

SUMMER

ENCORE

BLACK DIAMOND CAMPS

2019

PAYMENT + REFUND POLICY

Payment made for a registered camper/camp group, whether set up on a monthly payment plan, three equal payments or paid in full, will only be refunded a percentage of the full amount due for the registered camp. The percentage refunded will be based on the number of months that pass between the time of registration and the time of the camp's start date. You will only be refunded a percentage of your paid amount based on how many months you have left before camp's start date and the total cost of camp.

For example, if you sign up for camp eight months before its start date and pay in full the amount of \$450, then decide to cancel your registration three months before camp starts, your \$450 total for camp will be divided by your six months of reservation, making each month equal \$75 of the \$450 total. Since you had waited five of the eight months to decide to cancel,

those five months will not be refunded; only the three months left before camp will be refunded in the amount of \$225 (3x75).

Our cancellation policy is based on payments made on the monthly payment plan. If you signed up for the monthly payment plan, all payments are non-refundable. If you signed up for any other payment plan, you will be refunded the amount that would have been unpaid at the time of cancellation, had you signed up for the monthly payment plan.

For example, if you paid in full 6 months prior to the final payment due date, and you cancel three months later, you would be refunded half of the amount paid (3 months' worth).

BLACK DIAMOND SAFETY

Your camper's safety is our highest priority here at Black Diamond. Of course we want them to have fun, build friendships, and meet God, but safety comes first.

That's why we've taken these measures:

The EMS response time for our camp is within 5 to 10 minutes, and we have an on-call physician for consults. Medical Staff will be on call 24/7 for emergencies.

Our Summer Staff goes through an extensive 3-week training before camp begins. During this time, our staff becomes lifeguard certified, CPR/AED certified, and trained for all of the adventure activities we offer.

Medications

Medications for your camper should be placed in a zip-lock bag with instructions. Medications will be given as often as prescribed, solely by the medical staff at the designated medical station, or at meals.

In order to provide the best camp experience possible, we feel it necessary for your camper to completely engage in camp life and activities. To help make this happen, we discourage phone communication between campers and parents. Our staff is trained to handle homesickness. In extreme cases, we will set up phone calls as deemed necessary.

Summer Camp Office - 8am - 5 pm: (253) 939-0488



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HEALTH + SAFETY UPDATES

Dear Parent,

Black Diamond takes your child's safety very seriously and seeks to be proactive in order to prevent harm as much as possible. Surely, you are just as aware as we are of the multiple incidents of abuse in the news that have happened at youth serving organizations across the country.

Thankfully, through God's protection Black Diamond has never had an incident like that occur here. That being said, we have continued to review our policies and procedures and have implemented a Child Protection Plan (CPP). While your child's protection has always been our highest concern, we have now created policies and procedures into a multi-step plan to keep your child safe in every area of camp. The CPP begins with you, the parent. While we DO NOT discuss sexuality as part of our curriculum, it is important that they have an age appropriate discussion with you before they attend camp. Help us educate your child on what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior for staff and/or children. This effort will not only help protect them, but our staff and other children as well.

For information on Black Diamond's Child Protection Plan, please contact the summer camp office. Due to the high volume of guests that are continually coming and going, we are at a higher risk and seek to be proactive in eliminating and preventing transmittable bugs- the most common of which are lice and bed bugs. Contrary to popular belief, these bugs are not more prevalent in any one particular demographic or social class. All of us are susceptible and need to take preventative measures to keep them out of our homes.

Here are some preventative measures you can take to help insure bugs don't find their way to camp or back to your home. Only send clothes and bedding that have recently been cleaned and run through the dryer on high heat. Wipe down all non-cloth items with a warm washrag before sending to camp. If you are sending luggage or items that have recently been in high-risk areas (hotels, camps, dorms, apartments, airports, etc.)

check them for signs of bed bugs and treat them accordingly.

Pack all your items in a hard trunk or plastic container (anything taller than 15 inches will not fit under the beds) that you can wipe out and sanitize or soft duffel bag that you have run through the dryer. Regular suitcases are not preferred because they are difficult to clean. When you return home, run all of your camper's belongings, including the bag, and what they have on through the washer and dryer. The dryer on high heat is the most effective way to kill hard-to-see bed bugs. Wipe down well, and look through anything that can't go in the dryer. Check for signs of bed bugs on all belongings before you bring them back in to your house.

We train our staff to look for signs of bed bugs, and we inspect for bed bugs between every camp session. We don't expect bed bugs to disrupt our program this summer but want to make you aware of the possibility. Please take all of these precautions for your home and ours. Teach your camper proper hygiene when it comes to washing hair and sharing hats, scarves, bandanas or anything else they would put on his or her head.

