

Mountaindale West Day Camp

Camp Dictionary

ATTENDANCE – Role call, checking that the camper is at camp.

BIFFY (Latrine/outhouse) – Outdoor restroom. Each unit is assigned the responsibility of cleaning a Biffy during the week. (*BIFFY = Bathroom in forest for you). First cleaning unit sets up a hand-washing station at their Biffy and the last unit will tear down the hand-washing station.

BUDDY – A partner to take with you wherever you go in the camp.

CAMP NAME – This is a name that you have chosen to be called by during the week of camp. For example, the two directors are Dragonfly and Otter. Try to pick a name that you will respond to.

The CANTEEN – This is the area to the side of Marilyn's where all the camp cooking is performed. Located on the right side of Marilyn's when you are looking at it from the meadow.

COFFIN BOX – A lidded box that contains unit supplies. The box is checked out from the supply shed at the start of the week and taken to the unit site.

CORE STAFF – Adult volunteers who have spent the year planning and who also set up the basic camp schedules and manage the camp program.

DAY CAMP – Outdoor living, in supervised groups (units) in daytime.

DIRECTORS – The individuals who direct the implementation of all activities for camp. They are also in charge of all decisions made for camp. The directors are interviewed and appointed by Columbia River Council.

EAGLES – The 2nd youngest of the sibling units. Can be both girls and boys.

FALCONS – Middle unit of sibling boys.

FIRE DRILL – Practice evacuation.

FIRE STARTER – Egg carton filled with paraffin wax and sawdust or lint, used to start a charcoal or wood fire during cooking. Fire starters are used instead of lighter fluids at camp.

FIRST AID STATION – Located in Marilyn's by the stairs. This area is set up for receiving first aid by the first aider.

FIRST AIDER – Medical personnel that are responsible for administering basic first aid to all individuals at camp.

FLAG – Flag program at the beginning and end of the day.

FLAG POLE – Where the camp's day begins and ends.

GIMP – Plastic art material, used for braiding, twisting, etc.

GRACE – Song before meals to give thanks, non-denominational.

HANDWASH SET-UP – Basin, soap, water container and paper towel for use at cooking site or in unit home.

HAWKS – Oldest unit of sibling boys.

ICE CREAM – This is the area to the side of Marilyn’s where all units will make coffee- can ice cream. Located on the left side of Marilyn’s when you are looking at it from the meadow.

KAPER CHART – Chores that need to be done are listed on this.

MAILBOXES – Plastic trays located at the front of Marilyn’s on a table. This is where all paperwork is sent to units, family notes are sent and other information throughout the day can be sent.

MARILYN’S – The main log cabin in the meadow.

MEADOW – Large grassy area in front of Marilyn’s.

MUGWAMPS – Sock creatures that play hide and seek in the units during the daytime. If you are the lucky unit with one of them at the end of the day, you get to sing squirrely at the flag.

PA – Program Aide – Older campers who are Leaders-in-training for the units. These girls are entering the 8th grade or higher and have received outdoor training specific t the day camp situation. The PA’s are considered to be assistant unit leaders and usually help plan and implement the activities during camp.

PAIT’s – Girls entering the 7th grade and higher who are in the unit that is training them to be PA’s.

PAVY’S – Arts and Crafts headquarters.

PROGRAM – Everything that happens to the campers from the time they arrive at camp in the morning and until they leave at the end of the day.

QUIET SIGN - The Girl Scout 3 finger sign and signals everyone to stop talking and help quiet down the camp.

RAFTERS – Three sided building halfway up the mountainside (near supplies). The Outdoor Cook unit site is here.

RANGER(s) – This is the older couple hired by council to do all upkeep of Mountindale. They live in the trailer near Pavy’s and are available via walkie-talkies.

SIT-UPONS – Waterproof or water0resistant item to sit on. Can be made from a variety of materials.

STAFF – All adult personnel.

SUPPLY SHED – Most camp supplies are stored here. Examples of items: shovels, brooms, housekeeping items, unit support items (knives, compasses, etc.)

SWAPS – Some Whatchamacallit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere. These items are handmade and usually exchanged between individuals.

UNITS – Small groups of campers, adult unit leaders and program aides who spend the majority of the day together.

UNIT HOME – The location used by the unit as a base during the day. Activities are usually centered around the campers unit home as much as possible and the unit home is equipped o enhance self-sufficiency.

UNIT LEADERS – The adults in charge of each unit.

WIDGETS – Staff children from the ages of three to five.