

AUGUST CAMP SPECIFICS 2017
Columbia River Gorge Area, Skamania County, WA

TRANSPORTATION (Check web site for changes)

Campers flying to Camp will be met at the Portland, OR airport (PDX). We will use our rental vehicles to take campers to and from the airport on arrival and departure Saturdays only. The vans will depart the airport as they fill beginning at around 11 a.m. (Because Camp this year is less than 1:15 from PDX we will ask drivers to plan to stop on the way for shopping, lunch and/or sightseeing so as not to arrive at camp prior to 2 pm to give croo time to ready camp.) After retrieving your luggage please proceed to our meeting place at the seating area across from baggage claim area 7 at Portland airport.



If you plan to use the van transportation:

- RETURN the TRANSPORTATION SHEET directly to the TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR. Please include your COMPLETE FLIGHT SCHEDULE, including the record locator. **Please do not send incomplete forms.** If you are notified of changes in your schedule that will **significantly** change your arrival time, please notify the Transportation Coordinator (Virginia Campbell, (917-495-2084; augcamptrans@gmail.com) immediately, **not** the Registrar. Leave a phone message if no answer.
- Come to the rental car lounge any time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on your arrival day so we can load vans and get you to camp as soon as possible. We try to accommodate unanticipated flight delays or schedule changes. If arriving by 2 is a problem, you may need to consider arriving a day early and spending the night near the airport in Portland (also expedient in these days of lost/delayed luggage.)
- **ON YOUR ARRIVAL SATURDAY:** Please call the number given below if your flight has been delayed, changed, rerouted and for other travel Saturday emergencies. This is NOT the emergency number for Camp. Check the web site for possible changes in phone numbers or meeting place before you leave home.

<http://www.augustcamp.org/transportation.html>

Weeks 1 and 2: to be announced

Weeks 3 and 4: 917-495-2084 (Virginia)

- **ON YOUR SATURDAY DEPARTURE DAY**, you should book a flight departing after 10 a.m. If you need to book an early morning flight, you should book it for **Sunday** morning and plan to spend Saturday night in the Portland area. **Transportation to PDX will not be available on departure Saturdays for flights leaving before 10 a.m.**

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AT CAMP

To run our full program of hikes and activities each day, August Camp depends on having many campers qualified as volunteer drivers. **We ask that you very seriously consider being a driver – the vehicles are standard passenger minivans or small SUVs, not big 10-12 passenger vans. Camp is only about an hour from PDX.** If you are a new camper and have questions about driving, you may call or email Virginia Campbell, whose contact info is in the last paragraph. Even if you drive your own vehicle to Camp, please consider applying to be an approved van driver. To do so you **MUST** fill out the **Authorization to Drive August Camp Vans** form. This form authorizes the AMC's insurance carrier to review your driving record. These forms must be returned to the TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR **no later than May 1st.**

DIRECTIONS FOR THOSE TRAVELING TO CAMP ON THEIR OWN

- There are two routes to camp from PDX. The one on the OR side of the river has a toll at the Bridge of the Gods but it is a better drive, road-wise, and offers scenic stops along the way. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT CAMP BEFORE 2 PM – YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER – THE CROO NEED TIME TO PREPARE CAMP FOR YOUR ARRIVAL.** The other route is on route 14 in WA. Both take about the same time. **More shopping opportunities on the OR side.**
- Camp Location: 45°48'29.4"N 121°56'29.9"W; approximate physical address: 1212 Hemlock Road, Carson, WA 98610.
- Directions: From the airport take Interstate 205 south for a short distance to exit 22 for I-84 East. Take I-84 east for about 33 miles to exit 44/US 30 east then turn right for the Bridge of the Gods (\$2 toll or coupon). After bridge turn right onto WA-14 East for 5.9 miles. Left onto Wind River Highway for 8.6 miles; left onto Hemlock Road for about 1.3 miles. Watch for AMC August Camp signs.

CAMP MAILING ADDRESS will be your name, c/o AMC August Camp, General Delivery, Carson, WA 98610

MEDICAL FACILITIES

PROVIDENCE HOOD RIVER
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
810 12th St.
Hood River, OR 97031
Phone 541-386-3911

Stevenson Dental Care
52 NW 2nd Street (PO Box 709)
Stevenson, WA 98648
Phone: (509) 427-8605
Closed Sundays; open one Saturday/month

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT OUTINGS AT THIS YEAR'S CAMP

Although August Camp is primarily a hiking camp, we will also schedule some non-hiking excursions to scenic areas, and, if possible, some rafting, kayaking or biking activities. These extra activities may involve extra charges, such as admission fees, or costs of an outfitter. In addition, it is perfectly ok to stay in camp for the day and relax with a book or your camera.

