

**Things to Bring (Proper Gear)** We look forward to having you at the Raised At Full Draw Camp this year! The following information will ensure that you will have everything you need at camp this year: **\*\*\*LABEL ALL GEAR WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME!\*\*\***

- BEAR SPRAY (each camper should have their own can)
- Medications –(no glass please!) - these will need to be checked in with the camp nurse at check-in
- Tent (with stakes and rain fly, for stormy conditions)
- Sleeping bag and pad, pillow
- Personal items: clothing, extra socks, etc. (enough for 4 days)
- Warm jacket for mornings and evenings
- Sturdy, CLOSED-TOED shoes for being outside
- Rain gear
- Towel and Bathing suit for showering
- Toiletries
- Camp chair
- Insect repellent, Sunscreen, Lip balm
- Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries
- Watch (you will not have your phone)

## Optional Items

- Archery equipment (If your own bow is being brought, please have your accessories, finger tab or release, arrows with field points (no broad heads) and case)
- Compass
- GPS unit
- Daypack
- Personal Game Calls
- Camera

**Important** Please contact the RAFFD if you do not have any of the items listed on the "what to bring" list of proper gear. We may be able to help you out, but we will need to know as soon as possible in order to accommodate.

**CANCELLATION** Cancellations after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered donations to camp and are non-refundable.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE** Check in will be from 11:00am to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. Campers should be sure to stop at the check-in table when they arrive at camp. All medications and special accommodations will be reviewed at this point. Parents are allowed and encouraged to stay and help their child set-up their tents and campsite (we want your child to feel comfortable).

All meals, drinks and snacks will be provided beginning with lunch on Thursday and concluding with lunch on Sunday. Campers can be picked up anytime after noon on Sunday. An awards ceremony and lunch will be provided at noon and parents are welcome and encouraged to join.

**DIRECTIONS FROM GREAT FALLS** Take I-15 to exit 290 (US89/MT 200) Stay on MT200 until you reach junction for MT-21. Follow it for 21 miles. Turn left on Hwy 287 to Augusta. Go thru town to Benchmark Road. Sign says "Benchmark Wilderness Area" Turn Right to stay on Benchmark Road. At the fork, stay on Benchmark Road; continue for approx. 23 miles.

If you get lost or are unsure; please call Ladonna at (406) 868-3589.

## **RULES AND POLICIES**

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP**

- Electronics (video games, iPods, etc.) Cell phones will be allowed, but will be checked in at the beginning of camp, and checked out for limited use (to check in with folks) at specified times during camp.
- Alcohol, tobacco, or drugs of any kind, Knives, Firearms, Short shorts, Low-cut or cropped tops
- Outdoor showers are provided, even though enclosed, kids may feel more comfortable showering with a bathing suit on (this is the only place bathing suits will be permitted).
- RAFD camp does not have a dress code, however, if we feel that clothing is inappropriate in any way, we may ask the clothing be changed, if the camper disagrees they can be asked to be excused from camp.

### **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS**

- No bullying, name calling, or foul language.
- Respect your peers, volunteers and property.
- Use the buddy system. Stay in groups of at least 3 people.
- No boys and girls in tents together.
- No boys in the girls shower area, and vice versa.
- No game calls (camp often provides things that make noise, ie. Turkey calls etc...) after lights out.
- Lights out at 10:30 pm unless camp programs run later.

All campers are expected to behave in a respectful manner while at camp. If at any point a child has broken the camp rules or demonstrates unacceptable behavior, they may be sent home from camp. Please alert the RAFD staff and volunteers of any issues that may arise. We understand that kids may get homesick, but we will not allow phone calls to home except during specified times, or in case of an emergency. Volunteers will be available around the clock, if needed. Some of the key rules to be aware of are below:

### **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS (CAN BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY)**

- Co-ed tents, making out
  - Fighting or harassment of any kind
  - Alcohol, tobacco, or drug use
  - For all other infractions volunteers are trained to discipline in a "three strikes" manner.
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- Strike 1: Volunteers will document the situation and talk to the camper. Inform them that what they did was wrong and why. In some cases, the camper may be asked to sit out of an activity for a period of time.
  - Strike 2: Again, the volunteer will document the incident. At this time, the camper and volunteer may draft a behavior agreement where they discuss the problem and list ways to correct the problem as well as the consequences of further misconduct. This document will be signed by both the camper and the volunteer.
  - Strike 3: The camper's parents will be notified that the child must be picked up as soon as possible and not return to camp. We need to be very respectful of the land we are camping on, therefore we ask that campers clean up after themselves and after each other, primarily around their camping area

**MEDICATION/SPECIAL NEEDS** All medication must be checked in with the camp nurse when campers arrive on Thursday. Please indicate any special instructions at that time. In certain cases, the camp nurse may be in contact with you prior to camp if the camper's registration indicated that special accommodations may be needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the RAFD prior to camp.

Any camper with dietary restrictions that may need to bring their own food must check those items in at check in on Thursday. Those items will be stored securely in the kitchen area.