This is the best way to prevent lice. If you notice your child scratching their hair prior to or after camp attendance please have them checked by a health care professional. Many home methods or over the counter options are messy and ineffective. We are looking forward to our best summer yet and anticipate God doing incredible things in our lives. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We take the responsibility of their safety and enjoyment very seriously. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marcus Johnson
Summer and Sports Camp Director



PACKING LIST

- Bedding** (*sleeping bag recommended; twin-sized mattress*)
- (1) Nalgene or water bottle** (*around 32oz*)
- (1) Jacket or sweatshirt**
- (1) Raincoat**
- (1-2) Swimsuits or swim trunks** (*one-piece or t-shirt to wear as a cover-up*)
- (1-2) Pajamas**
- (2) Bath towels and wash cloths**
- (6) Underwear**
- (6) Sock pairs**
- Basketball shoes**
- (1) Jeans or pants**
- (5) Shorts**
- (1) Tennis shoes or other closed toed shoes**
- (1) Flip flops and/or water shoes**
- (9) T-shirts**
- (1) Outfit you can get messy!**
- Toiletries** (*toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hygiene products*)
- Backpack** (*for water, Bible, etc.*)
- Bible, notebook and Pen**
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent**

DON'T BRING

ELECTRONICS (PHONES, TABLETS, THINGS YOU PLUG IN), FIREWORKS, WATER BALLOONS, CHEWING GUM, KNIVES, DRUGS, EXPENSIVE JEWELRY OR CLOTHING, PERMANENT MARKERS, AND PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD MISS IF IT WERE LOST!



ADDITIONAL ADD-ONS



Your online registration account will help you prepare for and interact with summer camp!

Camp Credit

Purchase Camp Credit: spending money for campers. Choose the dollar amount for your camper to use all week. Please do not send cash, this way they do not have money to get lost. You can add additional Camp Credit at any point during the week on your camper's account. You can add Camp Credit by clicking the link to the left of your homepage. This can all be used in our camp store or snack shop

Adventure Pack

Purchase an Adventure Pack! Adventure Packs are a great way to get some awesome Black Diamond gear. These bags come in three sizes and must be purchased one week before camp begins so that they are ready for your camper. You can purchase your camper an Adventure Pack on their account!

Camp Emails

Send emails! If you want to send emails to your camper, you can purchase an email package to send your camper personalized emails during their camp week. This can be found on your camper's account. An unlimited email package may be purchased for \$10.

Roommate Request

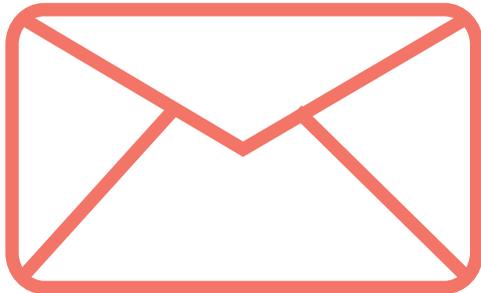
Request a roomie! We know it's a blast attending Summer Camp with a friend, so you can now request a roommate for your camper on your account! Roommates must be the same gender, no more than two grades apart and must request each other.



MAIL + PACKAGES

Sending Mail

Campers LOVE to get mail! The best way to ensure timely delivery is to leave it with us when you drop off your child at camp. If you choose to mail a package rather than leave it during registration, please send it well in advance of your camper's week at camp (at least a week).



ADDRESS PACKAGES TO:

[Your Child's Name]
Care of Black Diamond Camps - Individual Camp
19830 SE 328TH PL
AUBURN, WA 98092

Helpful Tips for Writing Your Camper *(Shepherd, The Art of the Personal Letter 104)*

Children often get homesick when they first arrive at camp, but by the time camp is over, they don't want to leave. Your letters can help by reassuring them that their home still exists while they are temporarily away, and by affirming their own newly established world.

Mail your first letter before they leave, to ensure that it will be waiting for them when that first pang of homesickness strikes. Tuck a short letter into the footlocker of a first-time camper and maybe hand one to their counselor to deliver if your child needs a boost.

Your letters should not remind your child of how homesick they could feel. Blaze a trail for them toward autonomy with warm, light, up-beat bundles of news and encouragement, rather than heavy, emotional outpourings of attachment and worry. Set a good example by learning the camp rules, and don't regress by trying to sneak contraband cell-phone text messages to your child. Don't undermine the camp's agenda by focusing their attention on you and your needs. Write with open-ended questions, and keep the focus on your child's adventures at camp, not on what they are missing at home.



PREPARING YOUR CHILD

We strongly encourage you to help prepare your child for their week of camp. It's possible that there are fears within both you and your child about their week away. By preparing early you can help dispel some of those fears. Here are a few creative ways you can prepare your camper for the impact their week of camp is bound to have on them:

- If your son or daughter has never been away from home overnight without you, plan a weekend stay with a friend to give them a small taste of what it's like.
- Acknowledge their fear and be overly reassuring that everything will be okay and that they will have a blast.
- Register for camp with a friend or another kid and regularly have them over to talk about camp and allow the two to begin forming a bond.
- Visit the camp on a community day before the summer so they can meet some of staff and see the property.
- Build a general excitement about the week by regularly talking about it and telling friends and family about the exciting week your son or daughter has ahead of them this summer! Speak of it as though it is an accomplishment. The ideas are endless, and you as a creative and concerned parent will know how best to prepare your child. Drop off time is not the place to prepare your child. Anticipate the change that will take place and be ready to help foster the change when they return home. Sending your child to camp is a decision you will not regret!