The National Scenic Area and the surrounding wilderness areas and national forests are magnificent. It would take weeks or even months to begin to do all the spectacular hiking available in this very special area. With that in mind, please remember that in one week you have only 6 days to hike so you cannot possibly do all the "best" this area offers. We will make every attempt to offer some of the most spectacular hikes several times within a given week. Two-weekers will obviously have twice as many days to accomplish their hiking wish list, but will still not be able to do it all. Whatever you hike will indeed be wonderful, but you simply cannot do it all during your stay at August Camp. Also, be aware that in many areas the hike must be limited to 12 participants by federal regulation.

Drives to hikes may be long and at times on winding secondary roads, as is often the case at our Western sites. It is also possible that we will encounter restrictions due to road work which may add to travel time, as the very short summer season is the only time to work on serious road repair.

There are various possibilities for special outings at this year's camp: For more info, check our web site (www.augustcamp.org) periodically as we update our info.

- Mountain biking – bring biking shorts
- Overnights – bring a small backpacking tent
- Rafting/kayaking – bathing suit

CAMP AND HIKE ELEVATIONS

Our Camp is located at around 1100' elevation but some of our hikes will go to about 7000 feet. You may wish to select easier hikes until you feel acclimatized.

GUIDE BOOKS AND MAPS (Check the web site for updates)

Books:

**G-1: Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge* - Craig Romano, 1st Edition, 2011; 3rd printing 2015

G-2: Hiking the Columbia River Gorge – Russ Schneider, revised Jim by Yuskavitch; 3rd edition, 2014

**G-3: Day Hiking South Cascades* - Dan Nelson, 1st edition 2007; 2nd printing 2012.

**G-5: 100 Hikes Northwest Oregon & Southwest Washington* – William Sullivan, 4th edition, updated for 2016-2017.

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Maps (all National Geographic, Trails Illustrated):

M-1: Columbia River Gorge, #821

M-2: Mount Hood, #820

M-3: Mount St. Helens, Mount Adams, #822

IMPORTANT: Below are lists of all forms that must be returned, to whom they must be returned, and when they must be returned. Failure to send these forms to the appropriate persons by the required date may result in the loss of your space at Camp or may eliminate you from being able to serve as a driver while at Camp.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE REGISTRAR NO LATER THAN May 1, 2017:

1. The Confidential Health Questionnaire (one for each member of your party)
2. The AMC Volunteer Managed Facilities Release form (can contain multiple signatures. Adults must sign for minors)
3. A check for your final payment made out to **AMC August Camp**

Final Payment amounts: **One week, \$625/\$675 members/non-members**
 Two weeks, \$1500/\$1600 members/non-members

Registrar: Trish Niece, 810 N. Farms Rd., Wallingford, CT 06492

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN to TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR NO LATER THAN May 1, 2017:

1. **The transportation sheet** with your COMPLETE FLIGHT SCHEDULE and FLIGHT CONFIRMATION NUMBER (record locator). In case of changes to your schedule that **significantly** affect your arrival time, please notify the Transportation Coordinator, Virginia Campbell, not the Registrar. **Note:** On your Saturday departure day you should book a flight departing after 10 a.m. If you need to book an early morning flight, you should book it for **Sunday** morning and plan to spend Saturday night in the Portland area. **Transportation to PDX will not be available on departure Saturdays for flights leaving before 10 a.m.**
2. The **Authorization to Drive August Camp Vans** form if you want to be an approved driver.

Transportation Coordinator: Virginia Campbell, 20 Witherell St., Bronxville, NY 10708

Important Contact Information

Registration or general questions: Trish Niece, 203-265-9584 or augcampreg1887@gmail.com
Transportation coordinator: Virginia Campbell, 917-495-2084 or augcamptrans@gmail.com
General Camp questions: Sam Jamke, 603-472-2536 or samjamke@myfairpoint.net
(Call before 9 pm eastern time in all cases.)

Have a safe journey and we'll see you at Camp!

www.augustcamp.org