

AUGUST CAMP SPECIFICS 2019

Mount Rainier, Packwood, Washington

Airport Meeting Location and Transportation

Campers flying to Camp will meet at the Seattle-Tacoma airport (SEA) baggage claim **between 11 AM and 2 PM on Saturdays only** for transport to camp. Vans will depart for camp as they fill and drivers are available. The meeting place is **adjacent to baggage carousel #16, near the escalator** at Seattle-Tacoma airport (the same location as 2017). For those arriving by taxi or limo, ask to be dropped at door #26.

If possible, please do not plan to arrive at the meeting place prior to 11 AM on your arrival day to allow departing campers to disembark.

The camp is about a 2.5-3-hour drive from the airport with a QUICK stop en route for lunch and for people to buy a few snacks and supplies (e.g. happy hour provisions).

Transportation

Please complete the on-line transportation form with **complete flight schedule including your flight number and carrier as soon as you have your arrangements made (no later than May 1)**.

If arriving by 2 p.m. is a problem, you may need to consider arriving a day early and spending the night near the Sea-Tac airport.

We try to accommodate unanticipated flight delays or schedule changes. If you are notified of changes in your schedule that will significantly change your arrival time, please notify the Transportation Coordinators at augcamptrans@gmail.com immediately, **not** the Registrar. See phone numbers below for arrival Saturdays only.

If Your Flight is delayed

Please call the number given below if your flight has been delayed, changed, rerouted and for other Saturday travel emergencies. This is NOT the emergency number for Camp. **Have the appropriate phone number on your travel day. If you call before 10 am and get no answer, keep trying as the phone may be en route to the airport and in a no-coverage area.**

- On July 13 and 20: call 203-733-2963 (Paula)
- On July 27 and August 3: call 917-495-2084 (Virginia)

Departure Transportation

Transportation to SEA will not be available on departure Saturdays for flights leaving before 10 a.m. Vans begin leaving camp at 5 AM to return to the airport. You must plan to leave camp about 4-5 hours before your flight time.

We strongly encourage you to book a flight departing late morning. If you choose to book an early morning flight you should consider booking it for Sunday morning and spending Saturday night near the airport.

Volunteer Drivers at Camp

In order to run our full program of hikes and activities each day, August Camp depends on having a large number of campers qualified as volunteer drivers. Even if you drive your own vehicle to Camp, please consider applying to be an approved van driver.

Please complete the on-line **Authorization to Drive August Camp Vans** form **no later than May 1st**. This form authorizes the AMC's insurance carrier to review your driving record.

Note: Our insurance agreement does not permit drivers over the age of 75, so do not plan on driving Camp vans if 76 years of age or older.

We appreciate your willingness to apply to be a driver. The more drivers we have, the less everyone has to do.

Driving Directions to Camp

The 2019 August Camp will be held in Packwood, WA. (GPS: ca. 46.627263, -121.693842)

- From the Seattle-Tacoma airport, get onto WA-518E for 1.3 miles and continue onto I-405N for 1.7 miles to exit 2.
- Take WA-167S toward Auburn for 19.6 miles.
- Exit onto 410E and proceed for 34.1 miles at which point this becomes Chinook Pass highway for 10.2 miles
- And then once again 410E for another 12.3 miles.
- At this point make a slight right onto 123S for 12.9 miles and then turn right onto 12W toward Packwood.
- Take 12W for about 7.3 miles and turn right onto Skate Creek Road, near the gas station.
- It is about 3 miles north on Skate Creek Road to the left turn into Camp, which is just past a road on the right.
- Watch for our August Camp sign.
- If you are coming from another direction, take Skate Creek Road north from the center of Packwood (gas station on corner, once a Shell, now believed to be a Mobil) and follow directions above.

Returning to Sea-Tac

- Right out of Camp onto Skate Creek Road
- Left onto 12N for 7.3 miles.
- Left onto 123N for 12.9 miles.
- Bear left onto 410W (Chinook Hwy in places) for a total of 56.6 miles.
- Take WA 167N for 19.6 miles to 405 S for 1.7 miles to 518W and follow signs for the airport.

Site Information

Camp Mailing Address:

Your Name
AMC August Camp
General Delivery
Packwood, WA 98361

Hospital:

Morton General Hospital
521 Adams Ave.
Morton, WA 98356
360-496-5112

Dentist:

Randle Dental Clinic
214 Silverbrook Rd.
Randle, WA 98377
360-497-5741

Cell Phones

Cell phone use at Camp is discouraged. If you must use your cell phone, do so out of earshot of other campers - not in your tent, please.

Electricity:

There will be no electricity at camp this year. We suggest bringing a car charger for use while in the vans for charging phones, cameras and such small devices.

Camp Phone Number

Should someone need to contact you in the case of a serious emergency, such as might require your return home, please use your own cell phone as the first line of communication. If that is not possible, for emergencies during Camp, July 13 - August 10, 2019, the cell phone of the Camp Manager Nick may be used (617-967-8305). **PLEASE CHECK BACK ON OUR WEB SITE SHORTLY BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR CAMP AS THIS NUMBER MAY CHANGE IF THE PROVIDER COVERAGE AT OUR SITE IS POOR.**

Camp and Hike Elevations

Our Camp is located at about 1500'. Most hikes are in the 4000' to 7000' range. You may wish to select easier hikes until you feel acclimatized. The hike to Camp Muir reaches 10,000'.

A Special Note about Outings at this Year's Camp

Although August Camp is primarily a hiking camp, we will also schedule some excursions to scenic areas, a possible train excursion, and, if possible, some other non-hiking 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.

Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helen's, 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 has to offer. We will make every attempt to offer some of the most spectacular hikes several times within a given week. Whatever you hike will indeed be wonderful, but you simply cannot do it all during your stay at August Camp. Be aware that in most areas the hikes must be limited to 12 participants by federal regulation.

Driving to Hikes

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.

Guidebooks

Day Hiking Mount Rainier by Tami Asars, 2nd edition

Day Hiking Mount Adams and Goat Rocks, Tami Asars, 2014.

Day Hiking Mount St. Helens, 2015, Romano and Theisen

National Geographic's Trails Illustrated maps

#217 - Mount Rainier National Park

#823 - Goat Rocks, Norse Peak

#822 - Mount St Helens, Mt Adams

There is a local web site for all sorts of local information about events, services and businesses in the area:

www.destinationpackwood.com

Important Contact Information

Registration or general questions: Lois Rothenberger, 215-661-1073 or ACregistrar@comcast.net

Transportation coordinator: Virginia Campbell, 917-495-2084 augcamptrans@gmail.com

General Camp questions: Lennie Steinmetz, 610-694-8677 or steinmetz.lennie@gmail.com

(Call before 9 pm eastern time in all cases.)

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

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