OFF-CAMPUS EXCURSIONS

To keep you informed, all sessions will be taking a trip off campus to give the campers experiences that would be impossible on site. We will travel up to our Rainier Campus for an afternoon, to experience some of the trails at our other location.



ARRIVAL

Opening Day

Opening Day at camp begins at **8:30am** on your campers designated week of camp. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early. Opening Day begins at **Granite Mountain** (the gym) on site at Black Diamond Camps.

Drop Off

Drop off will also take place at **Granite Mountain** (the gym), where you can talk with our medical staff and meet the camp staff. Parents will pull into a parking spot where you will be greeted by a staff member and receive assistance with your luggage, if needed. Sign your campers in at the registration tables at **Granite Mountain** where camp staff will give you any additional information for the week. Once your camper is with their counselor/group, drop off is finished and you may leave.

DEPARTURE

We strongly suggest that parents come to the Parent Experience to catch a glimpse of what camp was like for the past week!

The Parent Experience will start on the last day of your campers designated week of camp, with dinner being provided (The Gym)

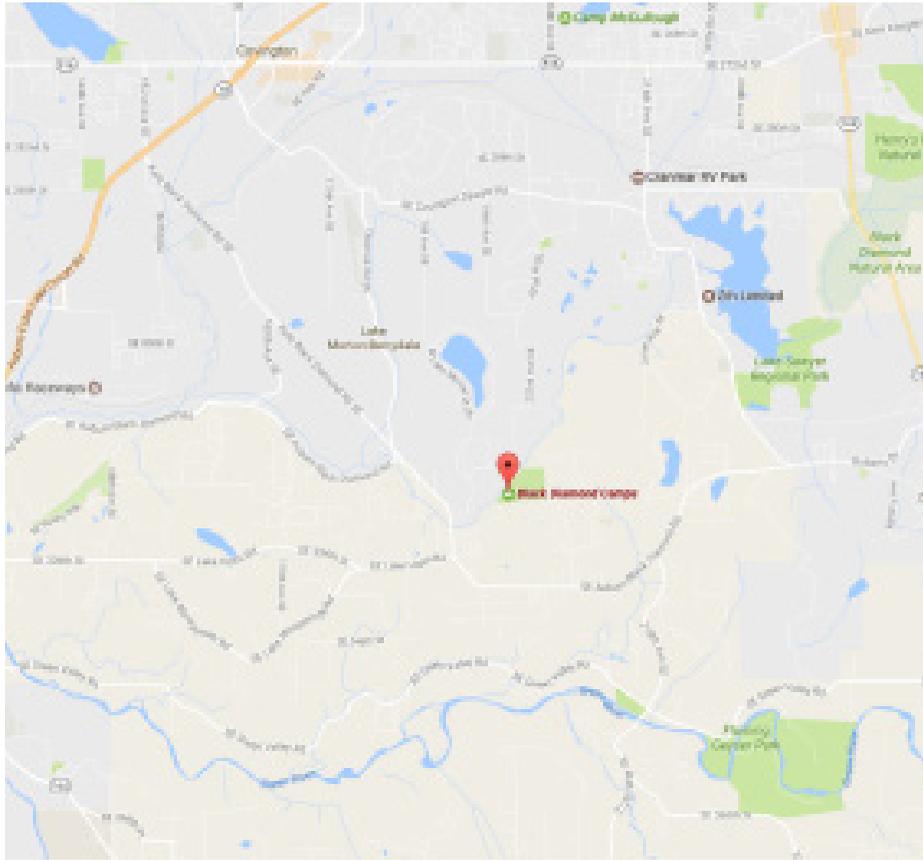
Basketball Session 1: **June 26th @ 6:00pm**

Basketball Session 2: **August 8th @ 5:30pm**

Basketball Session 3: **August 15th @ 5:30pm**



GETTING TO CAMP



Please note that the speed limit entering camp is 15mph and be courteous to other guests and staff members while driving through camp.

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19830 SE 328TH PL
AUBURN, WA 98092

REGISTER FOR 2018!

*Register on Closing Day to get **\$100 off** of your registration fees for camp!*

Every year we fill up faster and faster. Make sure your child has another amazing summer at Black Diamond by completing the quick and easy form in the packet you will receive when you sign out your camper.

Pay attention on closing day for more information about some great giveaways that will allow you to share your Black Diamond experience with your friends for free!



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