before camp commencement. You can also find a copy online at <https://www.alouetteriver.org/spring-break-camps>.

Q: Can my child leave camp to buy lunch?

No, it is important that you always send your child to camp with a lunch which is **NUT-FREE**. However, periodically during a cooking day camp, there may be snack food provided.

Q: Can I drop my child off early for camp?

No. **We do not have the ability to sign participants in before 9:15am.** ARMS staff will be available for all children's day camps from 9:15am Monday to Friday while camps run. Each day begins at 9:30 a.m. Parents or

guardians arriving earlier than 9:15 a.m. with their child/ren will be required to stay with their child/ren until 9:15 a.m. when ARMS staff can take over.

Q: Can someone other than a parent or guardian pick up my child?

Yes, but you will need to provide program staff with a **signed and dated note** stating who has permission to pick up your child.

Q: Are my children able to sign themselves in and out of camp?

No. Children must be signed out by an adult who has been previously agreed upon.

Q: Can I stay and take photographs of my child?

No, parents are unable to stay and photograph due to the number of children not allowed to be photographed and the fact that every volunteer must be screened and have a current (less than 2 years old) criminal record check.

Q: Can I pick up my child/children early from camp?

Yes, you are able to pick your child up early from camp. However, it is important that you inform ARMS staff when dropping them off so they can let you know where they may be located at the time you are hoping to pick them up as we often go into Allco Park or possibly down to the hatchery for activities.

Q: Can my child leave camp for doctor/dentist appointments, etc. and then return?

Yes, however, you will need to sign them out when you pick them up and back in when you drop them off again. You will also need to find out where the camp will be located when you are coming back to camp with your child.

Q: Do I have to fill out these forms?

Yes. ARMS is required by the City of Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to have all necessary forms filled out for each child registered. **NEW!!!! We will collect this information ONCE per year and ask that if any information changes, to contact ARMS to update us immediately so we have accurate records for your child/ren.**

Q: Will there be volunteers in my child/children's programs?

The Alouette River Management Society has volunteers from a variety of different high schools as part of their career program. All adults over 18 are required to have a completed and clear criminal record check, and it must be kept current (less than 2 years old).

Q: What happens if I am late picking up my child?

Please be advised that our policy is as follows: ARMS staff will call any parent or guardian who is more than 10 minutes late for pick up. If we cannot get a hold of the parent or guardian, we will call the emergency contact person on the registration form. A reminder will be given to the parent the first time, and the parent will be charged \$10 every 10 minutes thereafter at the discretion of ARMS Management.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOUT YOUR CHILD FOR THIS CAMP

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age at time of camp: _____

Please tell us about your child...

We hope that all the children benefit from being in our day camps. By providing us with some information about your child beforehand, we can create an environment where your child can have fun, learn, and feel successful in the program. *Thank you for taking the time to share this information with our staff!!!*

The most important thing to know about my child is:

What are his/her strengths?

What challenges does your child face?

How can we help your child to build on their strengths and overcome challenges that they may face?

What are their favourite games/food/things to do?

What are their least favourite games/food/things to do?

What do you hope that your child will learn or accomplish in day camps?



Medical Disclosure Form

Child's Full Name: _____

The following information may assist the leaders in case of an accident. ARMS reserves the right to limit or restrict participation on the basis of information that is disclosed on this form. Please submit the completed forms to the ARMS camp supervisor upon your child's first day. **This form must be completed and submitted in order for your child to participate in ARMS day camps.**

Birthdate: _____ Age: ____ Male: __ Female: __ Undefined _____

Parents/Guardians Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

(C) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____

Other persons authorized to pick up child:

_____ Phone: _____
(name) (relationship)

_____ Phone: _____
(name) (relationship)

Emergency Contacts _____ Relationship _____

Phone: (C) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____

What is the password for authorized person to pick up your child?

If there is a custody agreement, please give details. Is there anyone not allowed to have access to your child? _____

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Care Card #: _____ (mandatory)

Does your child have any physical limitations or disabilities that we need to be aware to ensure their safety and active participation?

Does your child have any allergies? Please specify.

Is your child on any medications? Please specify _____

Does your child have any psychological limitations such as fear of heights, water etc? If yes, please specify _____

Can ARMS take video and/or photographs of your child for promotional purposes? (Including but not limited to social media posts, press releases, camp advertising, and YouTube videos)

Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parents/ Legal Guardians

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

CAMP CONSENT FORM FOR THE ALOUETTE RIVER MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

I/We, the UNDERSIGNED, hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF INJURY are inherent to participation in sports and recreational activities. These types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from ones actions, or the actions or inaction's of others, or a combination of both.

I/We understand that RULES AND REGULATIONS are designed for the safety and protection of participants and hereby undertake to abide by these rules and regulations as listed and or as dictated by children's staff.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FOLLOW ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ALOUETTE RIVER MANAGEMENT SOCIETY.
2. DURING ANY ACTIVITIES, REGULAR CHECK-IN TIMES MUST BE MET FOR SAFETY REASONS.
3. ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY (S) WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND IF THEY ARE FOUND TO OCCUR THE ACTIVITY WILL BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY.
4. NO UNSAFE OR RECKLESS BEHAVIOR IS ALLOWED.

**Please note that any expenses occurring due to illegal activities will be assumed by the participant(s) (and or their guardian) involved in the illegal activity.*

5. ALL OUR ACTIVITIES ARE FREE FROM NICOTINE, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS.

I/We understand certain activities require a minimum LEVEL OF FITNESS AND HEALTH (physical, mental and emotional) and that each person has a different capacity for participating in these activities.

I/We hereby WARRANT being physically fit to participate and understand that the CHOICE to participate brings with it the ASSUMPTION OF THOSE RISKS AND RESULTS which are part of these activities.

I/We acknowledge that our child will be attending in this camp on British Columbia Corrections property. Supervised low-security Corrections inmates are in attendance on the property and take care of the ground maintenance and the child may at some point see an inmate in a red uniform on the said property. At no time will any inmates be allowed to approach or interact with a child.

I/We declare having read and understood the above INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT in its entirety and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all of the foregoing information.

FULL NAME OF CHILD ATTENDING CAMP

Parent or guardian name (please print)

Parent or guardian signature and date