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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 for kids? 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.

ARMS (Alouette River Management Society) has developed our day camps with the City of Maple Ridge Parks and Recreation department along with following current guidance from the Provincial Public Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control to update and amend our programming to do our best to keep your child safe while having fun.

We remain mindful of the current worldwide pandemic situation and individual and familial personal comfort levels here in our community. In order to maintain a safe environment for everyone, we will continue to provide an enhanced hand hygiene regime, cleaning schedule for high-touch areas, and ensure adequate ventilation. Children will participate in a wide range of activities including active games, individual and team challenges and outdoor explorations.

To ensure the best camp experiences possible, we carefully select our staff and volunteers - 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 our day camps aim to provide a safe and positive environment for children. Our wish is that at the end of the camp your child will have genuinely enjoyed their experience with us.

We look forward to meeting both you and your child! Many exciting opportunities have been planned for this season, and we are confident that our camp will be both a fun and memorable experience for all our participants.

Yours sincerely,
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2022 DAY CAMP PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Day Camp Program Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drop-off no earlier than 9:15 a.m. to ARMS staff at the River Heritage Centre.

Important! Our camps are a completely 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 education@alouetteriver.org.

Preparing for Camp

What should my child wear?

- Appropriate clothing for the weather and for active play **outdoors – rain or shine**
- Change of clothing in case things get wet or muddy
- Good sturdy shoes or rain boots (weather dependent)

What should my child bring?

- **Nut-free litter-less** lunch and snack
- Water bottle – bring extra water on hot days
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent
- An open mind and heart, a willingness to learn and have fun

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.

Please do not pack personal toys, card sets, electronics or other items that could be shared or lost.

ARMS will have admin staff at the River Heritage Centre (ARMS office) Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during camps for any questions or comments you may have.

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

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q: Where does this camp take place?

Drop off/pick up will be at the River Heritage Centre (24959 Alouette Road), and daily camp activities will occur both in the Centre and throughout ALLCO Park (13255 Alouette Road).

ALLCO Park has 2 large picnic shelters (booked for our exclusive use), public pit toilet, equestrian and walking trails, and scenic natural areas. The South Alouette River runs past ALLCO Park.

Q: What is the staff to child ratio?

At maximum, the ratio will be eight (8) children to one (1) staff member.

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

Yes, please fill in four the forms attached to this package. We ask that these forms be filled out **BEFORE** the first day of camp for each child booked for 2022.

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**.

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

ARMS staff will be available to receive children at drop off for all day camps from 9:15 a.m. each day while camps run. Day camp begins at 9:30 a.m. from Monday to Friday.

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.

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

Yes, you can pick up your child early from camp. However, it is important that you inform ARMS staff when dropping them off in the morning so camp counsellors can have your child ready for pick up at the staging area (see map). If your plans change during the day, please email education@alouetteriver.org or call the office number: 604-467-6401. You can also provide your contact details to our Camp Supervisor.

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 must let ARMS staff know at your drop off time when you will be arriving to pick up and drop off.

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

The Alouette River Management Society engages volunteers from different high schools or colleges as part of their career program to assist ARMS staff. 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?

Staff will call any parent or guardian who is more than 10 minutes late for the designated pick-up time. If we cannot reach a 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 subsequent late pickups will be charged \$10 for every 10 minutes thereafter at the discretion of ARMS Management.



IMPORTANT!

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) FORMS FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED IN ARMS YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- 1. Tell Us About Your Child**
- 2. Medical Disclosure And Photo Waiver**
- 3. Communicable Disease Assumption Of Risk & Permission Form**
- 4. Camp Consent Form**

Note: You will not be required to fill in these forms again for 2022 if you register your child/ren in subsequent ARMS camps or other programming run by ARMS, unless important information has changed.

Thank you.



Child's Name: _____ Age at time of camp: _____

Please tell us about your child...

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!*

The most important thing to know about my child is:

What are their 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 take away from day camps?



Medical Disclosure & Photo Waiver

Child Full Name: _____

*The following information may assist the leaders in case of an accident. ARMS reserves the right to limit or restrict participation based on information that is disclosed on this form. **This form must be completed and submitted for your child to participate in ARMS day camps.***

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Parents/Guardians Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Other persons authorized to pick up child:

(name) (relationship) Phone: _____

(name) (relationship) Phone: _____

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:

Do you give permission for ARMS staff to 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

Communicable Disease Assumption of Risk & Permission Form

By signing this document, your and your child's legal rights may be affected

Please read carefully!

Both parents/guardians (if applicable) must initial and sign this form. Thank you.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract a communicable disease at one of our facilities and/or while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our Communicable Disease Safety Plan – <https://alouetteriver.org/summer-camp/summer-eco-camp-2022-camper-package>

We have implemented our Communicable Disease Safety Plan and will be applying our policies and procedures, but the risk remains that a communicable disease, such as COVID-19, could occur despite our best efforts.

It is vital that no person who feels sick in any way visit any of our facilities and/or utilize any of our programs or events. We do not employ health professionals and do not screen for potential illness. It is also vital that no person bring a child to any of our facilities or to any of our programming or events if they are feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness.

For our camps and other programs for children, we will, to the best of our ability, be limiting physical contact amongst the children. We will emphasize hand and cough hygiene and provide for handwashing and/or hand sanitizing as children begin and end their days in our programs, as well as before and after eating.

If your child has been or is feeling sick, please do not allow your child to participate in any of our activities or programs and report any changes in health during our programs immediately to us by contacting (604)-467-6401 or email education@alouetteriver.org and seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. We will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises. To attend our facilities and/or take part in our programs and/or send a child to same, you must consent to the same.

Please note; if you child is displaying symptoms of respiratory distress or illness, they will be asked not to participate. For details regarding self-isolation, please see [Self-Isolation and Self-Monitoring \(bccdc.ca\)](http://bccdc.ca).

Lastly, it is vital that we all be calm and compassionate throughout this pandemic. Any person who exhibits any aggression towards our staff or any other person in one of our facilities and/or programs will be asked to leave and not return.

Initial Here: _____

I/we have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form.

Initial Here

I/we have reviewed the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form with my/our child and have instructed our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided by the Alouette River Management Society staff and all other ARMS designated representatives (i.e. camp counsellors)

Initial Here

Name of child

Date

Signature of parent/guardian #1

*Signature of parent/guardian #2

Print parent/guardian name #1

*Print parent/guardian name #2

Telephone number

Email address

***Both parents/guardians (if applicable) must initial and sign this form. Thank you.**

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 one’s actions, or the actions or inactions 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 AND ITS ASSIGNED STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.
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 understand that the office of the Alouette River Management Society is located on BC Corrections property with supervised low-security inmates operating the ALLCO Hatchery which is located on the same property. On occasion, youth may see an inmate wearing red on the property, however, at no time will an inmate be allowed to interact with any youth or allowed to be in proximity while youth may be within the area of the ARMS parking lot, Rivers Heritage Centre or lawn area of the Centre.

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

FULL NAME OF CHILD ATTENDING CAMP

Parent or guardian name #1 (please print)

Parent or guardian signature and date

*Parent or guardian name #2 (please print)

Parent or guardian signature and date

*where applicable