

Summer 2018

Hi Advanced Rock Climbing RAD Camper,

My name is Josh Thompson and I'm Big Lake Youth Camp's RAD Camp Director for 2018. I'm so excited that you have chosen to spend a week of your summer with the RAD team! You are registered for Advanced Rock Climbing RAD Camp, July 15-22, 2018, and we will be spending our nights at BLYC's private reserve, just 15 minutes north of Smith Rock State Park.

This Advanced Rock Climbing RAD Camp will cover basic and advanced climbing movements, knots, rope management, belaying, rappelling, climbing anchors, lead climbing techniques, and risk management related to a rock climbing environment. You will also have the option to participate in mock lead climbs, a scenario in which a climber practices lead climbing techniques while still being safely secured by a top-rope.

Summer in Oregon is hot and the sun is intense. Your RAD Camp instructors and counselors will do their best to minimize the group's time in the sun, but hydration and sun protection are extremely important while being outdoors in these conditions. Please be sure to pack a hat and water bottle as included on the packing list. It is important you come to camp prepared with everything on the packing list. BLYC will provide you with rock climbing gear, but if you prefer to bring your own climbing shoes and harness, you are welcome to. Any personal climbing gear will be inspected by our RAD staff before it is used.

Since we operate in remote wilderness locations, Big Lake's RAD Camp staff carry cellular and satellite communication devices in case of emergency. Our staff are equipped with a variety of medical certifications to promote your health and well-being.

If you have any questions concerning your RAD Camp, curriculum, packing, or gear, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely,

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